

RUN FOR THE DIAMONDS COMPETITION RULES

1. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Contestants are expected to always display good sportsmanship and judgment. Contestants will be disqualified without refund 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. Contestants 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.
2. **OFFICE HOURS:** The office will close Thursday and Friday for travel and event setup. No entries or stall and RV reservations accepted until office hours open on Saturday. The office will be open from 8am until 30 minutes after the show ends each day.
3. **PRE-ENTRIES:** Contestants may pre-enter by mail or online. Pre-entries should be sent by postmark deadline to ensure receipt. Contestants may not sell their open entries and/or stalls and RVs. Pre-entries and stall/RV reservations open on June 1.
4. **LATE ENTRIES:** WE WILL NOT TAKE CALL-IN OR TEXT-IN ENTRIES. ALL LATE ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ONLINE OR IN PERSON. \$5 late fee per horse on Monday. Late entries will be accepted from when the office opens until the last 50 horses each race day and require upfront payment and will be added in draws done throughout the day as entries allow.
5. **PAYMENTS:** No checks will be taken after early entries close unless approved by the Show Secretary. There will be a \$50.00 NSF charge on all returned checks plus any additional bank fees. Outstanding fees must be paid before the contestant competes or the contestant will be disqualified. **Cash, PayPal, Venmo, or credit cards ONLY taken onsite.** ALL electronic transactions will incur a 3.5% processing fee.
6. **REFUNDS/DRAW OUT:** You may draw out for any reason with a 90% refund until the early entry deadline. After the early entry deadline, you may only draw out with a veterinarian or doctor excuse or obvious injury with a 75% refund **BEFORE** the first horse runs each day. After the first horse runs each day, no refunds will be given, and the contestant will be scratched without refund. Once your entry has been taken by the show office, you are considered entered for the run. Draw Out forms must be completed and returned to the show office before refunds can be processed. Transaction fees are nonrefundable. It is the sole responsibility of the contestant to ensure that the release is physically received by the show office before the deadline to receive a refund. Refund checks may be picked up at the race by the contestant or designee, will be mailed after the show, or contestants can provide electronic account information.
7. **CHANGE/SUBSTITUTION/ADD ON:** Changes and additions must be made **BEFORE** the first horse runs each day. Once substituted, only that horse may be ridden in that position & only that rider may compete in that position. Horse must be ridden at their assigned draw position even if the horse or the rider is already entered. You cannot change both horse and rider at any position for any reason. Contestants may run any horse, regardless of ownership. The same combination of horse and rider cannot be repeated in the show that day.
8. **DRAW:** Pre-entry draw will be random order and posted before August 30. It is the sole responsibility of the contestant to know their position(s). Failure to be present for a competition run will result in a scratch.
9. **REQUESTS:** Please note requests for groups of 50 or RV and stall locations when sending in entry. We 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 enter early to meet spacing requests.
10. **STALL/RV/SHAVINGS:** Only pre-paid reservations taken for stalls and/or RVs. Stalls are \$25/day and RVs are \$35/day. Shavings are \$10 per bag. All reservations must be paid upfront. No shows charged for one night. All stalls and RVs are pre-assigned. Contestants in stalls/RV spots not assigned to them or not paid for will be locked until payment is received with no refunds given for runs missed. No horses tied out or in pens in the RV area or underneath the arena or warm-up building overnight. Portable pens are allowed and are limited to 10'x10' area per horse.
11. **PARKING:** No trailers should be parked in designated handicap parking without handicap tags.

12. **PAYOUT:** Payout percentages will follow Better Barrel Races guidelines. 5D format is half second (0.500) splits. 3D format is half second (0.500) splits for high stakes and whole second (1.000) splits for youth.
13. **SANCTIONS:** Events are co-approved with the Women's Professional Rodeo Association, Better Barrel Races, and Arkansas Elite Barrel Racing. Check event details as well as the sanctioning organization's website to verify approvals. You do not have to be affiliated with any of these organizations to participate in any of our events.
14. **OPEN:** 5D format with one-half second splits. 75% payback of entry fees and 100% payback of added money. \$2500 added and \$40 entry Sunday. \$7500 added and \$50 entry for Monday. Late fee \$5 per horse for Monday. \$10 office fee per person for the weekend.
15. **YOUTH:** Youth (0-17) side pot is optional and based on age as of September 1st. Entry fee is \$20 per day with 3D format with full second splits. Payback is 75% of entry fees and 100% of added money. Must be added **BEFORE** first horse runs each day. Must enter Open and carry over times.
16. **PEEWEE:** PeeWee age is 0-10 years as of September 1st or a special needs child. \$10 entry fee. No office fees. Contestants cannot enter Open and PeeWee. PeeWee will run first on Sunday.
17. **AVERAGE:** 5D format with whole second splits. 75% payback of entry fees and 100% of added money. The times for each horse and rider combination competing from Sunday and Monday will be added. The fastest average time will be the 1D average winner (Sunday Race Time + Monday Race Time). The contestant must be entered in the average **BEFORE** the first horse runs on Sunday.
18. **HIGH STAKES:** High stakes side pot is optional. \$100 entry each day with 90% payback of entry fees. 3D format with one-half second splits. Must be added **BEFORE** first horse runs each day. Must enter Open and carry over times.
19. **AWARDS:** Buckles will be given to winners in each D on Monday. In the event of a tie, the prize winner will be determined by coin flip. **Any prizes not picked up are shipped at the winner's expense or picked up by the winner's designee.** In the event of a tie, the monetary award for each place will be totaled and divided equally between each contestant. Payout will be in check form and made payable to the rider. Contestants must have a complete address and social security number on file to claim payout checks. 1099's will be issued in the rider's name to anyone earning more than \$600 per year. All checks not claimed at the event by contestants with complete tax information will be mailed to the contestant addresses on file at no cost to the contestant. Failure to have a complete address and social security number on file will delay this process. Please verify your information is correct at the event. It is strongly encouraged for contestants to pick up their checks each day before leaving the event. In the event of lost checks, by contestants or the US Postal Service, contestants will be responsible for a reissue charge of \$35.
20. **ANNOUNCER/PHOTO/VIDEO:** When a 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.
21. **DOGS:** It is the policy of the North Louisiana Expo Center that dogs are not allowed in the bleacher area of the arena or in the restrooms 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.
22. **BICYCLES:** No scooters, hoverboards, bicycles, or tricycles may be ridden in the bleachers. No balls of any kind are allowed underneath the building.
23. **DRAW/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 draw positions, side pot entries, horse names, and sanction information. Updated draw information and times may be posted online as time allows as a courtesy and are unofficial.
24. **EXHIBITIONS:** Exhibitions are \$5 each purchased on site with cash at the back gate only. Exhibitions have a 60 second time limit. A \$10 fee will be assessed for excessive time and must be paid before the contestant runs. The arena will be opened at the Show Committee's discretion as time and ground conditions allow. The warm-up area will remain open. No barrels should be set up in the warm-up area.

25. **DRESS CODE:** Hats or helmets and long-sleeve collared shirts are not required. Dress appropriately. Contestants may wear any sponsor names/logos.
26. **GATE:** A maximum of 3 gate calls will be given, after which, the contestant will be given 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 no time.
27. **ARENA:** 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 contestants from completing the pattern. Contestants are not allowed to circle barrels after a no time is given. \$25 fine assessed for circling the barrels or training during competition runs. Contestants should make every effort to always continue forward motion and to make the fastest run possible. Obvious attempts to pull up or pace runs may result in fines and/or disqualification.
28. **DRAGS:** 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. No horses allowed in the alley when tractors are running.
29. **RE-RUNS:** 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 no time if the horse or rider falls during the run. Re-runs shall be granted if the official and backup timer both fail to work properly unless a barrel has been turned over resulting in no time. If the barrels are not placed properly on their markers, a rerun shall also be granted without any penalties being applied; however, any penalty occurring on the rerun shall result in a no time.
30. **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.
31. By entering any portion of the show or purchasing stall or RV rentals, contestants agree to all show and facility rules and agree to hold harmless the D'Arbonne Range Riders, North Louisiana Exhibition Center, and anyone else affiliated with the Run for the Diamonds 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.
32. 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.