

COMPETITION RULES AND PAYOUT

- Sportsmanship.** Contestants are expected to display good sportsmanship and judgement at all times. Contestants will be disqualified for using abusive or offensive language towards other contestants, spectators, show staff, or facility personnel, competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, misrepresenting a horse or rider, or abuse of a horse. Anyone attempting to bribe, harass, influence, or threaten will be disqualified and removed. The Show Committee reserves the right to disqualify any horse or rider deemed dangerous, a threat to other horses or riders, or to property with no refunds given. Contestant are responsible for the behavior of any traveling companions and family members as well as horses. Any horse or contestant behavior not in the best interest of the race will result in disqualification.
- Entries.** Contestants may enter by mail or online. Pre-entries accepted if postmarked by the May 11, 2020 deadline. Do not mail entries after this time to ensure receipt. There are no late fees for entering after the early entry deadline. Online entries taken until May 17, 2020 at midnight. Horse names must be submitted. \$125 entry fee applies to all qualifier races and finals. \$10 office fee is per person for the show.
- Absolutely no entry refunds made after online entries close on May 17, 2020 at midnight.** Substitutions must be made in the show office **before** the horse or rider runs on Saturday. Once substituted, only that horse may be ridden in that position and only that rider may compete in that position. Horse must be ridden at their assigned draw position even if horse or rider is already entered in race. Once your entry has been taken at the show office, you are considered entered for the run and no refunds will be issued. Riders with multiple horses are encouraged to enter early in order to meet spacing requests. The same combination of horse and rider cannot be repeated in the show. Contestants may run any horse, regardless of ownership.
- Draw Out.** You may draw out prior to early entry deadline (May 17, 2020) with a 75% refund of all fees, stall and RV reservations for any reason. Any draw outs after the online entries close are scratched without refund. Refund checks may be picked up at the race by contestant or designee or will be mailed the following week.
- Office Hours.** The office will close Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21 for travel and event setup. No entries or stall and RV reservations accepted until office hours open on Friday, May 23 at 2pm. Late and call-in entries will be accepted until 2pm through Saturday (318-243-5726, 318-372-3122) and require credit card payment including 5% fee or PayPal and will be added in draws done throughout the day as entries allow. Cash, PayPal or credit cards **only** taken onsite. The office will be open from 8am until 30 minutes after the show ends each day. No checks will be taken after early entries close unless approved by the Show Secretary.
- Draw.** Pre-entry draw will be random order and posted by May 20, 2020. If you find an error or omission in the pre-entry draw, email admin@darbonnerangeriders.com or text 318-243-5726. Race 1 and Race 2 will be run in random draw order.
- Stalls/RV.** Only pre-paid reservations taken for stalls and/or RV's. Stalls are \$60/weekend and RV's are \$30/night or \$75/weekend. Shavings are \$8 per bag. Reservations taken over the phone (318-243-5726, 318-372-3122) must provide credit card information and will be subject to any subsequent fees or use PayPal. No shows charged for one night. Contestants arriving early or late should contact the show committee to make arrangements. All stalls and RV's are pre-assigned. Pre-purchased shavings will be in stalls. Contestants in stalls/RV spots not assigned to them or not paid for will be locked until payment is received. No refunds given for runs missed. No horses tied out or in pens in the RV area per NLEC policy.
- Photo/Video.** When photographer or videographer is present, flash photography may be used and is the sole discretion of the photographer. Music and/or talking during a run is the sole discretion of the announcer. Contestants may **not** request to hold flash or music for an individual run. By entering the run, participants consent to the use of images and likenesses of runs and participation for all future use by the photographer, videographer, announcer, and/or D'Arbonne Range Riders.
- Dogs.** It is the policy of the North Louisiana Expo Center that dogs are not allowed in the bleacher area of the arena unless service dogs with proper documentation. All dogs on the grounds should be leashed and under owner control at all times. Dogs exhibiting aggressive or disruptive behavior will be removed from the property.

10. **Returned Checks.** There will be a \$25.00 NSF charge on all returned checks plus any additional bank fees. Fees must be paid before the contestant competes or the contestant will be disqualified. No checks will be taken at the show without prior approval from the Show Secretary.
11. **Arrival Check-in:** No official check-in required. Official draws and stall & RV assignments are available onsite at the show office. It is the contestant's responsibility to verify all side-pot entries, horse names, and sanction numbers. Updated draw information posted online as time allows as a courtesy and are unofficial.
12. **Requests.** Please note requests for groups of 50 or RV and stall locations when sending in entry. We will try to accommodate all requests on a first come, first serve basis. You may not request drag positions for rake breaks or big drags. Riders with multiple horses are encouraged to pre-enter to allow adequate spacing between runs.
13. **Qualifying Race Format.** Each qualifying race will run as a clean slate in a 5D format. Two qualifying races in 5D format. Twenty (20) different horse/rider combinations from the five (5) divisions of the two (2) qualifying races will qualify for the Finals. A contestant can qualify on unlimited horses for the Finals, but each horse/rider combination may qualify for only one finals position. To qualify for the Finals:
 - A horse/rider combination must be in the top 20 fastest times in each D in either race 1 or race 2.
 - If one of the horse/rider combinations in the top 20 is already qualified from race 1, then that combination cannot qualify again in race 2. The duplicate qualifying combination from the race 2 qualifiers will drop, and the next fastest combination in that D will fill the position until all 20 qualifying positions in race two are filled OR until there are no more contestants in the corresponding D to fill the qualifying positions – whichever comes first.
 - If there is a tie for the fastest time in the top 20, all ties will qualify for the Finals race up until the fastest 20 times. Should 20th place have one or more ties, all qualifying ties in 20th place will advance.
 - There will be a minimum of 200 entries guaranteed for the finals. Wild Card entries will be drawn from eligible entries from both rounds until a minimum of 200 entries are qualified for the Final Round.
14. **Finals Draw.** The time in which a contestant qualifies for the Finals will determine the contestant's position in the draw order. Contestants will run from slowest qualifying time to fastest qualifying time in the finals. It is your prerogative to make each run. Each contestant is responsible for acquiring Finals qualification status. The D'Arbonne Range Riders are not liable to inform you of your Finals round qualification. Finals positions will be posted onsite, on Facebook, and at www.darbonnerangeriders.com
15. **Wild Card Winners.** Contestant must first enter qualifier races to use wild card entry for Finals race. A wild card win entitles you to one position in the Finals race. Wild cards are transferable. You may use as many wild cards as you hold up to your number of original entries.
16. **5D Format:** 1D-fastest time of the go; 2D-fastest time of the go plus one-half second (+0.500 second); 3D-fastest time plus one second (+1.000 second); 4D, fastest time of the go plus one and one-half seconds (+1.500 seconds); 5D, fastest time of the go plus two seconds (+2.000 seconds)
17. **3D Format:** 1D-fastest time of the go; 2D-fastest time of the go plus one second (+1.000 second); 3D-fastest time of the go plus two seconds (+2.000 seconds)
18. **Open Payout:** 1-75 riders – 2 places per division, 76-125 riders – 4 places per division, 126-200 riders – 6 places per division, 201-300 riders – 8 places per division, 301-400 riders – 10 places per division, 401-500 riders – 12 places per division, 501+ riders – 15 places per division
19. **Age Based Side pots:** Optional. Age as of May 23, 2020. Youth (0-18), Adult (19-49), Senior (50+). Entry fee is for both qualifying races with 5D format. NO incentives in finals. Must be paid **before** horse runs on Saturday. Contestant must first enter Open. Carryover only. Payback as follows: 1-40 riders in age group-one place per division, 41-80 in age group-two places per division, 81-125 in age group-three places per division, 125+ in age group-four places per division.
20. **Pee Wee Novice Class:** Age 0-10 as of May 23, 2020. \$20 entry fee. No processing fee. 75% payback. 3D format with full second splits. 1D – 45%, 2D – 35%, 3D – 20%. Payback as follows: 1-25 riders-one place per division, 26-50-two places per division, 51-75 in age group-three places per division, 75+ in age group-four places per division. Contestants must have earned less than \$250 in cash and prizes to be eligible. Enter onsite only during office hours until 9 am Monday.

21. **Monies/Awards:** Awards given for Top 5 in each division in the finals. In the event of a tie, winner determined by coin flip. Any prizes not picked up are shipped at winner's expense or picked up by winner's designee. In the event of a tie, the monetary award for each place will be totaled and divided equally between each contestant. Checks not picked up at the race by the contestant or designee are mailed the following week.

22. **Payout Schedule for All Races:**

All payout will be divided: 1D – 30%, 2D –25%, 3D – 20%, 4D – 15%, 5D – 10%. Payback is 75% of entry fees and 100% of any added money. Qualifying races each receive 30% of net entry fees plus added monies. Finals race receives 40% of net entry fees plus added monies.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5 th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13 th	14th	15th
2 places	60.0%	40.0%													
3 places	43.0%	33.0%	24.0%												
4 places	40.0%	30.0%	20.0%	10.0%											
5 places	33.0%	27.0%	20.0%	13.0%	7.0%										
6 places	28.0%	24.0%	19.0%	14.0%	9.0%	6.0%									
7 places	25.0%	21.0%	18.0%	14.0%	10.0%	7.0%	5.0%								
8 places	23.0%	19.0%	17.0%	14.0%	11.0%	7.0%	5.0%	4.0%							
9 places	21.0%	18.0%	16.0%	13.5%	11.0%	8.0%	5.0%	4.0%	3.5%						
10 places	20.0%	18.0%	15.0%	12.5%	10.0%	8.0%	6.0%	4.0%	3.5%	3.0%					
11 places	19.0%	17.0%	14.0%	12.0%	9.5%	7.0%	6.0%	5.0%	4.0%	3.5%	3.0%				
12 places	19.0%	16.0%	14.0%	12.0%	9.5%	7.0%	5.0%	4.5%	4.0%	3.5%	3.0%	2.5%			
13 places	18.8%	16.6%	13.6%	10.5%	8.1%	6.3%	5.3%	4.6%	4.2%	3.6%	3.2%	2.7%	2.5%		
14 places	18.4%	15.9%	13.3%	10.2%	8.9%	6.5%	5.1%	4.4%	4.0%	3.4%	3.0%	2.5%	2.3%	2.1%	
15 places	18.0%	16.0%	13.0%	10.0%	7.5%	6.0%	5.0%	4.5%	4.0%	3.5%	3.0%	2.7%	2.5%	2.3%	2.0%

23. **Open Arena.** The arena will be open on Friday from 2:00pm – 5:00pm. Cost will be \$5 per horse payable at the alley gate. No barrels will be setup or exhibitions ran. If you leave the alleyway/holding pen area, you will need to pay again. Arena will close 30 minutes after the end of each race each day.

24. **Exhibitions:** \$3 each purchased onsite with cash at the back gate only. Exhibitions have a 60 second time limit. A \$10 fee will assessed for excessive time and must be paid before the contestant runs. Exhibitions will run from 5:00pm – 9:00pm on Friday and from 7:30am – 9:30am on Saturday and Sunday.

25. **Dress Code:** Hats and long sleeves not required for qualifying races on Saturday and Sunday or Pee Wee race and Pole Bending. Dress appropriately. Hats or helmets, collared shirts, long pants, and cowboy boots or equestrian sport shoes are required for the finals presentation and race on Monday. Failure to wear dress code will result in disqualification. A \$5 hat fine will be assessed for hats lost in alleyway or arena. Fine is payable to personnel who picked up hat or in office. Fine must be paid before hat is returned, receiving payout or making additional runs. Contestants may wear any and all sponsor names/logos.

26. **Gate Calls.** A maximum of 3 gates calls will be given, after which, the contestant will be given a no time. It is the sole responsibility of the contestant to know their draw number for each horse and run each horse in the correct order. The 5 contestants in the current drag are expected to check in with the gate operator and to be in holding pen at the beginning of the drag. There is only one way to enter and exit the alleyway/arena. All contestants must enter through the holding pen or receive a no time.

27. **Time/No Time.** Any time the contestant crosses the starting line, the time will begin. Contestants will not circle their horse after entering the arena. No times given for downed barrels, broken patterns, or other situations that prevent contestant from completing the pattern. Contestants not allowed circling barrels after no time given. \$25 fine assessed for circling the barrels or training during competition runs. Contestants should make every effort to continue forward motion at all times and to make the fastest run possible. Obvious attempts to pull up or pace runs may result in fines and/or disqualification.

28. **Ground.** Every effort will be made to keep the grounds and dirt in optimum running condition. We will drag after every 5 riders unless conditions deem otherwise. If a rider fails to make a gate call, we will continue to drag on the posted rake breaks.
29. **Alleyway.** No horses allowed in the alley when tractors are running.
30. **Re-Run.** Only in the event of a timer malfunction or barrels placed incorrectly will the contestant be given a re-ride. Tack or equipment malfunction during a run will not result in a re-run. A contestant will be given a no time if the horse or rider falls during the run. No penalties will be carried or clean runs given on the re-ride. You will compete as if the first run never happened on the same or better drag position as before.
31. **Vendors.** All vendors are required to complete a vendor contract with the Show Office. No selling of any type of merchandise or services on the arena grounds permitted without a completed form. Vendor fees are \$50 per day or \$125 for the weekend.
32. **Liability.** By entering any portion of the show or purchasing stall or RV rentals, contestant agrees to all show and facility rules and agrees to hold harmless the D'Arbonne Range Riders, North Louisiana Exhibition Center, and anyone else affiliated with the Ag-Kids Memorial Day Barrel Blast in the event of injury or death. Contestants are responsible for any damages caused by themselves, their horse(s), and/or traveling companions. Contestants will abide by all show and facility rules. Warning: Under Louisiana Law R.S. 9.2795.1, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.
33. The Show Committee, **whose decision is final**, will handle any questions or disputes that may arise before, during, or after the show not specifically covered by these rules. Rules are subject to interpretation by the Show Committee and the committee reserves the right to create or alter rules. D'Arbonne Range Riders reserves the right to refuse any entry. The Show Committee reserves the right to postpone or cancel the event due to natural or manmade disaster and refund monies collected.

2020 Schedule

Friday, May 22	Office Hours: 2pm – 9pm
Noon	Facilities/Grounds open
2pm – 5pm	Open Arena \$5 per horse (no barrels)
5pm – 9pm	Exhibitions \$3 cash at back gate
Saturday, May 23	Office Hours: 8am – last 50 riders
7:30-9:30 am	Exhibitions \$3 cash at back gate
10am	Qualifying Race 1
2pm	Books will close for Open 5D
Pole Bending 1	hour after the end of Round 1
Sunday, May 24	Office Hours: 8am – last 50 riders
7:30-9:30 am	Exhibitions \$3 cash at back gate
9:30 am	Cowboy Church
10am	Qualifying Race 2
Monday, May 25	Office Hours: 8am – last 50 riders
9am	Presentation of Finals Contestants immediately followed by Pee Wee Race
10am	Finals