

DRR meets NFR 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. **PRE-ENTRIES:** Contestants may pre-enter online from November 4 - 14.
3. **LATE ENTRIES:** WE WILL NOT TAKE CALL-IN OR TEXT-IN ENTRIES. ALL LATE ENTRIES MUST BE MADE IN PERSON. Late entries will be accepted from when the office opens until the last 25 horses and require upfront payment and will be added in draws done throughout the day as entries allow.
4. **PAYMENTS:** No checks will be taken 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.
5. **REFUNDS/DRAW OUT:** You may draw out for any reason with a 75% refund **BEFORE** the first horse runs. After the first horse runs, 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. Transaction fees are nonrefundable. 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.
6. **CHANGE/SUBSTITUTION/ADD ON:** Changes and additions must be made **BEFORE** the first horse runs. 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.
7. **DRAW:** Pre-entry draw will be random order and posted on November 15. 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.
8. **REQUESTS:** 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.
9. **PARKING:** No trailers should be parked in designated handicap parking without handicap tags.
10. **OPEN:** 5D format with one-half second splits. \$35 per horse plus \$5 per horse processing fee. 75% payback of entry fees and 100% payback of added money. Payout percentages will follow Better Barrel Races guidelines. 5D format is half second (0.500) splits.
11. **YOUTH:** Youth (0-17) side pot is optional and based on age as of November 1st. Must enter Open and carry over times. Entry fee is \$20 per day with 3D format with full second splits. 75% payback of entry fees and 100% payback of added money.
12. **SENIOR:** Senior (50+) side pot is optional and based on age as of November 1st. Must enter Open and carry over times. Entry fee is \$20 per day with 3D format with full second splits. Payback is 75% of entry fees and 100% of added money.
13. **VEGAS:** Vegas side pot is optional. Must enter Open and carry over times. \$100 entry each day with 90% payback of entry fees. 2D format with one-half second splits.
14. **PEEWEE:** PeeWee age is 0-10 years as of November 1st or a special needs child. \$10 entry fee. No office fees. Contestants cannot enter Open and PeeWee. PeeWee will run first.
15. **SANCTIONS:** Events are co-approved with the Women's Professional Rodeo Association, Better Barrel Races, Non-Incentive Horse 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.

16. **PAYOUT:** 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.
17. **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.
18. **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.
19. **DRESS CODE:** Hats or helmets and long-sleeve collared shirts are not required. Dress appropriately. Contestants may wear any sponsor names/logos.
20. **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.
21. **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.
22. **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.
23. **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.
24. 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.
25. 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.