

RULES, REGULATIONS, AND GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL "FRIENDS OF THE MAC" BARREL RACE

When and Where is the 4th Annual "Friends of the MAC" Barrel Race?

The event is held at the Morehouse Activity Center in Bastrop, LA. The address is:

9555 Marlatt St.

Bastrop, LA 71220.

This event is to be held July 18-19th, 2020.

Friday, July 17th another association will be hosting a jackpot. Contestants are welcome to attend and/or move in Friday night if desired, but please note another event is still taking place.

Saturday, July 18th will be a \$3500 Added Open 5D, with a \$250 Added Youth side-pot (buckles awarded to youth D winners).

Sunday, July 19th will be a \$3500 Added Open 5D, with a \$250 Added Youth side-pot (buckles awarded to youth D winners).

Race Classes

- Open (\$40)
 - The Open race is open to all contestants.
- Youth Side-Pot (\$20)
 - The youth side-pot may be entered by any contestant under the age of 13 years old, as of July 18th, 2020.
 - The youth side-pot is an optional entry where all entries will be drawn and ran with the open contestants. Contestants may choose to enter the open and have their time roll into the youth side-pot OR enter ONLY the youth side-pot.

Dress Code

Long sleeve western shirts and cowboy hats are NOT required.

Jeans/long skirt and heeled boots are required.

No rider shall be allowed to ride in shorts.

We do ask that all shirts be appropriate.

Race Format

Each day's races will be 5D format with ½ second splits for each D.

The youth side-pots will be 5D format with ½ second splits for each D, as well.

There will be a holding pen on the right-hand side of the alley and ALL horses must enter from this holding pen. Contestants will be required to check in with the holding pen gate worker during the drag prior to their run; however, it is not required that you stand in the holding pen if you have a horse that is not comfortable or safe to do so. All riders will exit the pen and run to a closed gate.

Draw

Entries will be entered in the draw based on the information and preferences you provide on your entry form. It is the contestant's responsibility to check the draw to ensure it is correct according to your intentions.

- If information is incorrect or left off the draw and is, in fact, found on the entry form, then all efforts will be made to correct and accommodate this as best as possible.
- If information is incorrect or left off the draw and is NOT found on the entry form, then efforts may still be made to make changes, but only prior to the contestants first horses run. If you have already completed a run, on either day, changes may not be made.

If you are riding multiple horses, it is the contestant's responsibility to make sure they are riding their horses in the correct order, especially those entering the youth side-pot. All youth roll-overs will be done based on horse and rider combinations; therefore, if a rider runs a horse out of order and that time is/is not rolled correctly this is at the fault of the contestant and no horse swaps will be made after the run is complete.

We would appreciate all contestants riding their horses in the drawn order so that all results will be accurate for EquiStats submissions. If it is necessary for a horse to be swapped, these wishes must be taken to the show office prior to your run.

Due to late entries being taken until the last 25 riders each day, if a contestant should late enter and have horses back to back, ample time will be allotted for the rider to swap horses. As a courtesy to other contestants and the timely running of the event, we ask that the contestant in this position make the swap in a reasonable time frame.

Fees and Payout

Pre-entry fees may be accepted in the form of cash, check, money orders, or PayPal payments. Pre-entries will only be included in the pre-draw after payment is received.

The day of the show the only form of payment accepted is CASH, as the event payout will be in cash.

If contestant fails to pay fees prior to their run, they WILL be scratched during holding pen check-in.

100% of the advertised added money plus,
75% of entry fees will be paid out as prize money.

All placings will be paid in cash the day of the show(s). If a contestant fails to collect their winnings, a check will be mailed to the contestant. If a check has to be mailed it will be mailed no sooner than 3-5 days following the conclusion of the event.

All payout will be divided: 1D-30%, 2D-25%, 3D-20%, 4D-15%, and 5D-10%

Returned Checks

There will be a \$25.00 NSF charge on all returned checks, plus any additional bank fees.

Refunds

Refunds of fees, minus the sign-up fee, may be given in the event of a vet-out, if paperwork is submitted appropriately and timely. The vet-out cut-off date is the conclusion of Thursday, July 16th, 2020, by 12:00midnight.

Refunds of fees, minus the sign-up fee, may be given in the event of a doctor's order, if paperwork is submitted appropriately and timely. The cut-off date is the conclusion of Thursday, July 16th, 2020, by 12:00midnight.

Refunds for other extenuating circumstances may be approved by the board as needed; however, NO REFUNDS other than listed above (vet & doctor release), will be issued once pre-entries close on Tuesday, July 14th, 2020.

Timing

All runs will be timed utilizing electronic eyes.

The time begins when the horses nose crosses the timer line entering the arena and time ends when the horse crosses back through the timer exiting the arena.

There will be two official time keeper's and one back up time keeper in the announcers stand.

Timer Malfunction

In the event of a timer malfunction, a re-ride will be granted. The re-ride will be offered to the contestant at the time of their choice and will be on a fresh drag.

- If the original run was clean and qualified, no hit barrel penalties will apply to the re-ride time if a barrel should be knocked over during the re-ride.
- If the original run included a hit barrel, the penalty will carry over and the contestant would simply be running for a time, but it will not be a qualified run for the standings.

No Time

A "No Time" will be given to the contestant for the following reasons:

1. If the contestant circles their horse after entering the arena.
2. If the contestant breaks the clover-leaf barrel pattern (turns in the wrong direction, circles the barrel more than once, backs their horse up during the pattern, etc.).
3. If the contestant runs out of turn. It is the contestant's responsibility to know their draw position.

4. If a contestant knocks over a barrel. Even if the barrel is knocked over but settles back on its end, it is a “No Time.” Touching a barrel, including keeping it from falling is permitted without penalty.
5. If the contestants horse falls in a way that breaks the barrel pattern.
6. If the contestant falls off during their run.
7. If a rider is unable to get a horse in the arena in a 5-minute time limit. This rule is for the safety of the rider, horse and arena personnel.

Time Limit

The next five contestants of each drag should be checked in at the holding pen during the drag prior to their run. If a rider does not check in the announcer will be notified and the announcer will prepare three calls: The contestant’s name will be announced 3 times. After the 3rd call, if there is no attempt to make it into the holding pen, the rider will be scratched.

After the contestant’s name is called, if he/she cannot get the horse into the arena within 5 minutes, the rider will be disqualified.

This rule is for safety; to protect the rider, horse and arena personnel.

Ties

In the event of a tie for money, the two places creating the tie will be totaled and divided equally between each contestant.

In the event of a tie for prizes, an additional prize will be ordered and mailed to one of the winners. To determine which winner will receive the prize during the show:

- If only one of the tying contestants are present, they will be the prize recipient.
- If both of the tying contestants are present, a coin toss will determine the prize recipient if it cannot be agreed upon between the two contestants.

Ground

Every effort will be made to provide a safe and even ground for all contestants.

The ground will be worked every 5 runs, with a big drag after every 50 runs.

Watering times of the ground will be at the discretion of the ground crew, at minimum of every night before the next days’ race.

Overnight Horses

Stalls are available for overnight stay. Stall costs are \$30 per night and include a bag of shavings. Additional shavings may be purchased on site for \$7 per bag.

Temporary fencing/panels/pens may be allowed ONLY in designated area across the road in the grass area on Fairgrounds.

No pens/tie outs will be allowed in the parking area of The MAC to allow ample room for those traveling back and forth and needing parking access.

Also, absolutely NO tying to facility/property fences!

Coggins

Louisiana law requires all horses have a negative Coggins test annually. Please bring proof of current negative Coggins as these may be checked at the gate or at random.

Vendors

There shall be no selling of any type of merchandise or professional service on the arena grounds, in stalls, or at trailers without a vendor contract from the MAC. Vendor spots are \$50/day or \$75 for the two-day weekend and can be reserved using the following link:

<https://form.jotform.us/71838137556162>

Photos

By entering, you consent to the use of your image and/or likeness of your run and participation for promotion of or the MAC and any future equine events.

Also, a photographer will be on the grounds capturing images of all contestants. If the photographer deems it necessary to use a flash for optimization, then all contestants are subject to have a flash during their run.

Dogs

No dogs, with the exception of tagged service dogs, are allowed under the roof of the MAC. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED! We ask that all dogs on the grounds be on a leash while being walked and not allowed to roam freely for safety reasons.

Sportsmanship

All contestants and their families are expected to display good sportsmanship at all times. No level of abuse toward any MAC event will be allowed. Foul language, misconduct or abusive/threatening comments spoken to any contestant, spectator, staff member or arena personnel will result in immediate contestant disqualification and no refund of any fees. Contestants are also responsible for traveling companions and their family members.

Disqualification

Any act deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the MAC may result in disqualification of the contestant without refund of any fees. The contestant may also be placed on the "ineligible" list for future events. These acts include but are not limited to:

- Threatening or attempting to bribe fellow riders or arena personnel
- Abuse of a horse in any way either on the ground or in the saddle
- Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Misidentifying a horse or rider

THE BOARD OF THE MAC WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISIONS ON ANY AND ALL DISPUTED MATTERS REGARDING ANY OF THE RULES SET FORTH FOR THIS EVENT.