

2020 MPBA RULES

Midwest Pole Bending Association LLC

* Includes all 2020 events except PEWC finals.

- Midwest Pole Bending Association and its representatives have the final say on all rulings.
- 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, 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, Xtreme Million qualifiers, and slot races (SD) are allowed in the Open 4D/5D races.
- Heeled boots required at all races. Full dress code required for slot races, and Xtreme Million Qualifier.
- Refunds for vet-outs must be received by noon Friday. 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.
- 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.
- 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 4D half second split (winner, ½, ½, ½, 1/2).
- The Youth class and/or sidepots will be paid on the 3D/4D full second split (winner, 1,1,1).
- Pole Bending will be paid on a 3D/4D full second split (winner, full, full, full)
- 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.