

## **ROCKING W BARREL SERIES RULES & INFORMATION**

Updated for 2020 Season.

Rules subject to change. Rule changes will be posted if updated at any time.

### **Event Overview**

The Rocking W Barrel Series 2020 will be a 6 week jackpot series consisting of 6 MBRA sanctioned qualifying jackpots – May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9 & 16.

The Finals event will be held Saturday, June 20 and will NOT be MBRA sanctioned. This change comes for a number of reasons, namely the ability to completely pay out 100% of the pot and entry fees.

Contestants who enter 60% of the qualifying jackpots, qualify for the Finals event for added money and prizes.

### **General Rules**

- \* NO DOGS are permitted on the grounds at the Rocking W Ranch, other than the ones they own. NO exceptions!
- \* Competitors must park in the designated area.
- \* No one will be permitted to enter any building, including the house and barn, pasture, corral or pens at the Rocking W Ranch without permission.
- \* Only competitors and event staff/volunteers, will be allowed in the arena during competition time.
- \* Only photographers given permission by Dusty van der Steen will be allowed to photograph from inside the arena and at the event.
- \* Competition warm up areas are designated for competitors only. Spectators are not allowed in the warm up areas or alleys.
- \* All competitors must hold valid MBRA membership or permit and be in good standing with the MBRA in order to compete.
- \* Competitors must show current MBRA membership or permit card upon entry at the qualifying jackpots. A photo of your membership card or receipt from MBRA is acceptable.
- \* All competitors must sign a waiver in order to compete. Waiver will be signed once at first entry and is good for the duration of the series. By signing the waiver, contestants acknowledge the rules set forth by MBRA and the RWBS as posted, agree to abide by them and agree that by competing here you are accepting the risks involved and take sole responsibility.
- \* Each jackpot will be 1 run only.
- \* Finals will be 1 run only.
- \* Cancellations will be decided by the jackpot hosts and based on the current weather and arena conditions. Cancellation notices will be posted on Facebook and the website no later than 5 pm the day of the jackpot. Please do not text for updates. We will post on the Facebook page when a decision is made.
- \* If we have to postpone a jackpot and decide to run a double header the following jackpot, each jackpot will be a single-run jackpot. In this instance, each contestant will pay 2 separate entry fees and make 2 separate runs. Carryovers between jackpots are not permitted at a double header. Competitors entering both must run twice. The first run will be counted for the first jackpot results/payout and the second run will be counted for the second jackpot results/payout. Competitors may carryover from open to youth or vice versa within a jackpot.

- \* Our regular jackpots are not under specific western dress code, though we do ask that all contestants wear western jeans and boots and dress appropriately.
- \* Aside from our event rules, we will be in compliance with the Manitoba Barrel Racing Association's rules. For complete rules, please refer to the MBRA website. [www.mbra.ca](http://www.mbra.ca)
- \* An outline of MBRA's insurance policy can be requested by members.
- \* Only the 6 qualifying jackpots will be sanctioned with MBRA. Finals will not be sanctioned, but the rules included herein this document will still apply.

### **Misconduct**

The Rocking W Barrel Series will not tolerate any form of misconduct and consequences may result in disqualification from the series and/or the Manitoba Barrel Racing Association.

We, Dusty van der Steen and Rick and Barb Wiebe (Rocking W Barrel Series organizers/hosts), retain the right to disqualify a competitor for any form of misconduct from that competitor or their family, friend(s) or anyone traveling with them; the first time it is witnessed by any event organizer/host/volunteer. We also retain the right to ban disqualified competitors, their family, friend(s) or anyone traveling with them from attending the series indefinitely or for a designated period of time, as deemed appropriate. Any issues arising at the Rocking W Barrel Series, will be reported to the MBRA, which could result in consequences as deemed appropriate by the MBRA board of directors.

This behaviour includes but is not limited to:

- \* Using **Abusive or Offensive Language**.
- \* **Harassment, abusive/offensive language or actions** towards Rocking W Barrel Series officials/volunteers, any competitors, their family, spectators or anyone else present.
- \* **Attempting to threaten, bribe or influence** any contestant, parent, Rocking W Barrel Series official/volunteer or MBRA official.
- \* **Harassment, inappropriate comments, character defamation or threats** to or about Rocking W Barrel Series officials/volunteers, the MBRA or contestants posted on Social Media in relation to the Rocking W Barrel Series.
- \* **Sabotaging, inhibiting or preventing** a contestant from making a fair run.
- \* **Abuse of a horse in any way** is strictly prohibited! Excessive use of whips, crops, over-&-unders, spurs, etc will be addressed accordingly.
- \* **Competing under the influence** of drugs or alcohol. Though marijuana use is now legal in Manitoba, the Rocking W Ranch is private property and marijuana, other drugs and alcohol use is prohibited on the property. Anyone arriving under the influence, even if not consumed on the premises, will be asked to leave.
- \* Any other conduct that is not in the best interests of MBRA, its members, the Rocking W Barrel Series event, its hosts, other jackpot competitors and their horses.

### **Competition Rules**

- \* Pattern is run in a cloverleaf, either to the left or right barrel first. Pattern is set in accordance with the MBRA rules and will remain the same throughout the duration of the series; with the exception that arena

conditions dictate we change the pattern for the safety of the contestants and horses.

- \* Knocking a barrel is a “no time”. No re-runs will be permitted when a barrel is knocked.
- \* There is no penalty for losing your hat.
- \* Jackpots will have a closed gate. Contestants are permitted to run in from the alley.
- \* Jackpots will have an “in” gate and an “out” gate. All contestants **MUST** enter through the “in” gate and exit through the “out” gate. **NO** exceptions!
- \* No contestants are allowed in the arena during the jackpot unless it is their turn to race.
- \* **ABSOLUTELY NO** riding in the arena during a drag. **NO** exceptions!
- \* Contestants must **at least trot** the pattern in order to have a qualified time.
- \* Contestant’s run will be disqualified for going off (breaking) pattern or crossing the timer line before completing the run.
- \* **NO** schooling is permitted if a rider goes off pattern. Either finish the pattern in a timely fashion or leave the arena immediately. **NO** walking the pattern or schooling around barrels will be allowed.
- \* A horse may be ridden by **only 2** riders at a specific jackpot. A horse can **ONLY** make a **maximum of 4** runs per day. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- \* A competitor who enters more than one division may carry over their time. Contestants **MUST** tell the announcer or entry staff at time of entry if they wish to carry over their time. This cannot be changed after the competition starts.
- \* Contestants must enter the arena within 60 seconds when their name is first called. We enforce a 3-call rule with 30 seconds between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> calls. If the contestant hasn’t entered the arena following the 3<sup>rd</sup> call, we will roll to the next entry. No re-run will be permitted on rolled entries.
- \* A contestant may mount inside the arena if they have trouble getting their horse in the arena, but must start their run within 30 seconds or they will be rolled as well.
- \* Circling inside the arena is permitted, but the contestant must start their run within 30 seconds or they will be rolled.
- \* **NO REFUNDS** on entry fees to rolled contestants.
- \* A “leader” horse can enter the alley, but may not enter through the gate when helping a contestant get into the arena. Doing so could result in disqualification of both riders.
- \* No buy-backs.
- \* No time-only’s/exhibitions/toonie runs.
- \* Contestants may warm up in the arena prior to the jackpot and must clear the arena when directed to.
- \* Contestants made ride/cool down in the arena following the jackpot but are not permitted to re-set the barrels if they have been taking down and arena freshly raked.
- \* Contestants are permitted to set up pop-up barrels in the arena, but **MUST** place the practice pattern the **opposite direction** of the competition pattern and **MUST** clean up after themselves after using practice barrels.
- \* Contestants are **NOT** permitted to practice on the marked pattern and doing so can result in disqualification without refund of entry fees.

## **Jackpot Entry Fees & Payouts**

**Open - \$25** – open to any age

**Youth - \$25** – 16 & under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of this calendar year

**Pee Wee - \$5** – 4-11 years; no cross entry between pee wee & any other division.

**Select Sidepot - \$10** – 50 & older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of this calendar year

**All contestants - \$5** – insurance fee

- \* ALL contestants must pay an insurance fee at each jackpot. One fee per rider, per jackpot.
- \* We will only accept **CASH** entries in **Canadian Funds**.
- \* Pre-entries are accepted and encouraged. Entries accepted in person until the jackpot starts.
- \* Entries **MUST** be paid before you compete.
- \* **NO** cheques, US cash or e-transfers will be accepted.
- \* Payout will be done in **CASH only**.
- \* We will complete results and payout immediately after the last run of the jackpot. Contestants may wait for the payout or pick up their winnings at the next jackpot.
- \* **NO** winnings will be paid by cheque or e-transfer. No exceptions.
- \* Contestants must pick up their winnings or have someone pick it up on their behalf before the last qualifying jackpot prior to Finals.
- \* All unclaimed winnings will go into the Rocking W Barrel Series prize fund following the last qualifying jackpot **BEFORE** the finals. We will not remit any unclaimed winnings to contestants after the last qualifying jackpot deadline. We also will not remit any unclaimed winnings to contestants by e-transfers, cheques or cash by mail or delivery. No exceptions.
- \* Select Division is a sidepot only to give select riders an opportunity to get their jackpots in for MBRA. It will have a payout if there are entries. Only fees taken out of the select sidepot will be the required MBRA \$1 prize fund fee.

## **Finals Qualification and General Information**

- \* Each horse/rider combination **MUST** attend a minimum 60% of the jackpots in this series to qualify to compete at the Finals. (60% of 6 jackpots is 4).
- \* Winning at the series jackpots does not qualify you for Finals. Simply entering does.
- \* Each horse/rider combination **MUST** attend 100% of the jackpots to qualify for Hi Point & Average Awards. If no one attends 100% of the jackpots, the rule will defer to those who have only missed 1 jackpot.
- \* For the Rocking W Barrel Series Hi Point awards, each horse/rider combination will be given points based on how they place at each jackpot. Points are given to the top 5 placings in each D at each jackpot. Points at Finals are doubled. All divisions receive the same points per placing, so any rider/horse combination consistent in a D, has the opportunity to win Hi Point. The horse/rider team with the most points will win. Points are not accumulated by rider only, but by horse/rider team.
- \* For the Rocking W Barrel Series Average awards, each horse/rider's times will be recorded and an average time between all jackpots will be determined. That average times will be placed according to the regular payout system, the same as a regular jackpot.
- \* Finals is western dress code for both the competition and the awards. The event hosts reserve the right to disqualify contestants who attend the awards not dressed in western attire, from receiving awards and

payout.

\* Western dress code consists of western hat or helmet, long sleeve western shirts, jeans and boots.

### **Final's Entry Fee & Payouts**

**Open - \$100** – open to any age

**Youth - \$50** – 16 & under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of this calendar year

**Pee Wee - \$5** – 4-11 years; no cross entry between pee wee & any other division.

**All contestants** - \$10 administration fee & \$5 insurance fee

***100% of the pot will be paid out! No additional admin fees!***

***(Finals is NOT sanctioned with MBRA)***

(Fees will be split 75/25 between the Finals payout and Average payout).

All competitors will be required to pay the administration fee and insurance fee, once per rider (not per horse).

\* Pre-entries mandatory for Finals, including entry fees. ***Fees must be received by Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>*** and can be sent by e-transfer or cash at the June 16<sup>th</sup> jackpot.

\* We will only accept **CASH** entries in **Canadian Funds** or e-transfer.

\* Payout will be done in **CASH only**.

\* Added Money will be announced at a later date.

\* If any other events are added to the Finals (Men's Only, Pole Bending or Match Races), those entry fees and rules will be determined at that time.

### **Sanctioning Associations**

The qualifying jackpots will be sanctioned with the Manitoba Barrel Racing Association. You must have a valid membership or permit to compete at the Rocking W Barrel Series. By attending the Rocking W Barrel Series alone, contestants would be eligible for the MBRA Finals. Visit their website for more information and to get your memberships: MBRA [www.mbra.ca](http://www.mbra.ca)