

Diamond TD Productions: 2023-2024 Show Rules

DRAW:

1. All draw numbers will be randomly assigned using a race management. We do try to accommodate sufficient special request on a first come first served basis.
2. Horse substitutions must be made prior to the start of the race. You must fill out a change form and submit to the show office before the first horse of the day runs.
3. Rider substitutions may be granted by the show management team in certain circumstances. However, if a rider substitution is made after an average qualifying run, the horse/rider team will no longer qualify for the average awards.
4. After the initial pre-entry draw – another draw will be done the day of the show OR whenever enough entries are received to accommodate riders with multiple horses. Subsequent draws will be done throughout, the show until the cutoff IF NECESSARY.
5. Every effort is made to give enough time for riders to change horses. However, if a rider enters too late to allow adequate spacing we ask that all horses be warmed up and ready.
6. Contestants are responsible for verifying draw numbers prior to and during the show. Contestants should notify office of any discrepancies prior to the earliest draw position. Draw numbers posted the day of the show are the true draw positions and override and previous draw prior to show date.

REFUNDS/DRAW-OUTS:

1. All refunds are sent out two weeks after the show. A refund is only issued if vet out received before the vet out date and/or at the producer discretion.
2. Scratches must be notified before the pre-draw is posted.
3. No refunds after the draw is posted.

SWEEPSTAKES:

1. Sweepstakes is a 3-divisional race with 1/2 second splits.
2. Any horse/rider may enter and there is no limit to the number of horses a rider may enter.
3. 90% payback of entry fees, 100% of added money (if any), progressive payout.
4. Rider can opt to carry sweepstakes time over to the Open 5D race for an open entry fee & must be done so before the sweepstakes run.
5. All Sweepstakes will be full dress code: Cowboy hat or helmet, boots, jeans, button down shirt with collar.

APPROVALS:

1. Events will be approved by Better Barrel Races on a race by race basis. BBR Members may earn regional points for year end awards and qualify for the BBR World Finals.

OPEN 5D BARRELS:

1. Format: 5D with 1/2 second splits.
2. Payout: 100% of all added money and 75% of entry fees will be paid out in a 5D format.
3. Changes must be made prior to the riders run including sidepots.

OPEN AVERAGE:

1. Average is based on Saturday & Sunday runs.
2. You must enter the average before you run on Saturday to be eligible.
3. The average is based on horse & rider combo.
4. The number of positions paid out per division will be determined by the total number of entries entered in the average.

YOUTH 5D

1. Rider must be 16 or younger as of October 2023.
2. Format: 5D with ½ second splits.
3. Payout: 100% of all added money and 75% of entry fees will be paid out in a 5D format.
4. Changes must be made prior to the riders run.
5. Youth 5D is a sidepot and must be selected before rider runs in the Open 5D.

TIMER MALFUNCTION

1. Electric eyes will be in use.
2. In the event that the timer fails, a re-run will be awarded at the contestant's discretion:
 - A) immediately with a fresh drag,
 - B) at the end of a set of 5 with a fresh drag
 - C) at the end of the event with a fresh drag.The rider must declare if they will accept a re-run and when they wish to take it before the next horse runs.
3. Any re-runs will carry over all penalties accumulated during the first run thus no re-runs will be awarded for broken patterns or hit barrels.
4. Reruns will not accumulate any additional penalties. If the contestant chooses not to re-run, they will receive a no time.

PHOTOGRAPHER:

1. Photos will be taken of every horse when a photographer is present.
2. Contestants may not ask photographer to hold flash for any individual.
3. Screenshots are not allowed of photographers work unless the pictures have been paid for.

ALLEY-WAY/HOLDING PEN:

1. Bastrop, LA – you are required to enter the alleyway through the holding pen but not required to stay in the holding pen for your turn. We do require you to be nearby and ready to enter when it is your time in the designated waiting area.
2. Ruston, LA – riders are required to be in the holding pen before their group of 5 begins or risk being scratched.
3. Horses that run to the left barrel first are allowed to make a circle in the alleyway at each arena.
4. Three calls for the rider and scratch if not notified.
5. No circling beyond the mouth of the alley-way or a no time will be assessed.
6. No forward movement to get in the alley-way after 60 seconds can result in a scratch.

COMPETITION:

1. An honest effort must be made for all competition runs. Riders must make a good faith effort to run the pattern as fast as their ability will allow. Anyone purposefully going slower than a gallop through the pattern or pulling up before the timers in an effort to fall in a lower division will be disqualified and forfeit any money or points for said run.
2. No circling of barrels or training during competition runs. If pattern is broken, rider may complete the pattern from the point of the break in a timely fashion or exit the arena immediately. Failure to do so can result in a \$25 fine payable before the contestant's next competition run.
3. No re-runs will be given if a horse falls, pulled up by the rider or riders tack malfunction.
4. Contestants may ride any horse, regardless of ownership, and may ride as many horses as they choose. However, a horse may not be entered by more than one contestant in the same race unless the following conditions are met:
 - A) Both contestants are members of the same immediate family who reside in the same household (husband, wife, siblings, children and grandchildren.)
 - B) Neither contestant is entered on any other horse
 - C) In no case will the same horse be run more than twice in the Open race unless a buyback option is available.
5. Inhuman treatment of any animal during Diamond TD Productions will absolutely not be tolerated. Anyone who excessively whips or strikes a horses ears or face with anything other than the hand, either in the arena or on the facility grounds will be fined \$100 and reported to BBR.
6. The use of electronic device on a horse during competition will be automatically disqualified and shall forfeit all winnings and points.

DRAGS:

1. There will be a regular drag after every 5 runs and a big draft after every 50 during competitions runs.

FINES & DISQUALIFICATIONS:

1. All fines are to be paid in cash at the show office.
2. Contestants with outstanding fines will not be allowed to compete until such time as the fines have been paid.
3. Any act deemed prejudicial to the best interests of Diamond TD Productions may result in disqualification of the contestant, with no refund of entry fees, membership, etc. The contestant may also be prohibited from attending any Diamond TD Productions events for any given length of time. These acts may include, but are not limited to the following:
 - A) Using abusive or intemperate language or attempting to threaten, bribe, influence, or harass any contestant, spectator, staff member or arena personnel.
 - B) Abuse or neglect of a horse, dog, or any other animal as described within these rules.
 - C) Misidentifying a horse in any race or class.
 - D) Misidentifying a rider in any race or class.

MEMBERSHIP RULES & INFORMATION:

1. The series will be include the following shows:
 - A) 4th Annual Trick or Treat Bash – Bastrop, LA October 27-29, 2023
 - B) 4th Annual Mardi Gras 5D & Ball – Ruston, LA February 2-4, 2024
 - C) 8th Annual Friends Of The Mac – Bastrop, LA March 8-10, 2024
 - D) 1st Annual Marcus Saulsbury Memoiral – Bastrop, LA May 10-12, 2024

E) 5th Annual Trick or Treat Bash – Bastrop, LA October 25-27, 2024

2. ONLY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY of the weekend shows will count towards points. We will still have open 5D run on Friday of each weekend show.
3. Each contestant must pay the \$50 membership fee to be eligible for awards. Membership fees are non-refundable.
4. Each contestant that joins the series will have early access to enter. Details will be posted closer to time of each show.
5. There are no minimum show requirements that the contestant must compete to be eligible for awards at the end of the season.
6. Points will be awarded 10-1 in each division as follows:

	1D	2D	3D	4D	5D
1 ST Place	10	10	10	10	10
2 nd Place	9	9	9	9	9
3 Rd Place	8	8	8	8	8
4 th Place	7	7	7	7	7
5 th Place	6	6	6	6	6
6 th Place	5	5	5	5	5
7 th Place	4	4	4	4	4
8 th Place	3	3	3	3	3
9 th Place	2	2	2	2	2
10 th Place	1	1	1	1	1

7. Points are accumulated by horse and rider combo. Only exceptions that will be made is if the horse is sold (Bill of Sale required) or due to injury/illness/death of horse (letter required from veterinarian).
8. Points will be updated within 10 days after each show and posted on our website:
www.diamonddproductions.com