

2026 Dog Days of Summer Series Jackpot Rules

1. Communication

- 1.1. Facebook will be the primary communication outlet. The website will be updated secondly with flyers, rules, entry links, draws, results and series standings.
- 1.2. Participants are responsible for being up to date on the rules, particularly relating to events in which they compete. Failure to understand will not be accepted as an excuse.

2. Entry & Classes

- 2.1. Pre-draw entries will open the week prior to each run and close the evening before at 7pm. The pre-draw will be posted prior to 12pm the day of the race.
- 2.2. Late entries will be accepted on-site and close 15 minutes prior to Open Barrels start time. Late entries will go at the end of the pre-draw or filled in to an open/scratch spot if the opportunity arises.
- 2.3. Draw outs or changes must be made prior to the draw being posted. Once the draw is posted, all fees are due.
- 2.4. All fees are due prior to entering the arena.
- 2.5. A \$5/day office fee is due by each contestant.
- 2.6. Exhibitions will be available only via pay at the gate on a first come, first serve basis for \$5 per run. These are not timed, however it is courteous to other contestants to keep each exhibition to 60 seconds or less as is the industry standard.
- 2.7. Contestants may ride any horse, regardless of ownership, and may ride as many horses as they choose.
- 2.8. It is the sole responsibility of the contestant to know their draw position. Failure to be present for a competition run will result in a scratch. In the event of a missed run, the contestant will have the option to be added back in to the race at the very end by paying a second entry fee.
- 2.9. It is your responsibility to know your draw positions and run the correct horse in the correct draw position. Running the wrong horse will result in a disqualification for both horses that this affects.
- 2.10. In the event the timer fails to operate, a re-run will be granted during that same event. Penalties will stand if barrels or poles are knocked during timer failure.
- 2.11. During competition, drags will be after every 5 runs and a big drag after every 50.
- 2.12. Open classes are open to anyone.
- 2.13. Youth entries must be 13 years of age or under as of May 5, 2026.
- 2.14. All barrel racing entries will run in one combined draw. Each horse/rider combination will only run one time, regardless if they are entered in both the Open and Youth pot – in that case the one run will count toward both pots.
- 2.15. Any knocked barrel or pole will result in a no-time.
- 2.16. No circling of barrels or poles or training during competition runs. If the pattern is broken, rider may complete the pattern from the point of the break in a timely fashion or exit the arena immediately.

3. Payout & Awards

- 3.1. The Open Barrel Racing will be a 4D 0.5 second split. Open entry fees will be split 80/20 pot/office. The pot will be split 35/30/20/15 to 1D/2D/3D/4D.
- 3.2. The Youth Barrel Racing will be a 3D 0.5 second split. Youth entry fees will be split 80/20 pot/office. The pot will be split 50/30/20 to 1D/2D/3D.

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- 3.3. The Open Pole Bending will be a 3D 0.5 second split. Pole Bending entry fees will be split 80/20 pot/office. The pot will be split 50/30/20 to 1D/2D/3D.
- 3.4. Places paid per D will be determined by final entry number per class, following BBR payout guidelines. Amount paid out will be rounded to the nearest whole dollar. Rathe Equine reserves the right to pay more or less holes based on these payout ranges.
- 3.5. Ties will be split evenly.
- 3.6. All payout will be in cash.
- 3.7. If you are not present at the end of the event, cash payments will be held until the next show if not picked up the day of, unless otherwise stated. You may have someone pick up cash for you. Rathe Equine is not liable for any payments claimed by outside parties you have designated.
- 3.8. No membership/nomination fee or minimum number of shows is required to be eligible for any series awards.
- 3.9. Series standings are kept via points system. Points are accumulated per horse/rider combo per D in each class.
- 3.10. All series awards must be picked up by the winner or a representative - no awards will be mailed.

4. Grounds Rules

- 4.1. Horses or trailers staying on site overnight must go through the Brown County Ag Society.
- 4.2. No alcohol is allowed on site unless purchased through the Brown County Ag Society concession stand. Failure to follow is grounds for dismissal as this risks their liquor license.

5. Liability & Dismissal

- 5.1. Rathe Equine will assume no responsibility or liability for injury, or death to a person or animal or damage to property of any owner, contestant or assistant. Each participant, by the act of paying their entry fees and entering the facilities - including but not limited to: arena, stalls, parking lots, bathrooms, and any other part of the facility included in the premise, waive all claims against Rathe Equine, and any arena for which shows are operated from, owners, workers, and/or any one person or entity associated with Rathe Equine events for injury/damage/death he/she or their property sustain. No person associated with the production of the show may be held liable for any of the above occurrences.
- 5.2. We (Rathe Equine) reserve the right to refuse entry for ANY reason. Behavior by contestants or spectators that is deemed inappropriate will not be tolerated and is grounds for disqualification from the event with no refund and dismissal from the grounds. These actions include but are not limited to: Theft, destruction of property, willful endangering any animal or human, inhumane treatment of an animal including but not limited to excessive whipping/kicking/hitting of a horse, or verbal & physical threats of any kind. This list can be added to in any capacity at the production's discretion.