

# 2023 Pole Bending Rule

## KK RUN FOR VEGAS

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Must be (17 and Under) Age as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> (of current year).

Qualifying age is the age as of January 1st (of current year) 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 [kkproductionsrfv@gmail.com](mailto:kkproductionsrfv@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, 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.

### ENTRY DEADLINES

ENTRY DATES AND LATE ENTRY DATES ARE FINAL. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER LATE ENTRIES CLOSE. Also, if you have NOT paid your membership dues, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RUN.

NOTE: FROM EACH ENTRY FEE, \$20.00 IS SET ASIDE FOR KKRFV FINALS.

## **KKRFV QULAIIFER EVENTS**

### **REFUNDS**

Refunds will be given at 70% of value of what is paid up until 7 days before the event. Refunds will be given at 50% of value of what is paid up until 48 hours before the event. 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.

### **POLE BENDING is ONE age group.**

Qualifying rules:

1. The top 2 fastest times at a sanctioned race will qualify for the Junior World Finals in Las Vegas, Nevada, in December.
2. 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 Pole Bending in Las Vegas, Nevada in December!
  - Points will be counted for Pole Bending at the races.
  - The top 10-point earners (that have not already qualified for the semi-finals) will advance to the semi-finals.
  - 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.

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

3. The arena rules, conduct, social media, equipment rules, use of horses, etc. for barrel racing are the same for Pole Bending. The only differences are the Event Rules and one AGE group for Pole Bending. 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.

- The first pole is to be 21 feet from the starting line of the electric timer, and the 6 poles will be 21 feet apart.
- Poles will be staked or marked in some fashion i.e., powder, stakes, lasers, have official pole bases, and PVC pipe for the poles.
- Poles will be set at the side of the stake, in the middle. There will be a drag every 5 runners.
- A knocked pole is a 5 second penalty. This is a pole that has completely fallen on the ground and remains there.
- The rider can go either left or right, run down to the end pole farthest from the timer, turn, then weave through the 6 poles, keeping forward motion, turn the sixth pole and weave back through, running back to the timer, after turning the farthest pole from the timer.
- A rider can touch and rock poles.
- In the event of a Pole 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.

This is not a divisional race. It is a straight payout.

**Junior World Finals**  
**Pole Bending Qualification**

The Junior World Finals Pole Bending will be 2 go-rounds with a Short-Go or Finals. The top 10 fastest averages (aggregate) will qualify for the Short-Go. The payout will be a straight rodeo payout each round, the Short-go and the average (aggregate). The average (aggregate) out of all three runs, will determine the Champion Pole Bender.

In the event of a tie for championship, for the fastest average time, of the Junior World Finals. 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.

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## **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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