

In regards to the NBHA KS 07 district and in an effort to make our future races run smoothly, I have implemented some new and existing rules that will need to be followed effective immediately.

-Courtesy to the Director. As a common courtesy, please do not call or text the director after 10:00 pm or before 9:30 am Central time. I will update my cell phone with race information on the day of the race by 9:30 am Central time.

-Exhibitions. All Exhibitions will now have to be paid for in advance before they are run. You will receive a ticket to hand to the person working the gate for the exhibitions. Members and non-members have been abusing the exhibitions at races, and this is only hurting our year end prize fund. Further, if you are caught turning/running the barrels and have not paid for an exhibition, you will not be allowed to run in your perspective class until the \$5.00 exhibition fee has been paid.

-Payment of Entries. Entries from this point forward must be paid for before your run. We will no longer allow competitors to pay entries at the end of the race. You must pay your fees or write your check before you run. If you choose to enter additional races, please be prepared to write an additional check or pay additional cash before you run.

-Non-payment of Entries. All entries, exhibitions, fees, etc. that have not been paid will not be allowed to run until payment has been received. A list will be posted at each race with fees owed to the district.

-Random Draw. From this point forward, we will be following the national rules regarding a random draw. We will no longer allow you to select what order you run your horse. The National Barrel Horse Association rules state:

At all NBHA sanctioned shows, the draw shall be done in a random manner. (computer, shuffling cards, drawing numbered chips, etc.) All horses in the draw must be named. Riders with multiple entries must ride their horses in the position in which they draw up. Once set, the draw may not be changed, except to accommodate entries with the same horse or rider, or entries involving members of the same immediate family, as defined in Section A, Rule 12a, which have drawn up close to each other. What constitutes "close to each other" will be determined by Show Management; however, a consistent standard should be adhered to for the class. The draw may not be changed to give preference to any rider or to accommodate another commitment of a particular rider such as work or another barrel race. Changes must be moved to the end.

-Protests and Complaints. Any and all protests or complaints are openly accepted. However, these protests and complaints must now be held until after the director has had a chance to run any and all horses that he/she has entered. As long as I am director, I will work with each of you to resolve these, after I run. I try to give each of you the opportunity to have the best run with no distractions, I expect the same opportunity.

-Help at the races. I realize we are a small district and that several riders are riding multiple horses, but it is the responsibility of each member to help at the races. If you are in the open race, please find your way to the arena or the gate during the youth and help work the gate or set barrels and vice versa. It takes everyone participating to make our races run smoothly.

-Pre-entry. We are going to start using a new system to enter the races.

-Pre-entries will be highly encouraged (read: PRE-ENTER). You may mail, call in, or email your pre-entries to the director. Please pre-enter by 5:00 pm the day prior to a race. Please include in your entry your name, horse's registered name, and class(es) you are entering.

-You will be given an invoice when you arrive at the race to pay before you run.

-There will be no penalty for drawing out of the race so long as you draw out 30 minutes prior to the start of the race (except the Sunflower Futurity, Derby, and Open races, rules set for the Futurity race will supersede district rules).

-The draw for all entries pre-entered will be posted by 9:30 am Central time the day of the race.

-Any entries that are entered the day of at the race will go to the end of the draw after the pre-entries.

Again, please help us to follow the above rules to help all future races run smoothly. These new rules will alleviate the congestion in the office that we have had in the past.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

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