

## Northern Redneck Riders Rules

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Mission Statement:

- 1 The purpose of the Northern Redneck Riders is to have fun with our family, friends and horses. To have and to teach strong sportsmanship, cheering everyone and encouraging new riders to come out and have fun no matter what level of rider and/or horse they are. Open and non-riders to be strong role models for our Junior and Peewee riders and to encourage proper dress attire. Promote safety of our sport and to teach our members to give back to our communities.

**Remember .... treat everyone as you would like to be treated!**

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### I. Memberships

1. Open - \$35  
Intermediate - \$30 – (16 years of age and younger as of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024)  
Juniors - \$25 – (12 years of age and younger as of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024)  
Peeweeps - \$15 – (8 years of age (as of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024) and younger till the age of 2 years) **PARENTS, please use your discretion regarding safety.**  
Peeweeps can be lead but must be independent to be eligible for prizes. .
2. Jackpot season starts the day after the current year Finals.
3. **Membership applications must be received by the NRR Office or NRR Representatives before any jackpots can be used for Finals qualification.** Effective date of the membership will be the post mark stamp on the envelope. If the date stamp is illegible, the effective date will be the date that the mail was picked up by the secretary. If the mail is not picked up daily, the effective date is to be the last day the mail was picked up. If submitted via email/e-transfer the membership will be deemed effective the time and date that the later of the two is received by the office. If accepted by a Jackpot Host or Director it must be **before** the jackpot starts and will be deemed effective the date that the Jackpot Host or Director signs and dates as accepting the Membership Form & Fees. The Jackpot Host or Director must submit the Membership application along with the Jackpot Results and Fees.
4. Intermediate, Junior and Peeweeps must declare themselves as an Open, Intermediate, Junior or Peewee at the start of the season and may qualify for the finals in this category only (birth certificate may be requested if there is an age discrepancy).
5. Members must be able to provide current AEF or equivalent insurance for personnel liability when requested by Arena and/or Jackpot Host or Directors of the NRR. If unable to provide the membership in question will be voided.

### II. Barrel Racing Format

1. All approved jackpots will follow the 3-D format in Open, Intermediate, Junior and Peewee.

2. Open division are determined by the size of the pattern.
  - a) Patterns with total footage of 180 ft and under will use a 5/10 second time bracket.
  - b) Patterns with total footage of 181 ft. and up to 234 ft. will use a 7/10 second time bracket.
  - c) Patterns with total footage of 235 ft. and over will use a one second time bracket.
3. Intermediate and Junior will use a one second time bracket regardless of pattern size.
4. Pee Wee will use a 3 second time bracket regardless of pattern size.
5. One and two barrel must be a minimum of 15 feet from the fence and barrel three must be a minimum of 25 feet.
6. Forty-five feet is required for stopping distance from the timer line to the closed gate.
7. Knocked barrels are considered a no time even in the event of a re-run.

### III. Pole Bending Format

1. All jackpots will follow a 3-D format in Open, Intermediate and Junior with a 2 second split. Pee Wee will have a 6 second split in the 3-D format.
2. Payouts will follow the same format as the barrel racing.
3. Poles will be 21 feet apart beginning at the timer line.
4. Forty-five feet is required for stopping distance from the timer line to the closed gate.
5. In the event of going off course, correct your pattern by NOT crossing your own tracks.
6. Knocked Poles are a no time even in the event of a re-run.
7. Not following the pole bending pattern will receive a no time. A broken pattern shall be defined as breaking forward motion to retrace their tracks to finish the pattern and/or passing the plane of the pole on the off side. Example: Should a contestant run by a pole and have to back up or turn around and retrace their tracks, this would be considered a broken pattern.
8. Pattern is broken if horse's shoulder goes past wrong side of pole.
9. Re-crossing the start line/timers is considered an NO TIME.

### IV. Show Sanctioning

7. Criteria for Host Arenas
  - a) Follow the Northern Redneck Riders rules.
  - b) Maintaining good and consistent ground conditions. Reworking/raking rotation should be determined prior to the start of the jackpot.
  - c) Taking entries and calculating payout.
  - d) Electric timer (time to 1/1000 seconds if timer permits); stopwatch if electric timer not available.
  - e) Mark Pattern.
  - f) Utilize 45 gallon metal or plastic closed-end barrels.
  - g) Random draw of entries is mandatory at all jackpots.

- h) Must complete Jackpot forms in full detail.
- i) Must forward completed Jackpot form to the Northern Redneck Riders email address within 10 days from Jackpot date. If **not** received within this time frame any upcoming scheduled jackpots will be cancelled. Fees must be received by the NRR Office no later than 10 days following the last scheduled jackpot.
- j) Exhibition runs will be at the discretion of the Jackpot host with Exhibition runs to take place after all paid runs in the division. One time each season a Jackpot Host, who is not competing at their event, can credit his/herself attendance card one jackpot.
- h) Jackpots must be listed on website to count towards finals.
- i) Must declare at the beginning of jackpot whether it will be a 1 run or a 2 run jackpot.

V. Finals Qualifications

- 8. Must be a Northern Redneck Riders member in good standing.
- 9. Members are responsible for tracking their jackpots using the horse/rider combination card.
- 10. A mounted attempt of the cloverleaf pattern must be made in order for a jackpot to count for barrel racing and a mounted attempt of the pole bending pattern must be made also.
- 11. Rider qualifications are determined by attendance of jackpots.
  - a) Open must attend a minimum of 6 jackpots.
  - b) Intermediate must attend a minimum of 5 jackpots.
  - c) Junior must attend a minimum of 4 jackpots.
  - d) Peewee must attend a minimum of 4 jackpots.
  - e) Horse qualifications are determined by attendance of jackpots in each of barrel racing and pole bending. Members may run as many horses as they wish. Horse qualifies with the rider entered in the jackpot on them.
  - f) Each Open horse – must attend a minimum of 3 jackpots.
  - g) Each Intermediate horse – must attend a minimum of 3 jackpots.
  - h) Each Junior and Peewee horse must attend a minimum of 2 jackpots.
- 12. See ‘Redneck Riders Rules and Information for Finals’ for qualifications for Hi-Point awards for Junior, Intermediate and Open.
- 13. *To qualify for the finals, Memberships must be received by July 28, 2025 .*
- 14. *Last Day to Qualify for the 2025 Finals will be August 1, 2025.*
- 15.. ***FINALS ENTRIES MUST BE IN THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 5, 2025 10:00PM!!!***

VI. Entry Fees & Payout

- 15. Host arenas set the entry fees, collects \$2 Redneck fees from Open, Intermediate, Junior and Peewee entries for both barrels and poles. Jackpot hosts please take note that this means \$2 for barrels and \$2 for poles for each horse ran. Recommended entry fees for all divisions is \$10 for barrels and \$10 for poles with Peeweeps paying \$5 for barrels and \$5 for poles.
- 16. Payouts will be their entry fees minus the Redneck fees.

17. Open, Intermediate, Junior and Peewee payouts must be split equally between the three divisions.
18. If only one horse falls into a Division, that horse shall receive all the payout for that division.
19. It is the responsibility of all competitors to pick up their winnings or to make arrangements.
20. The number of placings in each Division is determined by the total number of entries.  
 Under 10 – 1 placing/division – 100%  
 11 – 20 – 2 placings/division – 60-40%  
 21 – 30 – 3 placings/division – 45-35-20%  
 31 – 40 – 4 placings/division – 40-30-20-10-%  
 41 – 50 – 5 placings/division – 34-26-18-14-8%  
 51 & up – 6 placings/division – 29-24-19-14-9-5%
21. 8 placings to be paid out if the payout exceeds \$2000 after all deductions (ie: timer, arena)  
 8 placings/division – 23-20-17-14-11-8-5-2%
22. When Co-sanctioning with ABRA&/or PCBRA we will follow that of the Barrel Racing Rules, & Payouts of the ABRA &/or PCBRA. The Pole Bending Rules & Age Groups at Co-Sanctioned events will be that of the Northern Redneck Riders Rules.

### General

1. A contestant may ride any horse, regardless of ownership.
  - a. A horse may not be ridden by more than one person in a division UNLESS; ALL THREE of the following conditions are met:
    - i. Both contestants are members of the owner's immediate family who reside in the same household (children, husband, wife, siblings and grandchildren under 12 years.)
    - ii. Neither contestant is showing any other horse in that class.
    - iii. In no case will the same horse be run more than twice in the in barrels and twice in poles for a total of 4 runs per jackpot.
    - iv. Any exception to the above rules, as per directors discretion, may be over-seen as long as there is no other option of using any other horse and the horses health is not compromised.
2. The following will not be tolerated at any NRR approved event, finals included. Infractions of these and all other Rules will result in disqualification, fines, and/or suspension at the discretion of the NRR Board of directors, including but not limited to:
  - v. Being drunk and disorderly when in the arena or general area during an approved event.
  - vi. Altercation or quarrelling at any time during an approved event.
  - vii. Excessive use of bats, whips or whipping the horse in front of the shoulder.

- viii. Zero tolerance to physical and verbal abuse to another person.
  - ix. Zero tolerance to bullying of any person.
  - x. Excessive yelling or any foul language.
  - xi. Rowdiness.
  - xii. Tampering or removing ropes or markers.
  - xiii. Non-payment of entry fee(s).
  - xiv. General inhumane treatment of horse in the arena, stabling area, or any other place on the grounds.
  - xv. Ill mannered horses
  - xvi. Competing horses that are not entirely free from the effects of stimulants or hypnotics.
  - xvii. any relative of contestant complaining on the behalf of said contestant.
  - xviii. Practising on markers after the pattern has been set
  - xix. any member showing disrespect to a host in any manner. Be it foul language, altercations, quarreling, or otherwise will be reported to the Board of Directors in the following manner:
    - 1. First offence – letter of reprimand
    - 2. Second offence – fine
    - 3. Third offence – suspension of membership
3. The decision of the jackpot hosts shall be final and no protest by the contestants will be permitted.
  4. Purchase of a Northern Redneck Riders membership is not mandatory to compete at jackpots unless stated.
  5. ***Membership is required by July 28, 2025 to qualify for the NRR Finals.***
  6. The Directors of the Society's Act of the NRR will maintain the integrity of the Northern Redneck Riders to the fullest.
  7. Dress attire needs to be appropriate for our sport. Please remember we are promoting a family event and in keeping with our mission statement being role models for all our children. This will be required at all times during an NRR event.
  8. No western dress attire at Finals will constitute in a NO TIME. Western attire-long sleeved shirt with cuffs and collar, pants, western hat or helmet and boots with a heel, are mandatory at Finals. At jackpots the western attire-cuffs and collar, is up to jackpot host. It is up to the jackpot hosts discretion IF they enforce the NO TIME for failure to comply.
  9. Anyone tendering an NSF cheque for entry fees at a jackpot, membership dues, or finals entry fees will be fined:
    - a. First offence-\$20 fine
    - b. Second offence-\$30 fine
    - c. Third offence-CASH ONLY (money orders) for all future jackpots, membership, and finals fees for the lifetime of his/her membership.
  10. ||There will be a 60 second time limit at the Finals for entering the arena. If the attempt fails, another 60 seconds will be given at the end of their age group. If they still do not succeed in entering, there will be a no time awarded. At a

jackpot it will be the hosts decision to announce at the beginning of the jackpot if they are using this rule.

11. A horse must be under control and at a complete stop at the gate if you voluntarily want to dismount and lead it out. Must have time courtesy of next rider that is ready to go in. **At the finals you must stay mounted to exit.** Or it will result in a NO TIME
12. Vet. Out(Equine Medical completed by Veterinarian) must be received by the NRR Office by Monday 7pm prior to the Northern Redneck Riders Finals on any given year in order to qualify for a refund of Finals Entry Fees.
13. Allowance of an Equine Substitution at the Northern Redneck Riders Finals in the event of a Vet. Out(Equine Medical) will only occur to that of another qualified horse(for the rider/horse in question).
- 14. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully. Failure to understand the rules will not be accepted as an excuse.**