

**BBR Patriot Barrel Race – Feb 21-25, 2017 – Will Rogers Coliseum, Ft. Worth, TX**  
**Event Conditions & Format:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Chance 2018 AMERICAN RODEO QUALIFIER**

Sweepstakes style race / \$700 Entry Fee per horse

- (\$500 American / \$200 to Patriot 4D Shoot Out)

American rules and conditions can be found on the BBR Web Site. All American Entries will be taken online:

[http://www.betterbarrelraces.com/pages/the\\_american.htm](http://www.betterbarrelraces.com/pages/the_american.htm)

**YOUNG GUNS 4D YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

\$10,000 Added / Divisional style race / \$300 Entry Fee per horse

- (\$100 to Young Guns Youth World Championship / \$200 to Patriot Shoot Out)

(75% payback on entry fee – half second splits – open to riders 18 and under, age as of January 1, 2017)

\$30 One-Time Processing Fee per Rider

February 1, 2017 Postmark Entry Deadline

LATE ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON SITE: \$20 Late fee ONE-TIME PER RIDER, Late entries close at 3PM on February 23, 2017. All rider substitutions constitute a late entry, they will only be allowed through the end of late entries.

Riders may substitute horses only at check in with no fee.

Young Guns Youth format: 4D with half-second splits. Young Guns is open to riders 18 and under (age as of January 1, 2017).

Young Guns competition will consist of one Qualifying round on Thursday, with Top 20 in each D proceeding to the Final Championship Round on Friday. Young Guns payout will be 100% of the added money plus 75% of the entry fees, 100% of the Purse to be paid out in the Championship Round.

**PATRIOT 4D SHOOT OUT**

\$20,000 Added 4D / \$200 Entry Fee per horse

(75% payback on entry fee – half second splits)

\$30 One Time Processing Fee per Rider

February 1, 2017 Postmark Entry Deadline

LATE ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON SITE: \$20 Late fee ONE-TIME PER RIDER, Late entries close at 1PM on February 23 and February 24, 2017. Substitutions constitute a late entry, they will only be allowed through the day's section late entry deadline, with a \$20 late fee.

Riders may substitute horses only at check in with no fee.

Patriot 4D ShootOut: 4D with half-second splits. 40% of the total purse will be paid out in the Long Go, 60% to the Shoot Out rounds.

Percentage to each Division and number of places paid will be determined by total number of entries. Each contestant may enter the Patriot 4D twice on the same horse so long as they run on different days. Patriot 4D Long go shall consist of one race over three days (including American Section on Wednesday, Young Guns Qualifying section on Thursday, and Open 4D Qualifying sections on Thursday & Friday), followed by Shoot Out Rounds (Saturday). Top Gun Shoot Out Rounds will consist of 4 separate Shoot Outs composed of qualifiers from each division of the Patriot Long Go Qualifying Race. Each Shoot Out will be a separate, clean slate, sweepstakes style race. The top 50 times from the long go in each D come back to Shoot Out Round style short goes. Riders may not qualify more than once to the Shoot Out Rounds on the same horse. Should a rider/horse combination qualify to more than one Shoot Out round, they will only move forward to the designated Shoot Out round from their fastest run only.

**Patriot 2D Futurity**

\$20,000 Added / \$300 EF

(75% payback on entry fee – full second split – graduated payout)

\$30 One-Time Processing Fee per Rider

February 1, 2017 Postmark Entry Deadline

LATE ENTRIES, HORSE AND RIDER SUBSTITUTIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON SITE: \$20 Late fee ONE-TIME PER RIDER, Late entries close at NOON on February 21, 2017. Horse and Rider Substitutions constitute a late entry, they will only be allowed through the late entry deadline, with a \$20 late fee.

Patriot 2D Futurity: 2D with full second splits. Futurity is open to horses 5 years old and under in 2017 (foals of 2012 or after), which have not competed for money, points or prizes prior in barrel racing prior to Dec. 1, 2016. 30% of the purse will be paid out in each of the long goes and 40% will be paid out in the Average, with a graduated payout where by last place in the 1D will be more than first place in the 2D. Roll Over to Patriot 4D is Optional.

### **GROUND RULES (ALL BARREL RACE CLASSES):**

- 1. ALL CONTESTANTS ENTERED IN THE PATRIOT MUST BE CURRENT BBR MEMBERS.**
- 2. WESTERN DRESS CODE REQUIRED IN ALL BARREL RACES (Pants no holes, shirt with collar, cowboy hat or equestrian helmet, and boots)**
- 3. All Draws for long goes and short goes shall be computer generated random order**
- 4. Running Order** will be posted on line for contestant convenience prior to the event at [www.americanpatriotevent.com](http://www.americanpatriotevent.com) and at [www.betterbarrelraces.com](http://www.betterbarrelraces.com) it will also in the office during the event. Late entries will be added to the bottom of the Pre-entry draw.
- Members meeting the criteria for these races may enter on whatever horse they choose or as many horses as they wish. However, a horse/rider combination is considered one entry. Also, a horse may not be competed on by more than one person at this event regardless of whether it is entered in different races. Under no circumstances shall sharing of horses be allowed.
- 6. Check In:** ALL HORSES MUST BE CHECKED IN AND NUMBERED PRIOR TO COMPETITION. CHECK IN STATION IN HOLDING AREA. CHECK IN WILL OPEN ON WEDNESDAY FROM 9AM – 6:30PM, AND THEN DAILY AT 8:30AM. Current Negative Coggins test (dated within 1 year of February 28, 2017) and Health Papers (dated within 30 days of February 28, 2017) are required at check in.
- Contestants shall identify themselves to the arena coordinator located outside the warm-up pen next to the alleyway before their name will be called in the arena. Failure to do so will result in a no time. Contestants must be in the holding area and ready when their name is called. Contestants will have 60-second time limit, commencing from announcer's first call, to enter the arena. Three calls, and only three calls will be given. Failure to enter the arena within this time limit will result in a No-Time.
- 8. If a contestant competes out of turn, he/she will receive a no-time. Contestants running more than one horse must run the horses in the position in which they were drawn or they will receive a no-time.**
- Any barrel knocked down will result in a 5-second penalty in the American Qualifier and the Patriot Futurity, while it results in a NO-TIME in the Young Guns World Championship and Open 4D ShootOut competition.
- Contestants must be mounted and must maintain forward motion once they enter the competition arena. The competition arena is defined as any point past the arena gate. Circling, stopping or backing horses after entering through the arena gate is strictly prohibited and will result in a no-time. Contestant may be led by an un-mounted assistant through the gate into the alley, horse must not be stopped, turned or circled after crossing the threshold of the gate.
- Contestants are not to train or circle a barrel more than once during competition. Such behavior will result in a no-time and a \$25 fine will be assessed payable in the show office within 1 hour of their run.
- No re-runs will be given if a horse falls, is pulled up by the rider or in the event of a rider's equipment malfunction.
- An electric timer will be used for all runs. In the event of a timer failure, a re-ride will be granted and any penalties incurred during original run will apply. Contestant shall contact the arena judge immediately to determine the position of their re-run. If a barrel is knocked down during the re-run, that penalty will apply.
- 14. Animal Abuse. IMPORTANT NOTICE: The welfare of the horse and all other animals is paramount to The Patriot Event, Rope The Ozarks, The American and BBR.** Anyone who excessively whips or spurs, and/or strikes a horse's ears, eyes or face with anything other than the hand, either in the arena or on the facility grounds will be fined \$100. Any rider caught using an electronic device on a horse during competition will be automatically disqualified and shall forfeit all winnings. Horses shall not be left unattended while bitted-up or tied-around on facility grounds at THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC produced events. Inhumane treatment, or neglect, of any horse or dog during a THE PATRIOT

EVENT, LLC events will not be tolerated. An individual who has been warned by a representative of THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC for such behavior and persists or refutes the warning shall be fined an additional \$100. Individuals who fail to pay incurred fines will remain ineligible for competition at THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC events, until such time as all fines have been paid. First offenses will be punished by a fine being imposed. A second offense will be dealt with by THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC and may result in a fine of up to \$5,000 (to be donated to a non-profit animal rescue center) and a suspension of membership.

15. **Safety:** Safety is a prime objective at this barrel race. If you have a horse that could be dangerous to yourself, other contestants, or other horses, DO NOT bring it to this barrel race. Any horse or contestant deemed to be dangerous by the management of THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC will be disqualified and entry fees will not be refunded. THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC does not assume any responsibility for personal injury, loss, theft or damage. Contestants and all other parties recognize barrel racing as a hazardous sport and participate at their own risk.
16. **Disqualifications:** Any act deemed prejudicial to the best interests of THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC may result in the disqualification of the contestant, with no refund of entry fees. The contestant may also be placed upon the Better Barrel Races "ineligible" list. 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. Also, any remarks made with the intent to cast aspersions on the character or integrity of a THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC staff member or management member.
  - b. Moving or attempting to move markers at any time.
  - c. Use of electronic and/or remote controlled devices to alter the outcome of a run.
  - d. Abuse or neglect of a horse or dog as defined within these rules.
  - e. Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
  - f. Misidentifying a horse in any THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC Barrel Race class.
  - g. Misidentifying a rider in any THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC Barrel Race class.
  - h. Other conduct that is not in the best interest of THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC, or its contestants.
  - i. Failure to make good on a returned check to THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC, or THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC Vendor.
  - j. Failure to pay any fines within one hour of fine being incurred during THE PATRIOT EVENT may result in contestant disqualification.
  - k. THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC Management at their sole discretion shall have the authority to disqualify or deny entry to any rider, or horse they deem dangerous to the rider, or to other individuals, animals or property.
17. **Payout Check Distribution:** Checks will only be issued at the conclusion of the competition to individuals who have a completed W-9 tax form on file in the show office. Checks will be issued in the name of the rider in all classes. THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC reserves the right to hold all prizes (check and awards) until a completed W-9 has been submitted. THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC also reserves the right to withhold balances due THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC, from the winnings of individuals who have outstanding accounts.
18. **Barn & Stalls: All stalls will be assigned upon arrival. Contestants riding a stallion or a problem horse must send a written request for special accommodations for that horse with their entry. These individuals will be given special consideration for stalling. There are no written or implied guarantees that tack stalls will be available at all locations. Contestants wishing to be stalled together must send their entries in the same envelope. However, THE PATRIOT, LLC does not guarantee its ability to stall contestants next to each other as per their requests.**
19. All horses staying on the grounds must be stalled in the accommodations provided by THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC Overnight tying of horses is strictly prohibited. There will be absolutely no tying of horses in the warm-up areas, round pens, and/or alley ways of the stall barns at any time.
20. Any horse found in a stall that has not been assigned specifically to it, or any horse found loose or tied and unattended will be locked in an empty stall. The owner must purchase that stall (\$150) before horse will be released or allowed to compete.
21. No outside bedding will be allowed. Shavings will be available for purchase at the host venue Feed & Bedding
22. All paid stalls will be tagged or marked with the rider's name.
23. Any nails, tacks or wire used in or on stalls must be removed prior to move-out. Excessive use of nails, tacks, wire or any similar material is prohibited.
24. Horses are not permitted on lawns, medians, or on the East (front) side of barns.
25. No electric cords will be allowed to lie on the ground or hang suspended in any area used or traversed by horses.

26. Any horse owner or rider wishing to remove stall panels or dismantling pre-constructed stalls must receive express written consent from THE PATRIOT, LLC Show Office.
27. Wash racks are located in designated barn areas. Do not wash horses in stalls, alleyways, streets or any other area other than the designated wash racks.
28. Place all stall cleanings in the designated receptacles. Do not place stall cleanings in the alleyways or trash barrels.
29. All dogs must be kept on a leash. No dogs are allowed in the host facility seating areas, restrooms, or concession stands.
30. Parking & Camping: No vehicles, including automobiles, trucks, trailers, RV's, golf carts, scooters, bicycles, etc., are allowed inside the barns (with the exception event and facility staff) or on the lawns at any time. Overnight camping with hook-ups is allowed only in designated facility RV Park. Utility connections (electric, gas, water, sewer) to vehicles from any barn area source is strictly prohibited.
31. Area traffic/parking signs are to be observed at all times.
32. Designated fire lanes must be kept clear at all times. **The roads immediately adjacent to either side of the stall barns are for unloading only!** Vehicles must be moved immediately after unloading. Vehicles parked in unauthorized areas will be towed at the owner's expense.
33. A \$100 charge will be assessed for every check returned to THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC. by the bank marked insufficient, closed account or stop payment. Anyone who fails to pay the return check charge will remain ineligible for nomination to subsequent THE PATRIOT EVENTS, LLC, until such time as all return check charges have been paid.
34. The posting of signs, advertisements, posters, bumper stickers, or cards on any surface other than bulletin boards is prohibited.
35. Selling of merchandise or professional services on the grounds, in stalls, or at trailers is prohibited unless you are a vendor contracted with THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC.
36. Damage willfully caused to any property, i.e., stalls, barns, grandstands, etc. of, its representatives, the Host Facility or Host Hotel, shall be paid for by the contestant or their representative before being allowed to continue to participate at THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC.
37. **Photo & Video Rules:** THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC retains all rights to every photo and/or video taken on the Will Rogers Events Center grounds during THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC. Contestant grants the right to use any photographs or video of him/her taken at THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC including but not limited to those of any contestant during competition or while otherwise attending the event, for publicity purposes. Contestant agrees that no photographic or video images taken of the competition or exhibition areas will be altered or copied without the express written consent of THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC and the photographer/videographer. Press credentials are required for all commercial photographers or videographers on the host venue grounds during THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC Credentials can be obtained in the event management office. Individuals without prior approval and proper THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC press credentials will be asked to leave the premises.