

2011 OLD FORT DAYS BARREL RACING RULES (FUTURITY & SUPER DERBY)

1. Horses must be checked in on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 beginning at 8:00 am and ending at 1:00 pm. Failure to check in by the deadline will disqualify your horse. Horse must have original papers at check-in **COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!** An official identifier designated by Old Fort Days, whose decision will be final, will check papers. **ORIGINAL HORSE PAPERS MUST SHOW AND LIST ALL IDENTIFYING MARKS AND CURRENT OWNERS.** Original registration papers will be no longer held at check-in **BUT if you make the finals you will need to present the original papers at the office when you fill out your tax papers.**
2. Horses must meet Arkansas State Animal Health Requirements. A copy of these requirements is enclosed but you are reminded they are subject to change at the discretion of the State of Arkansas.
3. Twenty percent (20%) of the entry fees is deducted for advertising, promotion and production.
4. Contestants must wear long sleeve shirts, long pants, western hat and boots during their competition. Shirtsleeves must be fully extended and fastened. Sponsor logos are permitted.
5. Contestant must have hat on head when entering the arena. *If hat falls off and lands in the alleyway, contestant will be disqualified.
6. Contestant must be ready to compete when their name is called. Failure to start down the alley when name is called will result in disqualification.
7. Back numbers must match the horse's number at all time
8. There will be **NO** reruns given if horse falls or is pulled up by the rider.
9. There will be one judge whose decision will be final.
10. Contestant must enter the arena and proceed straight to the first barrel. Once inside the arena contestant cannot stop and/or circle the horse before starting line or it will result in disqualification.
11. Contestant must enter the alley closest to the first barrel and exit using the opposite alley. Contestant needs to notify gate man which alley they intend to use. Left alley goes to left first barrel, right alley to right first barrel.
12. An electric timer will be used for all runs. Should the timer malfunction a rerun will be given immediately after the event is complete for the day.
13. In the event a rerun is granted, any penalties incurred during the original run will be added to the rerun.
14. No reruns will be given due to malfunction of contestant's equipment.
15. In the event of a tie for last place to the finals, there will be a run-off 30 minutes following the end of the trials.
16. If a horse qualifies for the finals and does not run in the finals, the horse will be awarded last place or will split with other no-times in the finals.
17. **Any horse that is found in a stall that has not been assigned to that horse** will be removed by the Old Fort Days Committee and locked up. A charge of \$100 will be assessed and must be paid in cash before the horse will be released and be eligible to compete in the Futurity or Super Derby.
18. No electric cords will be allowed to lie on the ground in any area used or traversed by horses.
19. Any unauthorized person caught moving portable stall panels or keeping a horse in an area constructed in any part with Old Fort Days panels will be disqualified from competing in the Old Fort Days Futurity or Super Derby.
20. All vehicles will park in the area designated by the Committee.

21. Anyone parking in the area where utilities are available will be required to put their trailer or portable stall directly in front of or behind their vehicles. No one will be allowed to take up more than one parking place in this area.
22. **All contestants are required to put their trailer and/or portable pen directly in front of or behind their vehicle. NO ONE will be allowed to take up more than one parking place.**
23. Damage willfully caused to any property, i.e. stalls, barns, etc., of the Old Fort Days Committee, its lesser or subcontractors, shall be paid for by the contestant or its representative before being allowed to continue in any participation in Old Fort Days.
24. **ALL dogs must be confined to contestant's trailer/camper area or on a leash at all times. No dogs will be allowed in the stadium during the time trials and finals.**
25. **NO HORSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE GROUNDS UNTIL 8:00 AM, SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011. NO EXCEPTIONS!! NOTICE: STATE REQUIRES THAT ALL HORSES HEALTH PAPERS BE CHECKED AT THE MAIN GATE PRIOR TO ENTERING THE GROUNDS.**
26. **In the interest of safety for our patrons, employees and contestants, anyone operating a motor vehicle to include golf carts and motor scooters in an unsafe manner may be immediately disqualified and asked to vacate the premises.**
27. **Old Fort Days will not tolerate abuse of any animal by any person while on fairgrounds properties.**

Any Contestant who abuses an animal while on any property owned or operated by the Old Fort Days Futurity may be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 and/or disqualification for a period of time, up to and including permanent disqualification from any Old Fort Days Futurity. The determination of the amount of the fine and the nature and length of disqualification will be made by the Officials of the Old Fort Days Futurity. The foregoing rule shall also apply to any Contestant when the abuse of any animal is done by a member of their family, or any trainer, rider or helper associated with that Contestant, or by the owner of any horse upon which they intend to compete.

Any person who abuses an animal while on any property owned or operated by the Old Fort Days Futurity may be disqualified from competing or entering any horse at the Old Fort Days Futurity for period of time, up to and including permanent disqualification, from any Old Fort Days Futurity. Any allegation of abuse will be investigated by the Futurity Chairman who will then report such findings to the Old Fort Days Futurity Board for a determination as to the validity of those allegations. A finding by the Board that such abuse did take place is final and not subject to review. The determination of the fine amount and the nature and length of disqualification will be made by the Officials of the Old Fort Days Futurity and is final and binding.

If an individual owns a horse that is entered in the Old Fort Days Futurity and the rider of that horse becomes ineligible to compete due to a violation of the foregoing rules, said owner has the option of substituting another rider. Substitution must be made by notifying any official of the Old Fort Days Futurity of the name of the new rider prior to time for the horse to compete.

28. **Any questions or dispute which may arise during the course of the Futurity or Super Derby not covered by the above rules will be decided and settled by the chairman whose decision will be final.**