



2025 KK Run For Vegas Pole Bending Rules



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

The qualifying age for all contestants must be 17 and under **as of January 1st, 2025** at 11:59pm. Competitors must be a member, in good standing, of the KK Run For Vegas. Membership must be completed 24 hours prior to the race the contestant is entered in. Competitors are **ineligible** to compete at a KKRFV Qualifier without a complete and current membership.

Competitors **MUST** provide a copy of their birth certificate when joining membership and will need to email membership documents and copy of birth certificate to KKProductionsRFV@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP Payments ARE NON 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.

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**.

Decisions on disqualifications will be made by KK Productions and 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. If you do not have a complete and current KKRFV membership, **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RUN.**

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

KKRFV QUALIFIERS REFUNDS

KKRFV Qualifiers - Refunds will only be granted if documentation is submitted on letterhead from your Vet or Doctor. Refunds will be given at 100% until 7 days prior to the event. Refunds will be given at 50% up until 48 hours prior to the event. **After that period, no refunds will be issued.** The office fees are non-refundable.

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 with collar (tucked in)
- ★ Jeans (no holes or rips)
- ★ Western boots, with a heel.
- ★ Western hat or Western or Plain riding helmet is required.

This is a national event for cowgirls and cowboys. We want everyone to be safe and 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 back number presentation ceremony and the awards ceremony at the Junior NFR.

KKRFV POLE BENDING RULES

***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. ***

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

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.

There will be a drag for 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 plus 5.

If a timer malfunction occurs and rider takes a re-run and the rider has a penalty when the timer malfunctioned, the penalty will not carry forward. If the rider has a penalty on the re-run, they must take the time/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.

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 the hat fine is collected by the host producer or KK Productions.

There is a 1-minute gate time once your name is called. The horse and rider must be checked in by the gate judge. If the 1 minute is 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)

Absolutely no circling in the arena before or after a rider crosses the timer line. There will be a \$100 fine if a rider circles before or after their run.

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

A horse cannot be ridden more than once or by multiple riders in a qualifying race. A rider may enter more than once in a single race, on different horses.

Junior NFR Pole Bending Qualification

Be in the top 2 at a qualifying race in your age group **or** qualify by points accumulated from sanctioned qualifying races throughout the season (begins November 15th of year prior and ends November 15th of current year).

Each competitor can only qualify for one spot in the Junior NFR. Points and qualification spots are based on the rider. It does not matter which horse you ride. Each rider can only qualify to ride in one (1) spot at the semi-finals in Las Vegas. 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/qualification.

In the event a rider qualifies on 2 or more horses for the Junior NFR, the rider will only get one spot. The next rider (in order of placing) will advance.

How to Qualify for the Junior NFR

1. Be in the top 2 at a sanctioned race.

OR

2. Top 10 in KKRFV Point standings.

- The top 10-point earners from all KKRFV qualifier races across the country will earn a qualification to the Semi-Finals for the Junior NFR Pole Bending in Las Vegas, Nevada in December.

The top 10-pole bending point earners (that have not already qualified for the semi-finals) will advance to the Junior NFR.

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

Example: Mary Johnson 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 Junior NFR. The rider placing 4th will receive 10 points, 5th receives 9 points, and so on. A contestant cannot earn multiple sets of points per race.

Junior NFR Pole Bending

Junior NFR Pole Bending will be 2 go-rounds with a Short-Go. The top 15 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). Contestants may run a different horse in each go round since the average is based off the rider, not the horse. Contestants may **not** run the same horse as another contestant. The average (aggregate) out of all three runs, will determine the Champion Pole Bender.

In the event of a tie for the championship for the fastest average time of the Junior NFR, 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. If 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.

KKRFV Junior NFR entries - In the event a contestant is unable to attend the Junior NFR, he/she can request a refund. Once a refund is submitted and approved by KK Productions, the contestant will not be eligible to compete in the Junior NFR. Refunds are not able to be revoked.

KKRFV Junior NFR Refund Deadlines –

- October 1, 2025 – 100% of the entry fee will be refunded less the office fee.
- November 1, 2025 - 50% of the entry fee will be refunded less the office fee.
- Refunds **will not** be issued for advertisements, program pre-orders, or t-shirt pre-orders.

ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2025.

Social Media Policy

****This applies to all contestants that are members of KKRFV and their parents, guardians, coaches/trainers.**

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 NFR.

1. Be positive and respectful about the event and the producers and crew working.
2. Do not post content that would harm the KKRFV, the host producer, or the Junior NFR.
3. Use good judgement when posting about any KKRFV sanctioned event or on KKRFV social media.
4. If you have a question, please email us at KKProductionsRFV@gmail.com

Any misuse, threats, complaints or showing poor judgement by posting negative comments, may result in a membership being redacted 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.

KKRFV strives to foster a positive environment for competitors and their families.

All races are held in cooperation with the host producer, utilizing their facilities. Cash prizes are subject to US tax law.

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