

# NW NBHA FINALS SHOW RULES AND FORMAT

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY ENTRY AT THE STATE/DISTRICT DIRECTORS DISCRETION.



1. All late entries will be **CASH ONLY** and will run at the bottom of the draw on all days.
2. All contestants must check in at the show office before running.
3. There will be \$30 charge for all NSF checks plus bank charges on all return checks.
4. Stalls are preassigned, no moving of stalls. Horses are not allowed to be tied to trailers overnight or in portable pens.
5. No refunds without a medical release or a vet slip. Office charges will not be refunded.  
**ALL VET/MEDICAL SLIPS MUST BE PRESENTED BEFORE THE START OF FRIDAY, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY RACES, NO REFUNDS IF THIS IS NOT FOLLOWED.**
6. NBHA Dress Code will be enforced. **Western long sleeve shirts, show attire OK. No scoop neck or T-shirts allowed. Appropriate footwear, with heel must be worn if on horseback at any time. Hats and/or helmets required. Make sure your shirts are buttoned up and not exposing what you have underneath.**
7. **There be absolutely no entry from the center gate – all contestants must enter from the side gate.**
8. You will receive 3 gate calls – after that time the contestant will be disqualified. Each rider has 60 seconds to begin run, a \$5 fine will be imposed if going over. Fine must be paid at the office by the end of the day.
9. If a contestant competes out of turn they will be disqualified. Exception: if the office starts the race in the wrong place or calls the wrong running order.
10. An electronic timer with a backup will be used for all runs. Should both timers fail to function, a rerun will be granted immediately after the class is finished and after a drag or at the show management's discretion.
11. There will be no reruns given if a horse falls.
12. Knocking over a barrel during competition will result in a no time.
13. The show manager must approve all signs or banners.
14. Contestants may change horses, but will not be eligible for average awards. Must check in with the office, this is due to 2 different races (each day separate race).
15. A horse may enter only once per class (exception: Rule 12, Section A) of the NBHA rulebook. A horse cannot change draw positions under any circumstances; rider substitution must be OK'd by the office. All draws are done on the horse.
16. Horse names must be given to show officials before you compete. If you are running multiple horses, the names must be on the entry forms for the draw. **You must run each horse in proper draw order.**
17. Horse substitutions must be made in the show office before you compete.
18. Contestants may be paid go-round money on more than one horse in each division.
19. No poor sportsmanship and/or horse abuse should be exhibited and will not be tolerated.
20. A mandatory hat fine of \$10 will be charged for a hat that comes off in the arena. All money from hat fines will go to hardship fund.
21. All payout checks must be cashed within 180 days of date of issue or they will become null and void. Replacement checks will not be issued.

**DOGS:** All dogs must be on leashes at ALL times.

THE ARENA MAY BE TOTALLY REWORKED AT REGULAR INTERVALS THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND.

**AVERAGE AWARDS - YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE YOUR AWARDS AND IN DRESS CODE.**

Each contestant will receive two runs; each run will have money paid out like a go-round. The awards will be given on the combined times of BOTH runs. Awards ONLY will be given for the combined time winners. The purse money will be split equally between each of the two runs. You MUST run both times in order to receive awards on the same horse.

All classes will be ran on 2 long go's.

Payback will be as follows: All Classes 70% on entry fees. 100% payback on all added money.

The awards will be given on the following division splits:

2 Runs: If additional runs are made, the normal 5D time split will be added

- 1D Fastest time
- 2D 1.0 seconds
- 3D 2.0 seconds
- 4D 3.0 seconds
- 5D 4.0 seconds

## DISPUTES AND QUESTIONS

1. District Directors should be the first person approached during the FINALS when you have a complaint and/or questions or concerns.
2. If your Director cannot answer the question(s) or handle the complaint, the issue will be brought to and discussed with both State and other District Directors.

