

# **NBR COWGIRLS BARREL RACING**

## **General Rules**

1. If gate or alleyway is in the center of the barrel pattern contestant must begin run from mouth of gate or alleyway and move in a forward direction (can't enter arena and set horse). Contestants cannot be required to begin run from off-center gate or alleyway. When center alleyway is used, it will be posted whether gate will be open, closed or barrel racer's option to run out. The bars in the alley must be covered with a minimum of (6) inches of dirt or be removed.
2. There will be a sixty second time limit for barrel racer to complete her run after official time begins.
3. Barrels are to be set on the inside of each stake in a cloverleaf pattern.
4. Judges or other officials are responsible for measuring, staking and marking of the barrels and score line, before the beginning of the first performance and thereafter before each performance, to determine if stakes are still in their original places.
5. Electric timers will be staked and reset over that stake each performance. Stakes must be under the middle of timers. Judges will be responsible for setting up electric timers.
6. Measurements for the standard course shall be 90 feet between barrels 1 and 2; 105 feet between barrels 1 and 3, and 2 and 3. 60 feet from barrels 1 and 2 to score line; 75 feet from score line to the end of the arena for stopping room. To set course, measure length and width of arena to determine if standard course can be set. Measure score line and stopping distance, then set barrels 1 and 2. Using 100 foot tape with 5 feet of rope or string added; make an arc on the ground from barrel 1 to 3, then from barrel 2 to 3. Set the marker for barrel 3 where the arcs cross, being sure that barrel 3 is at least 25 feet off the back of the arena fence. Measure score line from both barrels 1 and 2 to be sure that the distance is equal for either contestants going to either right or left first. Barrels 1 and 2 will be set a minimum of 15 feet off the arena fences. If arena size does not permit standard course, measurements in proportion to the size of the arena shall be used, shortening the distance between barrels. The standard course lengths cannot be exceeded. If score line is less than the maximum 60 feet, there must be a minimum of 45 feet from the chutes or arena fence for stopping room, unless the arena has a center gate or alley and contestants are allowed to run out the gate and the score line must be a minimum of 25 feet.
7. When staking barrels for center alleyway, the pattern will be staked starting with the alleyway and measuring equal distance from each side of gate. ( not the arena)
8. The arena must be worked ( not hand raked) after 12 barrel racers have run. Arena must be worked before each performance and before slack.
9. If contestant knocks barrel over there will be a five second penalty for each barrel knocked over.
10. The use of electric timer is required.
11. Barrels must be regulation fifty five gallon metal barrel size and enclosed at both ends. Barrels must be at least two colors; no solid colored barrels.
12. After the barrels have been staked, no one will be permitted to go around the stakes or barrels for the duration of the rodeo closer that 15 feet from the stakes.
13. Reruns in the barrel race will be taken at the barrel racer's discretion, either at the end of the barrel race, or immediately following the performance. The same rule applies to the slack. If contestant chooses to make their immediately after the rodeo, the ground must be worked regardless of the number of horses that run during the performance.

## ENTRY FEES

1. Entry fees will be based on added money as follows:

ADDED MONEY	ENTRY FEE	FINALS FEE	TIMER FEE	NON MEMBER PERMITS	TOTAL MEMBER FEES	TOTAL NON MEMBER FEES
\$100.00- \$500.00	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$10.00	\$48.00	\$58.00
\$501.00- \$800.00	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$10.00	\$58.00	\$68.00
\$801.00- \$1000.00	\$55.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$10.00	\$63.00	\$73.00

## PAYOUT

1. Total Payout will be Entry Fee x number of barrel racers + added money less 8% sanction fee, and will be paid out as follows:

1-4 Contestants	100%
5-8	60 / 40
9-15	47 / 33/ 20
16-25	40/ 30/ 20/ 10
26-35	34/ 27/ 20/ 13/ 6
36+	29/ 24/ 19/ 14/ 9/ 5

## DRESS CODE

1. Barrel Racers are required to wear western long sleeve shirt tucked in, western cut pants or jeans, western hat and boots, beginning one hour before performance and continuing through slack.

## NBR FINALS & POINT SYSTEM

1. The top 12 barrels racers, in point standings, will be qualified for the NBR Finals held at T Ed Garrison Livestock Arena in Pendleton SC
2. Finals will be a 2 go with a average winner.
3. Points awarded to any member will be totaled for the year to determine the Champion.
4. In the event of a tie for a championship, a "Sudden Death" go round will be given to the tied contestants. Such go round will take place during or immediately following the last performance of the NBR Finals.
5. Points will be awarded on a 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place AMONG MEMBERS. Members who do not receive 1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> place points will receive 1 competition point for participating. Just to clarify it is possible to not win any money and still receive first place thru sixth place points.

## MEMBERSHIP:

NBR Barrel Racing membership is \$60.00 per calendar year. Membership fees will not be prorated based upon the time a membership application is submitted. Membership is not required to enter the Barrel Race at a NBR event however non-members agree to be bound to these rules and guidelines as if they were a full NBR member. Additionally, non-Members must purchase a \$10.00 permit to compete at each event.