

# BARREL RACING RULES 2021



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Age Groups: – Age as of January 1, 2021 at 11:59 PM, CST  
Junior (11 and under) and  
Senior (12 to 17)

Qualifying age is the age as of January 1st, at 11:59pm.  
Competitors must be a member, in good standing, of the KK Run For Vegas Series. Membership must be completed prior to pre-entry deadline of the race you want to enter.

Competitors MUST provide a copy of birth certificate when joining membership. You will **email** your documents to [kkproductions@gmail.com](mailto:kkproductions@gmail.com).

**(Memberships are not refundable)**

Abuse of horses or kids WILL NOT BE TOLERATED on the grounds. Immediate disqualification for those responsible and they must leave the grounds. THIS includes excessive spurring and yanking on the horse after a run. WE ARE TRYING TO HAVE FUN HERE.

Any harassment of the secretary, timer, barrel setters, tractor drivers, gate help, stall help and general staff of the producers or facility will result in a disqualification. We are all trying our best and if you have a problem, address it in a polite manner.

Decisions on disqualifications will be made by KK Productions and the Host Producer. These decisions are not made lightly and cannot be appealed.

## **BARREL RACES**

Qualifying races will be a one go race consisting of both age groups to be paid out in a 4D format of ½ second splits. Juniors and seniors will run together in one 4D race but will qualify/earn points in their age groups.

- The payout for the Qualifier races will be 4D consisting of ½ second splits with both age groups running in one race.
- The payout for the Semi-Finals and Finals will be a straight guaranteed payout. The Junior World Finals Champion will be determined by a three-run average (aggregate).

Barrels will be set in the cloverleaf pattern. Competitors may run to the left or right barrel first and must turn that direction. A right barrel pattern consists of one right turn and two left turns. A left barrel pattern consists of one left turn and two right turns. The third barrel is always the furthest from the timer. Contestants must complete the pattern by maintaining forward motion, under their own power (no lead line or backing up) to get a qualified time.

Tractor will drag every 5 runners.

No circling in the arena to start the pattern. Start from the alley and maintain forward motion.

The time starts when the competitor on horseback crosses the timer line. The time ends after the horse and rider complete the cloverleaf pattern around barrels on horseback and come back across the timer line on their way out of the arena.

The barrels will be metal and contrasting colors from the arena fence.

All barrels will be on the inside of the stakes. The stakes must be at least 18 feet from the wall.

A barrel knocked down in a 4D qualifier race will result in a penalty of a "No time". A barrel knocked down in the Semi-Finals and Finals in Las Vegas, NV will result in a 5 second penalty.

If the ground needs to be reworked, re-runs are given at the judge's discretion. This does not include horse equipment malfunction, falling off or breaking the pattern.

If a timer malfunction occurs and rider takes a re-run and the rider had a penalty when the timer malfunctioned, the penalty will not carry forward.

There is a \$20 hat fine for losing a hat during a run. Hat fines go to the announced charity. No check/payout will be paid until hat fine is collected.

There is a 2-minute gate time once your name is called. The horse and rider must be checked in with the gate judge. If the 2 minutes are exceeded, the rider will be disqualified.

A rider will get 3 gate calls. After the 3rd gate call, the rider will be considered not present and will be noted as a turn-out. A re-run will not be awarded. If the rider misses their gate call, there will be no refund of entry money.

Riders must check in at the gate and be in the holding area, by the drag prior to your run.

Automatic disqualification if you run out of order. (Unless it is a staff mistake)

Parents/helpers may not cross the plane of the alley into the arena or the rider will be disqualified.

In the event of a barrel that finishes falling after the rider has crossed the finish line and results in the course having to be reset, it will result in a disqualification.

A horse may only compete in a race by one person to qualify. No sharing. A rider may enter more than once in a single race, on different horses.

KKRFV Qualifiers - Refunds will be given at 70% of value of what is paid up until 7 days before the barrel race. Refunds will be given at 50% of value of what is paid up until 48 hours before the barrel race. After that period, no refunds will be issued. Refunds will only be granted if documentation is submitted on letterhead from your Vet or Doctor.

### **EQUIPMENT AND DRESS CODE**

Competitors must ride in a Western saddle.

Velcro "Magic Seats" or tying a child to the saddle seat in any fashion, will not be allowed.

Any chain or metal nose bands or tie downs must be covered with tape or plastic.

#### **DRESS CODE:**

- Long sleeve western shirt or blouse (tucked in)
- Jeans (no holes or rips)
- Western boots, with a heel.
- Western hat or Western or Plain riding helmet required

This is a national event for cowgirls and cowboys, we want everyone to be safe, and still respect western heritage and tradition. You must wear a western hat for all public events. This includes public appearances you may make on behalf of KKRFV, including the number presentation ceremonies.

### **Junior World Finals Barrel Race Qualification**

Be in the top 2 at a qualifying race in your age group (see \* below) or qualify by points accumulated from sanctioned qualifying races throughout the season (begins January 1 and ends December 31).

Each competitor can only qualify for one spot in the semi-finals. Points and qualification spots are for the rider. It does not matter which horse you ride. Each rider can only qualify to ride in one (1) slot at the semi-finals in Las Vegas. The semi-finals will be an aggregate time, based on two (2) clean runs. If you have entered more than one horse at a race, only the fastest time (regardless of which horse was ridden) will be counted for points.

In the event a rider qualifies on 2 or more horses for the Semi-Finals, the rider will only get one spot. The next rider on the list, in order of placing within that age group will advance.

Here is how to qualify: Be in the top 2 in your age group at a sanctioned race.

Or earn your way to Vegas by earning points. Keep reading for points explanation.

- i.e., Mary Jane Dow won 1st and 2nd in the qualifier. She will advance in one spot and the rider that placed 3rd will move up and advance to the Semi-Finals. In an event where the 3rd place rider has already qualified, the 4th place rider will advance, etc.

The top 10-point earners from all qualifier races across the country in your age group will earn a qualification to the Semi-Finals for the Junior World Finals Barrel Race in Las Vegas, Nevada in December!

- Points will be counted within each age group at the races
- The top 10-point earners in each age group (that have not already qualified for the semi-finals) will advance to the semi-finals. Ten contestants from each age group will qualify for the semi-finals based on points!

We will only count points on those not qualified already.  
It is a 10-point system accumulated from all the sanctioned races.

First Place - 10 Points  
Second Place - 9 Points  
Third Place - 8 Points  
Fourth Place - 7 Points  
Fifth Place - 6 Points  
Sixth Place - 5 Points  
Seventh Place - 4 Points  
Eighth Place - 3 Points  
Ninth Place - 2 Points  
Tenth Place - 1 Point

The top 20 average times (aggregate) from each age group of the Semi-Finals in Las Vegas will advance to the Short-Go! The champion and the following placings will be based on the average of all 3 go rounds combined. The trailer (if one is secured by KK Productions), will be awarded to the fastest average (aggregate) of the 2 age group champions.

KKRFV Junior World Finals entries - In the event of the inability to attend more than 30 days prior to the finals and the contestant is requesting a refund, it will be considered on a case-by-case basis only if it is 30 days prior to the finals. After 30 days, no refunds will be issued. Refunds will only be considered if documentation is submitted on letterhead from your Vet or Doctor backing up your request.

Payout in Las Vegas will be a straight guaranteed payout. Qualifiers will receive prizes for attending the event. Finalists will be awarded prizes based on their final placing in the average (aggregate). Remember, in the semi-finals and finals, a downed barrel is a 5 second penalty, instead of a no-time.

In the event of a tie for the trailer, for the fastest average time, of the Junior World Finals (if one should be awarded). It will be awarded to the person with the most money earned. If there is a tie for the most money earned, it will go to the person with the highest placing in the short go. In the event that also is tied, it will go to the person with the highest placing from the 1st go. If needed, we would do the same reviewing the 2nd go.

Junior or Senior divisions: in the event of a tie for the championship title, it will be awarded to the person with the most money earned. If there is a tie for the most money earned, it will go to the person with the highest placing in the short go. In the event that also is tied, it will go to the person with the highest placing from the 1st go. If needed, we would do the same reviewing the 2nd go.

## **Social Media Policy**

This applies to all contestants that are members of KKRFV and their parents, or guardians. Guardians can also be trainers or coaches of the member. KKRFV strives to foster a positive environment for competitors and their families.

All Members (including parents, guardians, and coaches/trainers) shall abide by these rules when using social media in reference to any event that has a KKRFV race, including the Junior World Finals.

1. Be positive and respectful about the event and the producers and crew working.
2. Do not post content that would harm KKRFV, the host producer, or the Junior World Finals.
3. Use good judgement when posting about any KKRFV events, or on the KKRFV social media sites. You can create a liability for our membership, meaning all the rest of the kids, in the future.
4. If you have a question. Send a message. Do not air differences in public. Do you want what you posted to be seen or reflect on your child next year? Or 10 years from now?

Any misuse, threats, complaints or showing poor judgement by posting negative comments, may result in a membership being pulled and the contestant being barred from any KKRFV events for the rest of the competition year, and possibly the year following.

In the event of the need for additional rules, they will be added as we see fit.

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