

WVSC 4D Rules

1. A WVSC barrel race is a timed event using three identical barrels set in a cloverleaf pattern.
2. The starting gate or gates must remain the same throughout the entire event. A contestant may request that the gate be closed after they enter the arena.
3. The start/finish line and the barrel positions should be permanently marked and must remain the same throughout the entire event.
4. The pattern at a WVSC show must meet the following conditions:
 - a. The first two barrels must be a minimum of 15 feet off the side fence.
 - b. a minimum of 30 feet between the third barrel and the back fence.
 - c. a minimum of 30 feet between the timer line and the first barrel.
5. Any time a contestant crosses the starting line, time will begin.
6. A contestant will be given a “no time” for missing the pattern.
7. A contestant will be disqualified for running out of turn. It is the contestant’s responsibility to know his/her draw position.
8. A contestant will be given a “no time” for knocking over a barrel. A “no time” will also be given if a barrel is knocked over and it sets up again on either end. Touching a barrel, including to keep it from falling, is permitted without penalty. Peewees will be given a plus 5 seconds for any knocked barrels.
9. A contestant will be given a no time if the horse or rider falls during the run in such a manner as to break the pattern, or if the rider falls off the horse.
10. If a barrel is moved off its marker during competition, the barrel must be reset prior to the next competitor’s run.
11. Contestants may ride any horse, regardless of ownership, and may ride as many horses as they choose in a class. However, a horse may not be shown by more than one person in a class, unless immediate family, living in the same house hold.
12. Entries for a WVSC class will close when the payout is started, or at an earlier time as specified on the show bill. under no circumstances will entries be taken for a class after the tractor starts dragging for that class.
13. At all WVSC sanctioned shows, the draw shall be done in a random manner. (computer, shuffling cards, drawing numbered chips, etc.) All horses in the draw must be named. Riders with multiple entries must ride their horses in the position in which they draw up. Once set, the draw may not be changed. If a contestant enters two horses and needs to draw one out, their numbers cannot be switched. For example, Susie at draw number 31 and Lightning at draw 74, and Susie needs to be scratched, Lightning will remain at draw 74 and cannot move to number 31.

14. Only one horse may be in the arena at any time during competition.
15. Reruns shall be granted if the timer fails to work properly or if the barrels are not placed properly on their markers. Any penalty incurred on the original run shall not be applied against the rerun; however, any penalty occurring on the rerun shall result in a no time.
16. Contestants who are given a no-time, either for missing the pattern or knocking down a barrel, may complete the pattern. However, show management may, at its discretion, ask a rider who is taking excessive time to train to leave the arena immediately. If such request is not complied with, a \$25 fine may be assessed, payable to the WVSC awards fund.
17. WVSC Officials have the right to disqualify any uncontrolled horse which does not begin.
18. No horse abuse will be tolerated. Excessive whipping, spurring, jerking or hitting. WVSC Officials have the right to disqualify.
19. In a 4-D payout, the total jackpotted entry fees of a class is to be divided 35% to the 1st Division, 30% to the 2nd Division, 20% to the 3rd Division, and 15% to the 4th Division.
20. Added money will be divided in the same ratio OR split evenly among all divisions.
21. There are no restrictions regarding how added money is apportioned among classes at a show. For example, a show may add money to the Open but not to Youth or Seniors.

22. **4-D Format For Open (2-D Format for other classes)**

Places	Number of Entries							
	1-12	13-20	21-40	41-80	81-120	121-160	161-200	201+
1st	100%	60%	50%	40%	30%	28%	26%	24%
2nd	—	40%	30%	30%	25%	22%	20%	18%
3rd	—	—	20%	20%	20%	18%	15%	15%
4th	—	—	—	10%	15%	14%	12%	12%
5th	—	—	—	—	10%	10%	10%	10%
6th	—	—	—	—	—	8%	9%	8%
7th	—	—	—	—	—	—	8%	7%
8th	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6%

23. All prize money must be paid out.
24. Prize money will NOT be paid to any contestant who knocks over a barrel.
25. At any WVSC show, if not enough riders qualify in a division as monies to be paid, the money which is unaccounted for shall go back to the club towards 4D Membership Year End Awards.

26. 70% of all entry monies to be put in to the payout for each class, 30% of the entry fee money goes to the club for year end awards and expenses.
27. Membership is open to any & all persons of reputable character who have an interest in barrel racing. No age limit applies although any person under the age of 18, applying for membership must submit an application signed by his/her parent or guardian, giving consent for him/her to compete in approved events. Family memberships are available for the spouse and/or children (18 years of age or under and living at home) of an active member for an additional 1/2 of current single membership.
28. Membership dues shall be paid annually. Any person having joined this Association will thereby become subject to the Rules and Bylaws now in force or later adopted by the Board of Directors.
29. 4D Membership dues shall be as follows: Single Adult or Single Youth \$60, Additional Youth \$30/each (up to 2 additional minor children with paid Single membership. You may put two Youth on a family membership together, for example, one will cost \$60 the additional will cost \$30. Peewees \$25.
30. Officers & Directors of the WVSC assume no responsibility for injury or damage to the person, property or stock of any owner, contestant or assistant. Each participant, by the act of paying his/her membership dues permit or entry fees, waives any/all claim(s) against this Association for injuries he/she or their property may sustain.
31. WARNING: Under Florida Law, an Equine Activity Sponsor or Equine Professional is not Liable for an injury to, or death of, a participant in Equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of Equine activities. Posted as Notification as required by Section 91 Law 93-169 Equine Zero Liability Statute.
32. 4D OPEN BARRELS: This class will pay 2D at ½ second, 3D 1 second, and 4D 2 seconds off the fastest time unless applicable requirements are not met which will result in running a 3D format. You can run more than 1 horse in this class, points are allocated to the rider. If you place more than once in a single division, you will receive your earnings for that day...BUT...as a member your points will be given ONLY to the highest placement, the next member placing will receive the points on your additional placement. You cannot receive points for more than one placement in any single division. Year-end points accumulated on rider in each division. Times from this class may be carried over to "1" additional barrel class during the same jackpot event.
33. **If the time from an Open run has been carried over Youth class & the run results in a downed barrel, DQ or NT the rider will be allowed to run the Youth class if he/she chooses, however an additional entry fee is required for the re-run. No re-run will be allowed unless the Open run resulted in a Barrel down, DQ or NT.**
34. 3D YOUTH BARRELS: Youth is a rider who is 18 or under as of January first of the Association year. This class will be a 3D class, paying on a full second off the fastest time run. You may run more than one horse in this class. If you place more than once in a single division, you will receive your earnings for that day...BUT...as a member your points will be given ONLY to the highest placement, the next member placing will receive the points on your additional placement. You cannot receive points for more than one placement in any single division. Refer to 4D Open Barrels for year-end points & awards rules.

35. 2D ADULT BARRELS: Adult is a rider who is 19 or over as of January first of the Association year. This class will be a 2D class, paying on a full second off the fastest time run. This class is a carryover only from the Open. You may carry over more than one horse in this class. If you place more than once in a single division, you will receive your earnings for that day, but as a member your points will be given ONLY to the highest placement, the next member placing will receive the points on your additional placement. You cannot receive points for more than one placement in any single division. Refer to 4D Open Barrels for year-end points & awards rules.
36. 2D POLE BENDING: Pole placements will start 21 feet from the timer with each consecutive pole being placed 21 feet from the previous pole. This class will be a 2D class, paying on the full second off the fastest time run. You may run more than one horse in this class. If you place more than once in a single division, you will receive your total earnings, but as a member your points will be allocated ONLY to the highest placement, the next member placing will receive the points from your additional placement. You cannot receive points for more than 1 placement in any single division. Points are allocated on the rider. Refer to 4D Open Barrels for year-end points & awards rules.
37. Points will be allocated as follows: Each class will have points awarded to the top 5 places in each Division...1st place 5 pts, 2nd place 4 pts, 3rd place 3 pts, 4th place 2 pts and 5th place 1 pt. Nonmembers placing are ineligible for points which will therefore be awarded to the next member who placed after the nonmember.
38. There will be no finals in this Association. There will be 9 jackpots occurring, 1 each month from January through December (Except June, July, and August) after the December Association jackpot, points will be calculated, and winners determined. An awards banquet will be held with the date and location being determined by the Board of Directors.
39. Awards will be allocated to the top 5 positions in each Division for Open, top 5 positions in Youth, Adult and top 3 for Poles. More places are possible depending on award budget at the end of the year. To qualify for year-end awards a member must have participated a minimum of 6 shows per year.
40. Ties will be determined at the Finale show by the fastest time. If two or more people are tied for a place, the rider with the fastest time wins the tie, then the second fastest wins the next place, and so on. If a rider does not run the finale the tie automatically goes to the rider who runs. If none run the finale show, the ties will be determined by attendance for the show year.