

## Northern Lights Futurity & Derby Barrel Racing Rules

### A. General Rules:

1. **There are No Refunds of Entry Fees. No Exceptions**
2. No membership is required to enter the Northern Lights Futurity & Derby
3. Completion of entry form or payment of entry fees will indicate acceptance of all rules and regulations governing this event.
4. The Futurity and Derby are open to all ages and ability of contestants, men or women may ride. Contestants under 18 years of age will be required to have a parent/guardian on site, and a waiver signed. There are no limits to the number of horses an owner or rider may enter.
5. Entrants / competitors and owners will be responsible for themselves and their horses. All horses will be subject to an examination to meet registration identification or examination for age at the discretion of the committee. Any horse examined and found to be of ineligible age or failing to meet registration description will be disqualified. **ORIGINAL HORSE PAPERS MUST SHOW AND LIST ALL IDENTIFYING MARKS AND CURRENT OWNERS. If a horse is found to have been entered under false pretence, the horse will be disqualified.**
6. No signs, banners or posters shall be displayed without prior approval of the committee.
7. Horse/Rider substitutions will be allowed with a \$50.00 substitution fee per change, and a vet or doctor's affidavit confirming the individual's or horses inability to compete. Individuals will be responsible for submitting horse change information 2 hours prior to the vet check starting. There will be no horse substitutions after vet check is closed. After the first go, rider substitutions will only be allowed with a doctor's affidavit, and a minimum of 2 hours before the go has started.
8. Contestants will be assigned stalling and parking. Any horse or tack that is found in a stall that has not been assigned will be fined \$100 per stall. Fine shall be paid for by the contestant or its representative prior to any further participation in the event.
9. All vehicles will park in the area designated by the Committee.
10. Use of camping electrical outlets on grounds must be requested and paid for in advance. Camping/electrical passes must be displayed on units. Fines for units found plugged in without passes result in \$50.00 fines per day in addition to regular fees.
11. Damage wilfully caused to any property, i.e. stalls, barns, etc., of the Committee, its lessee or subcontractors, shall be paid for by the contestant or its representative prior to any further participation in the event.
12. ALL dogs must be confined to contestant's trailer/camper area or on a leash at all times.
13. In the interest of safety for our patrons, employees and contestants, anyone operating a motor vehicle to include golf carts and motor scooters in an unsafe manner may be immediately disqualified and asked to vacate the premises.
14. The Committee will not tolerate abuse of any animal or person by any person while at the Northern Lights Futurity & Derby.

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### B. Payoff, Entry Fees, Deadlines & Eligibility Requirements:

1. An Entry fee will be deemed by the committee for the both the Futurity and Derby events, and will be posted on the official entry form. 80% (eighty percent) of the Entry fees plus added money will be paid back to contestants as the purse; 20% (twenty percent) of the entry fees are retained by the committee for advertising, promotion and production of the event. The Futurity & Derby shall consist of 2 Long Go Rounds, a Short Go, and an Average. The Short Go qualifiers will be determined by a horse's fastest qualifying time over the 2 Go's. In the event of a tie for last place qualifying for the short go, the fastest combined time of 2 runs will be taken between the contestants who are

tied. If this does not break the tie, both contestants will be invited to compete in the Short Go. The Average will be determined by a horse's fastest qualifying time over the 2 Long Go's and the Short Go time combined.

2. Entry Fees may be split into 2 equal payments. A minimum of half the entry fee must be **received** by the committee no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> the remainder is due by Aug 1<sup>st</sup>. Failing to meet the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline will result in a \$50.00 late fee. A \$50.00 late fee will be assessed with each late payment for each horse entered. All stall, ground, camping, and side pot fees must accompany your second payment. Only horses that have both payments, and paperwork submitted by the August 15<sup>th</sup> deadline will go in the draw. Late entries will be accepted until 7 days prior to the event start date. All late entries will run at the bottom of the draw both days, and will not be accepted until all fees, including late fees, are paid.
3. The Futurity is open to horses 5 years of age and younger of the competing year. To be eligible for the Futurity, the horse must NEVER have competed in ANY barrel race, including AQHA shows, play days, novice horse events, derbies, rodeos, etc. prior to December 1 of the previous year. To do so means forfeit of any and all fees paid and elimination from the futurity. The Futurity Long go's will be a 2D (two division event) with 1 (one) second split determining the divisions. The short go and average will not have any split.
4. The Derby is Open to horses 7 years of age and younger of the competing year. There are no rules on prior competition for the Derby. No horse may enter both the Northern Lights Futurity & Derby within the same year. The Derby will be a 2D (two division event) with 1/2 (one half) second split determining the divisions. The short go and average will not have any split.

**C. Payout will be as follows for both Futurity & Derby Events:**

1. 80% of Entry Fees + All Added Money will determine the Event Purse:
  - a. Long Go 1 = 30% of Purse (80% to 1D, 20% to 2D)
  - b. Long Go 2 = 30% of Purse (80% to 1D, 20% to 2D)
  - c. Short Go = 20% of Purse
  - d. Average = 20% of Purse
2. In the event there are not enough individuals placed for payout monies allocated, the money will be split evenly amongst all placed contestants in a ground money format.
3. If the event has less than 30 competitors, the top 10 finalists will be invited back to the short go, and the purse will be split as follows:
  - a. Long Go # 1 & 2
    - 1D Payout percentage per placing 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 30/25/20/15/10
    - 2D Payout percentage per placing 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 50/30/20
  - b. Short Go & Average Payout percentage per placing 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 30/25/20/15/10
4. If the event has 30 or more competitors, the purse will be split as follows, the top 10 finalists will be invited back to the short go, and the purse will be split as follows:
  - a. Long Go # 1 & 2
    - 1D Payout percentage per placing 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 28/22/18/14/10/8
    - 2D Payout percentage per placing 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> 40/30/20/10
  - b. Short Go & Average Payout percentage per placing 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 28/22/18/14/10/8
5. If the event has 60 or more competitors, the purse will be split as follows, the top 12 finalists will be invited back to the short go, and the purse will be split as follows:
  - a. Long Go # 1 & 2
    - 1D Payout percentage per placing 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 24/18/15/12/10/8/7/6
    - 2D Payout percentage per placing 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 28/22/18/14/10/8
  - b. Short Go & Average Payout percentage per placing 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 24/18/15/12/10/8/7/6

**D. Race Rules:**

1. A horse/rider combination cannot change their draw position. There are no trades for draw. A contestant may elect to run at the bottom of the draw, but will do so both Go's, and will not receive an extra rake for the change. This must be declared at registration.
2. A maximum of three gate calls will be given, after which the horse and rider combination will be disqualified for that go-round.
3. If a contestant competes out of turn, he/she will be fined \$50.00.
4. 45 gallon metal barrels, containing both ends, will be used.
5. Contestants must wear long sleeve shirts, long pants, western hat and boots during their competition. Shirtsleeves must be fully extended and fastened. Sponsor logos are permitted. Contestant must have hat on head when entering the arena. If the hat falls off, the contestant will be required to pay \$10.00 for the return of their hat, whip and/or over-under. These funds will be donated to the committees' charity of choice.
6. Not following the clover-leaf pattern will result in a no time. A broken pattern shall be defined as breaking the forward motion to retrace the tracks to finish the pattern or making more than the three turns of the clover-leaf pattern or crossing the finish line prior to completion of the run. If a contestant runs by a barrel and has to back up or turn around and retrace their tracks, this would be considered a broken pattern.
7. A tipped barrel will be considered a no time.
8. Prior to the performances, the barrels shall not be set on the stakes or markers, unless done so by the committee.
9. An electric timer will be used for all runs, and the race will be timed to the 1000<sup>th</sup> of a second. Should the timer malfunction a rerun will be given immediately after the event is complete for the day. The contestant will be given an equivalent or better surface to compete on, as they were originally drawn. In the event a rerun is granted, any penalties incurred during the original run will be added to the rerun.
10. There will be NO reruns given if a horse falls, is pulled up by the ride or due to malfunction of contestant's equipment.
11. If a horse qualifies for the short go and does not run in the short go, the horse will given a No Time. A substitute will not be taken.
12. Any questions or dispute which may arise during the course of the Event not covered by the above rules will be decided and settled by the committee whose decision will be final.

**E. Side Pots & Incentives**

1. The committee reserves the right to add or incorporate any additional side pots or incentives as it sees fit. Every effort will be made to contact all contestants, and notify them if they qualify for any of the side pot or incentives.

**F. Stallion Incentive:**

1. There is an annual Nomination fee of \$150.00 to participate in the Stallion Incentive. Nomination and publicity runs from January to December each year. The owner of the stallion must consent to nominate, and any designated awards, prizes or monies will be awarded to registered owner. A Copy of the Stallions registration papers must be submitted with nomination.
2. Nominations are open to any registered Stallion of the AQHA, APHA, Jockey Club, or ApHA. There are no restrictions on nationality of ownership or breeding. Considerations of other accredited horse associations will be considered by the committee.
3. Stallions will receive a live website link, and listing on our website. Stallions will be listed in Alphabetical order.
4. Stallions will get a feature ad in the Annual Program.
5. A Champion Futurity Stallion and Champion Derby Stallion will be awarded separately.

6. All participating offspring will automatically be entered into the respective side pot without any additional fees.
7. Points will be awarded based on the number of contestants in the Side pot, and will reduce by 1 point downward. The Long Go Rounds, The Short Go, and The Average will all award points based on placing. (i.e. if there are 10 horses, the horse that places the highest will receive 10 points, the next person 9 points, etc. for each round and average.) No points will be awarded for No Times, and the points will not be distributed to other placed contestants.
8. The nominated offspring that has the highest number of points after the event is completed will be declared as the High Point Stallion Champion and will receive an award, prize or money as deemed by the committee
9. The Rider of the High Point Stallion Champion offspring will also receive an award, prize or money as deemed by the committee.
10. Points will not be combined if a nominated stallion has more than one offspring competing in the event, or if a rider is riding more than one offspring from a nominated Stallion.
11. In the event of a tie in points, the lowest cumulative time on all Go's will be calculated to determine the champion.

**G. Manitoba Bred Horse Incentive:**

1. Open to any horse bred in the Province of Manitoba, as declared on the original registration papers. No grade horses will be accepted as Manitoba Bred.
2. A Champion Manitoba Bred Futurity Horse and Champion Manitoba Bred Derby Horse will be awarded separately.
3. All eligible offspring will automatically be entered into the respective side pot without any additional fees.
4. Points will be awarded based on the number of contestants in the Side pot, and will reduce by 1 point downward based on placing. The Long Go Rounds, The Short Go, and The Average will all award points. (i.e. if there are 10 horses, the horse that places the highest will receive 10 points, the next person 9 points, etc. For each round and average.) No points will be awarded for No Times, and the points will not be distributed to other placed contestants.
5. In the event of a tie in points, the lowest cumulative time on all Go's will be calculated to determine the champion.

**H. Amateur Rider Incentive:**

1. Open to any individual who has lifetime earning less than \$500 in any Futurity or Derby competition prior to our event.
2. There are no limits on the number of horse/rider combinations an Amateur may pay into the side pot.
3. There will be a separate side pot for the Futurity and Derby events.
4. A Side pot entry fee will be deemed by the committee, and stated on the entry form. The fee will be per horse/rider combination entered. There will be no refunds, unless the rider is ineligible due to Futurity or Derby earnings after the entry form is submitted.
5. All entry fees collected will be considered the purse, and the purse will be paid in a 60/40 split to the highest placing amateur/horse combination, and second highest placing amateur in both the Futurity and Derby.
6. The Amateur Incentive will be calculated on lowest cumulative horse/rider time over 2 Long Go's and Short Go.