

2020 The Patriot Barrel Race

Will Rogers Coliseum ~ Ft. Worth, Texas
March 2-7, 2020

Event Conditions & Format

American “First Chance” Qualifier

- *Qualifier for 2020 American Semi-Finals Rodeo*
- Entry Fee: \$500
- Rollover to Patriot 4D Open *Required*
- Additional Rules Regarding American Qualifier Race can be Found at BetterBarrelRaces.com
- MUST Enter Online at BetterBarrelRaces.com ~ Books Close at 5pm Monday (3/2/20)

Junior American “Last Chance” Qualifier

- *“Last Chance” Qualifier for the 2019 Junior American*
- *Qualifier will be run as a rollover from the Wednesday races. Times may be rolled from the American Qualifier, Young Guns Youth Long Go or the Section 1 of the Patriot 4D Open*
- Entry Fee: \$250 (100% payback – 25% Qualifier Sidepot – 50% Junior American – 25% Part of American Semi-Finals/American Rodeo)
- MUST Enter Online at BetterBarrelRaces.com ~ Books Close at 9am Wednesday (3/4/20)
- Top 10 from Junior American Qualifier will be invited to the Junior American Long Go
- Visit the Junior American Pages at BetterBarrelRaces.com and AmericanPatriotEvent.com for additional information

Patriot Futurity

- *Open to horses 5 years old in the first year of competition (cannot have competed for money, points or prizes prior to Dec 1, 2019)*
- Entry Fee: \$300 (75% payback) ~ Added Money: \$20,000 (100% payback)
- Books close for Late Entries at 5pm on Wednesday (3/4/20)
- Two (2) Long Goes (30% each – 2D format/full sec split) and Average (40% - sweepstakes format)
- Rollover from each Long Go to Patriot 4D Open Optional
- Riders Substitutions allowed prior to first go-round only (any rollovers to open will also be substituted)
- Graduated 2D payout in go rounds where last in the 1D will payback more than 1st in the 2D

Young Guns Youth

- *Open to riders 19 years or younger as of Jan 1, 2020*
- Entry Fee: \$100 (75% payback) ~ Added Money: \$10,000 (100% payback)
- Books close for Late Entries at 9am on Wednesday (3/4/20)
- 4D Format (1/2 sec splits) with Long Go and Short Go
- Horse Substitutions allowed at check-in with no fee – No rider substitutions
- Clean Slate Short Go to consist of Top 20 from each Division in Long Go ~ *Pays only on Short Go*
- Rollover from Long Go to Patriot 4D Open is *Required*
- Youngs Guns Finals qualifiers must carry their times from the Patriot 4D Open Finals if they qualify for both.

Patriot 4D Open

- *Each horse/rider combo may be entered two (2) times (including rollovers) ~ runs must be on different days*
- Rollovers possible from American Qualifier/Patriot Futurity (both go rounds)/Young Guns Youth (long go) and/or Junior American
- Entry Fee: \$200 (75% payback) ~ Added Money: \$20,000 (100% payback)
- Books close for Late Entries with first horse of each section on Wednesday (3/4/20), Thursday (3/5/20) and Friday (3/6/20), respectively
- 4D Format (1/2 sec splits) with Long Go (40% of purse) and Finals (60% of purse)
- Finals Round consists of a Clean Slate, 4D Format (1/2 sec splits) consisting of Top 50 Times from each Division of Long Go
- Horse/Rider Combination may only Qualify One (1) Time in the Patriot 4D Open Finals ~ Should Horse/Rider Combination Qualify more than once they will move forward based on the Fastest Qualifying Time Only
- Running order for Patriot 4D Open Finals will be slowest to fastest based on the qualifying time.
- Horse Substitutions allowed at check-in with no fee – no substitutions allowed for Finals – No rider substitutions
- Patriot 4D Open Finals qualifiers must carry their times to the Young Guns Finals if they qualify for both.

Junior American

- *Junior American Long Go is by invitation only from contestants qualifying in one of the Junior American Qualifiers*
- There is no additional entry fee for the Junior American Qualified contestants
- The Top 15 from the Junior American Long Go will advance to the Junior American Short Go
- Visit the Junior American Pages at BetterBarrelRaces.com and AmericanPatriotEvent.com for additional information
- Junior American contestants *may* carry their long go times into the Patriot 4D Open (Note: *If Junior American contestant is riding a horse entered in the Patriot Futurity, they must make a separate run for the futurity and any carry-overs to the Patriot 4D Open will be taken from the Futurity instead of the Junior American.*)

Ground Rules – All Classes

- *The following rules apply to all classes unless specifically excepted above*
- All contestants (except those competing *ONLY* in the Junior American) must have a current Better Barrel Races membership
- Western Dress Required (pants without , shirt with collar, cowboy hat or helmet, boots or western riding shoes)
- Draw for all races will be random order. Entries must be run in the posted order
- Current Negative Coggins test (within one year) and Health Papers (within 30 days) are Required and *Will be Checked At The Entry Gate*
- All Horses must be Check-In and Numbered Prior to Entering the Competition Staging Area
- Contestants must identify themselves to the Arena Coordinator in the Staging Area before they will be Called in the Arena
- Contestants must begin their Competition Run within 60 Seconds of the Announcers First Call (during which Two Additional Calls will be Given)
- Contestants must maintain a forward motion once they enter the competition arena
- Any barrel knocked down will result in a five (5) second penalty for Sweepstakes format races or a No Time in Divisional Format races
- Failure to comply with any of the above Ground Rules will Result in a No Time
- 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
- A re-run will be granted in the event of a timer malfunction (any penalties incurred during the original run prior to announcer indicating a timer failure will be applied). Contestant must contact the arena coordinator immediately to determine the position of their re-run
- 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
- **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 Better Barrel Races (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. Inhumane treatment, or neglect, of any horse or dog during a THE PATRIOT EVENT will not be tolerated. An individual who has been warned by a representative of THE PATRIOT EVENT management for such behavior and persists or refuses the warning shall be fined an additional \$100. Individuals who fail to pay incurred fines will remain ineligible for competition at THE PATRIOT EVENT, 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 management 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.
- **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 will be disqualified and entry fees will not be refunded. THE PATRIOT EVENT, LLC, Better Barrel Races, LLC and/or The American Rodeo producers do 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.
- **Disqualifications:** Any act deemed prejudicial to the best interests of THE PATRIOT EVENT 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:
 - 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 staff member or management member.
 - Moving or attempting to move markers at any time.
 - Use of electronic and/or remote controlled devices to alter the outcome of a run.
 - Abuse or neglect of a horse or dog as defined within these rules.
 - Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
 - Misidentifying a horse in any THE PATRIOT EVENT Barrel Race class.
 - Misidentifying a rider in any THE PATRIOT EVENT Barrel Race class.
 - Other conduct that is not in the best interest of THE PATRIOT EVENT, or its contestants.
 - Failure to make good on a returned check to THE PATRIOT EVENT, or THE PATRIOT EVENT Vendor.
 - Failure to pay any fines within one hour of fine being incurred during THE PATRIOT EVENT may result in contestant disqualification.
 - THE PATRIOT EVENT 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.
- **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.

- **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.
- 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.
- 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.
- No outside bedding will be allowed. Shavings will be available for purchase at the host venue Feed & Bedding
- All paid stalls will be tagged or marked with the rider's name.
- 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.
- Horses are not permitted on lawns, medians, or on the East (front) side of barns.
- No electric cords will be allowed to lie on the ground or hang suspended in any area used or traversed by horses.
- 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.
- 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.
- Place all stall cleanings in the designated receptacles. Do not place stall cleanings in the alleyways or trash barrels.
- All dogs must be kept on a leash. No dogs are allowed in the host facility seating areas, restrooms, or concession stands.
- **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.
- Area traffic/parking signs are to be observed at all times.
- 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.
- 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.
- The posting of signs, advertisements, posters, bumper stickers, or cards on any surface other than bulletin boards is prohibited.
- 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.
- 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.
- **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.