

27TH ANNUAL ABRA FINALS FORMAT 2023

Western Attire is required during competition and all awards presentation pictures.

OPEN: 5 DIVISIONS YOUTH: 4 DIVISIONS

- ★ Time split in the **Open** will be **7 Tenths**.
- ★ Time split in the **Youth** will be **7 Tenths**.
- ★ Knocked barrels will be considered a **No Time**.

PEE WEE: 4D DIVISION

- ★ Time split in the **Pee Wee** will be **3 seconds**.
- ★ Knocked barrels will be considered a **No Time**.
- ★ Pee Wee cannot be led and must complete the pattern on their own to receive a prize and to enter; parents may not cross the mouth of the arena or a NT will be assessed.

SHORT GO QUALIFICATIONS:

- ★ Competitors can qualify for the short-go by one of three methods: **average, round winner, or fast time**. But not all three.

- ★ **NEW FOR 2023 ROUND WINNER**

Each Division Round winner will receive an automatic invite into the short round in the division they won the round in.

AVERAGE

The average will be determined as follows: Two fastest times together by a horse/rider combination will start the 1D average, then add 1.4 seconds to the Open and 1.4 to the Youth to start the average in the next division. The average will be based on a true average at the Finals. ex: You can run a 1D and 3D time and be in the 2D average.

- ★ The top 15 Average winners in each division of the Open will qualify for the short-go.
- ★ The top 8 Average winners in each division of the Youth will qualify for the short-go.
- ★ The average qualifiers shall be placed in the short-go first, followed by the fast time qualifiers.

FAST TIME

The number of contestants qualifying for each division of the short-go with their fast time shall be to a maximum of 35 in the open and 17 in the youth.

- ★ Each contestant will “drop” his/her slowest time of the 2-gos and the fastest time shall be used when determining the “Fast Time” Qualifiers of the short-go.
- ★ When placing the Fast-Time Qualifiers, if one such qualifier has already qualified for the short-go in the average, then we shall roll down the Fast Time list until all positions have been filled.
- ★ If all competitors in a division make it into the short-go using both average round winners and fast time qualifications and some of the positions remain vacant in any particular division, then these positions will remain vacant.
- ★ The short-go will be run as a 5-D barrel race for the Open and 4-D for the Youth. You can only place in your qualifying division or a higher D.
- ★ The short-go will determine the Division Champions, who will receive the ABRA 1-D, 2-D, 3-D, 4D and 5D Champion Awards.

HI-POINT AWARDS

- ★ Awarded to **horse and rider combination** accumulating the most points throughout the weekend.
- ★ Points awarded:
 - ★ To the top 25 contestants in each division, in each go-round and the short go.
 - ★ To the top 25 contestants in each division, in the 3-run aggregate
 - ★ There will not be a payout for the 3-run aggregate, this figure is used only for the Hi-Point award.
- ★ Points are dispersed as follows: 1st receives 25 points, 2nd – 24 points, 3rd – 23 points, ...25th – 1 point.
- ★ In the case of a tie, the total money won will determine the Hi-Point Champion. If a tie still exists, there will be a run-off. The contestant running the time closest to his/her fastest overall time of the weekend (specific horse/rider combination) shall be declared the Hi-Point Champion.
- ★ Horse/Rider combination need not compete in all go-rounds to be eligible for the Hi-Point award.

INCENTIVES – Futurity 5 years and under & Derby horses aged 6-8 years old. 2D Format

Each Round will be paid and a payout on the average. Awards are calculated on the aggregate of the 1st and 2nd go rounds. The side pot will be a 2D with a 1 second split. # of placings to be determined after the close of entries and posted in the payout the divisions will be paid equally. An additional entry fee of \$150 is required to be eligible for the futurity and derby payouts. Age verification papers must accompany the entry. These prizes will be given like the average prizes to your director or shipped by the office dependent on what is easiest for the director and/or office to complete.

SENIOR INCENTIVE (50+ as of January 1 2023): The incentive awards and payouts are calculated on the average of the 1st and 2nd go rounds with a 4D format 7 tenth split (1.4 seconds) added to start the next division as this is an average. An Additional entry fee of \$30 for each entry for each horse.

PEEWEEES:

Will run only one time. Either in Pee wee option 1 or pee wee option 2 time slots. Each pee wee will receive a prize following their run during the awards and overall division winners and placings will be handed out Saturday following the pee wee option 2 slot time. If a pee wee is not present because they competed during the option 1 time slot prizes will be sent home with the director.

TIES: Ties in the regular rounds: 1st preference for prizes will be given to whomever is in attendance if both are in attendance ties will be a coin toss or drawing of straws.

Results will be posted ASAP in designated areas and on the ABRA website however should there be technical difficulties results will be posted on our facebook page. www.albertabarrelracing.com Checks will be mailed no later than September 7 2023. Please respect that the office goes as fast as they can and you will have them as soon as they are done if you have not received your check by September 21, 2023 please contact the office.