

23RD ANNUAL ABRA FINALS FORMAT 2018

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: 3D DIVISION

- ★ Time split in the **Pee Wee** will be **5 seconds**.
- ★ Knocked barrels will be considered a **No Time**.
- ★ Pee Wee cannot be lead and must complete 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 two methods: **average** or **fast time**, but not both.

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 8 Average winners in each division of the Open will qualify for the short-go.
- ★ The top 4 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 determined by *one short-go qualifier per 10 total entries to the maximum of 50 entries per division in the Open and 25 in the Youth. The 8 Open and 4 Youth average winners will be additional to the cap of contestants. No Alternates will be accepted.*

- ★ 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.
 - ★ Example: If Betty Barrel Racer is the winner of the 1-D average and also has the fastest time in the 1-D, then we shall drop down to #51 in the fast time qualifiers to fill this position and so on, until all positions have been filled.
- ★ If all competitors in a division make it into the short-go using both average 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 Open and 4-D for 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, 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 – Horses 5 years old & Horses 6 years old

The incentive awards and payouts are calculated on the aggregate of the 1st and 2nd go rounds. Calculations are **not** made using the divisional format. An additional entry fee of \$25 is required to be eligible for the incentive payout. All monies are calculated into the incentive payout. Age verification papers must accompany the entry.

SENIOR INCENTIVE (50+ as of January 1 2018): The incentive awards and payouts are calculated on the aggregate of the 1st and 2nd go rounds as well as by a 3D format with a 1.4 seconds added to start the next division. An Additional entry fee of \$25 for each entry for each horse.

PEEWEEES:

One run will be given to the Peewees on Saturday August 25th following the conclusion of the open round 2 and before the Awards Presentations. Time split will be 5 seconds and 3 Divisions. There will be a pee wee payout in each division sponsored by ABRA. All entry fee money is used for the purchase of Peewee participant awards.

TIES: Ties in the regular rounds: 1st preference for prizes will be given to whom is in attendance if both are in attendance ties will be a coin toss or draw of straws. In the short go for ties for 1st place will be determined on a three run average.

Results will be posted ASAP in designated areas and on the ABRA website however should there be technical difficulties results will be posted at www.albertabarrelracing.ca later than August 30, 2018. Checks are mailed no later than September 5, 2018. Please respect that the office goes as fast as they can and you will have them as soon as they are done. Checks are mailed in order of results if you placed in multiple go rounds you may receive checks in the mail as each is finished.