

2023 MPBA RULES

Midwest Pole Bending Association LLC

- RELEASE OF LIABILITY, INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE PERSONAL INJURY; This event is conducted by Midwest Pole Bending Association, a Minnesota LLC ("Company"). By making entry as a participant, I hereby understand that no matter how careful the sponsors, officers, directors, or participants may be, my injury or death, as well as that of my horse, or my child is a possibility. Furthermore, I, as a participant (or parent/guardian of a participant) agree to hold harmless the Company, its agents, management, contractors and employees from any expense, cause of action, damage, or claim of damage (including any legal fees) of any kind whatsoever, which I might assert as a result of my (or my child's) injury, death or claim.
- Midwest Pole Bending Association can refuse any entry for any reason.
- No outside shavings. Horses kept overnight must have a stall. Changes may be made if stalls are sold out.
- ALL RUNS COUNT weekend sidepot will be available at Race for the Roses, MN Challenge, Sharp Truck Challenge and the Prospector Challenge Gold Rush Series. Pay one \$40 fee per horse. The OPEN run from Friday-Saturday-Sunday will be used to calculate a single payout. \$1000 added for each show.
- Carryovers can be ADDED prior to the run from which the time is carried from. CARRYOVERS CANNOT be canceled once requested. Carryovers from Youth and slot races (SD only) are allowed into the Open 4D/5D races. Carryovers cannot be added if the run is already in the draw unless for a worker/vendor/sponsor rider.
- For shows with a second Open 4D class, the second open may be drawn the day of the show at producer discretion.
- Pre Entry postmark deadline is two weeks prior to the start of the event. Once entered, a rider may add classes/horses without any additional office or late fees. Online entry pre-entry deadline is one week prior to an event.
 - EARLY RUN is for workers, sponsors and vendors.
 - The early run must be designated at time of entry. Workers must volunteer a minimum of two hours = ONE early run. Workers may sign up for more hours to qualify for more early runs.
 - Sponsors are eligible to add early runs at anytime – minimum sponsor fee is \$100/vendor table or \$200/banner or minimum \$200 added money/class. NOTE: One rider/vendor will have early run eligibility all three days. Banner sponsors (\$200) may designate more than one rider.
- Heeled boots required at all races. Full dress code required for slot races. Hat/Helmet fine \$5.
- Refunds for vet-outs must be received by noon Tuesday prior to the show. Vet outs receive 100% refund less office fee.
- Horse/rider substitutions will be allowed at no charge up to 8 AM Saturday. \$10 fee for horse/rider changes received after 8 AM Saturday. No changes after 8 PM Saturday for Sunday runs. If a horse or rider change is needed, a new entry/end of draw is required.
- Barrels will be in the arena but not on the competition stakes during the Open Riding sessions.
- Exhibition time limited to one minute. Exceeding the one minute will forfeit any additional exhibitions. Riders should minimize excessive "circling" of any barrel to help hold the ground for other contestants.
- Late entries will be run at the end of each class. Late entries accepted until last rider.
- Riders will receive 3 calls at the gate. After 3 calls, the ride will be considered a scratch.
- Controlled access will be maintained for warm up areas. The number will be announced at the show.
- No schooling is allowed in the arena during the jackpot classes. Riders will be fined \$25 for circling a barrel an extra time. We want to ensure the ground is as fair as possible for every rider.
- You may circle once in the arena prior to the start of your run. You will be fined \$10 for additional circling.
- Rider must maintain forward motion after they cross the timeline.
- 4D/5D Open Classes will be on the half second split (winner, ½, ½, ½, 1/2).
- Buy back option allowed. Riders can "buy back" an entry to be added at the end of the open or pole bending classes. The office must be notified of the buy back request prior to the end of the class. Additional sidepots can be added to the buy back option.
- Poles/Youth/Senior/Adult classes and/or sidepots will be paid the same as the Open classes. Check with flyer and entry form for details.
- Futurity sidepots will be paid on a 2D full second split unless noted otherwise on the flyer/entry form for each event.
- Derby sidepots will be paid on a 2D half second split unless noted otherwise on the flyer/entry form for each event.
- Tipped barrels result in a no-time for barrel classes. Tipped poles are a 5 second penalty per pole.

- Contestants must have a current negative coggins test on-site and available upon request. State Vet Board rules apply for horses traveling from out of state.
- All reruns will be the decision of the Arena Director. Rerun will be on fresh drag. Arena Director's decisions are FINAL. In the case of a timer malfunction rider will be offered a re-run. No re-rides will be given for individual equipment or tack malfunction.
- Riders must compete in the order of the draw. It is the rider's responsibility to know when they are up. Riders running out of turn will be disqualified.
- Competitors or their representatives must be present at awards ceremony or awards are subject to forfeit.
- We will drag every 5 riders, with big drags every 50 riders. There will be a drag between all classes. Poles will be dragged every 7 riders. Changes to this plan may be made at producers discretion at the show.
- A W-9 must be on file to pick up any check. All weekend fees must be paid before picking up checks. ALL PAYOUT CHECKS WILL BE VOID AND FORFEITED AFTER 60 DAYS FROM RACE DATE.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct to horses, other competitors, workers, vendors, sponsors or to production staff may result in an immediate dismissal and forfeit of entry fees and any money earned.
- Returned check fee \$40. MPBA may formally "blacklist" riders with repetitive bounced checks or require cash only payment for future shows.
- Vendors welcome. Vendors must submit a vendor application and pay appropriate fees prior to setting up product or service areas. Unauthorized vendors will be asked to leave the show. Any entry fees and money earned will be forfeited and rider considered scratched.