

29TH ANNUAL ABRA FINALS FORMAT 2025

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

OPEN: 5 DIVISIONS YOUTH & PEE WEE: 4 DIVISIONS

- ❖ Time split in the Open will be 6 Tenths.
- ❖ Time split in the Youth will be 7 Tenths.
- ❖ Time split in the PeeWee 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.

- **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 1.2 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 average qualifiers shall be placed in the short-go first, followed by the fast time qualifiers.

- ❖ The top 17 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.

- **FAST TIME**

The number of contestants qualifying for each division of the short-go with their fast time shall be to a maximum of 38 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 Times 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 be divided by the remaining divisions and rounded down. Example: 40 of the possible 55 qualify for the 1D the 15 spots left open will be divided by 4 and 3 more contestants per D will be filled for the short go.

- **SHORT GO**

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 Championship Awards 1D-5D in the open and 1D-4D in the youth.

PATCH PROGRAM

BACK for 2025 – Qualify for the Short Go and go to the ABRA Promotions booth to receive your “Finalist Patch” once you have received your patch you can choose to take it home with you as a keepsake or choose an item in the promotion booth to press it to. Your own choice of Jacket, Sweater, Vest, Boot Bag or maybe you have an item that will work and you can get it pressed to that. Your final’s patch is free, you can purchase an item at the Coyote Design Promotion booth and have the patch put on the item, or if you have an item, you would like it put on please bring it. You can also custom order sizing and have jackets etc. shipped to you these may take more time.

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 & under, Derby horses aged 8 & under. 2D Format: Horses must be futurity eligible meaning must not have competed prior to Nov 15 of their futurity year. If the horses are run in the incorrect age category this will result in a NT. Please contact your director if you have questions or unsure of futurity/derby rules. Each Round will be paid out equally 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.

SENIOR INCENTIVE (50+ as of January 1 2025): The incentive awards and payouts are calculated on the average of the 1st and 2nd go rounds with a 4D format 6 tenth split (1.2 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 on Thursday at noon. Each pee wee will receive a prize following their run during the awards and overall division winners and placings will be handed out 15 minutes after their last run on Thursday. Pee wees cannot be assisted past the mouth of the arena.

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.

4 ALL SIDEPOT: Back for 2025 with some changes This side pot was created by the ABRA to recognize our competitors/horses who may fall in the cracks. Along with your 5D finals entry, you may choose to enter the 4ALL where your time is carried over into the side pot with a 1 second split. Entry fee is \$30 and will pay out 1 second after the fast time is set and so on up to 6D’s. For example: if a 16.9 is run payout at a 17.9, 18.9, 19.9, 20.9, 21.9, & 22.9. This will pay out per round. Results for this side pot may be posted following the finals to allow for priority on short go qualifiers and other results and prizes.

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 8 2025. 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 29, 2025 please contact the office.