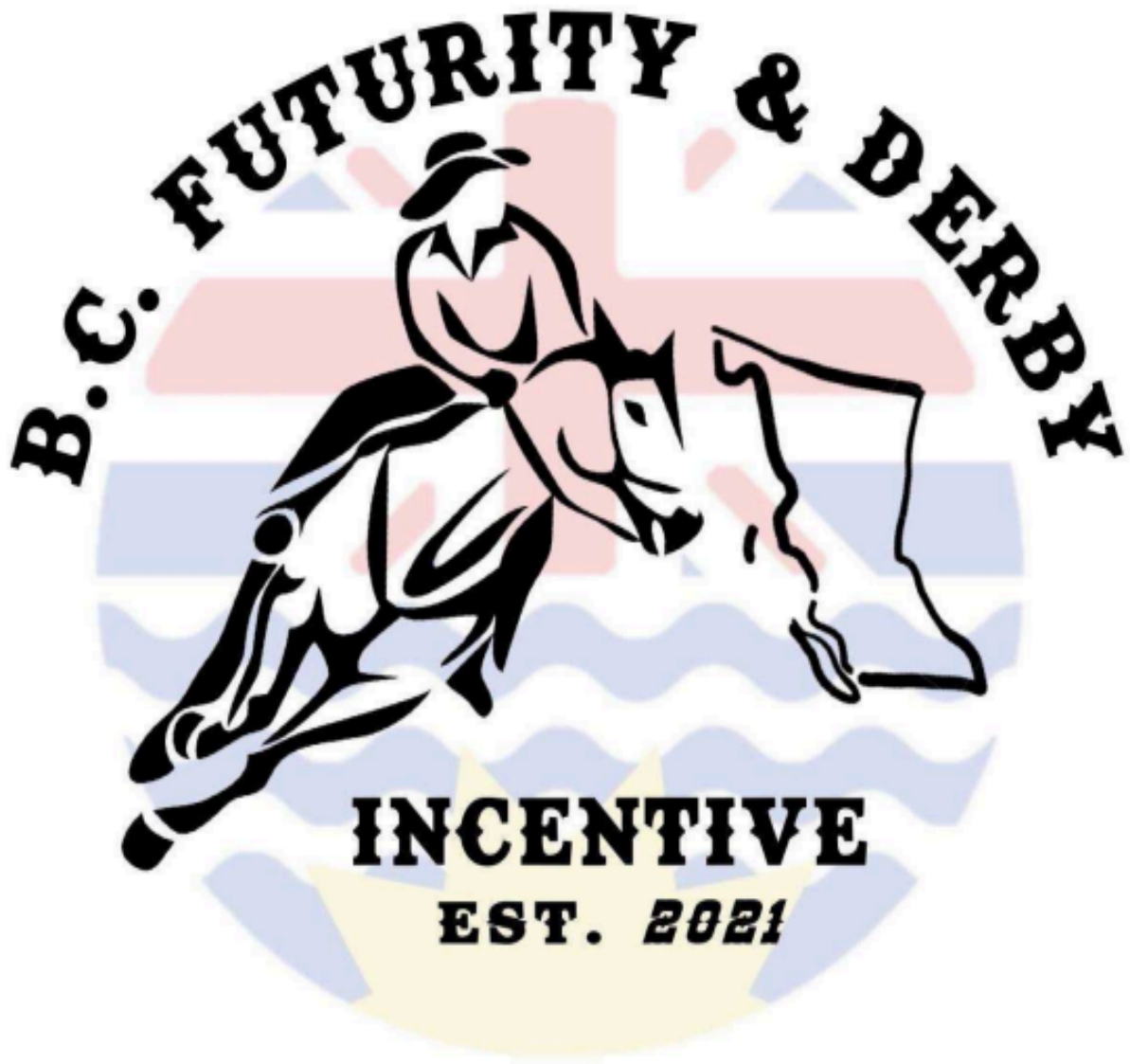


RULE BOOK



Revised as of November 8th 2024

Committee Members

Lisa Whitman - President & Treasurer
Laura James - Sponsorship & Finals
Lori Rankin - North Representative
Sarah Gerard - Futurity & Derby Representative
Odessa Blackwell - Membership & Points
Carliegh King - Awards
Leslie Beckford - Island Representative
Sandy Chevalier - Southern Representative
Candace Chevalier - Southern Representative
Renee Willis - Stallion & Social Media
Shanda Davis- Coastal Representative

Grievances

Whenever a member of the BCFDI has a grievance against either the association, its Board of Directors, or a Director individually, due to an official act or failure to act, that member shall submit the grievance in writing, citing the applicable Bylaw, to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall convene at their next regular meeting as a grievance committee to determine the correctness of the grievance. The complaining members shall present all pertinent data or evidence on the matter, and may attend in person.

The BCFDI Board shall make their determination, and recommendations for the solution of such grievance, if necessary. The complaining member shall be notified of such decision within ten (10) days of such decision. If the complaining member is dissatisfied with the decision or the solution as determined by the BCFDI Board, she/he must submit a written appeal of the matter to the BCFDI official for receipt by the office within ten (10) days of the notice to the member of the decision. She/he may present any new data or evidence concerning the matter to the BCFDI Board together with any new witness she/he may have. The BCFDI Board of Directors shall hear this review and again make such determination and solution, if any as necessary. **The decision of the Board of Directors will Be Final.**

Nominations

- A. The Futurity is open to horses 5 years of age and younger of the competing year. To be eligible for the Futurity, the horse must NEVER have competed in ANY barrel race, including AQHA shows, play days, novice horse events, derbies, rodeos, etc. prior to November 15 of the previous year. To do so will forfeit any and all fees paid and eliminated from the Futurity.
- B. The Derby is Open to horses 7 years of age and younger of the competing year. There are no rules on prior competition for the Derby. No horse may enter both the BCFDI Futurity and Derby within the same year.

- C. "Membership" is defined as the person who nominates the horse, and is open to any individual person as long as the horse meets age and competition criteria.
- D. The rules of this Incentive Program will extend to riders, owners, trainers and other connections while they are representing the nominated horse at any event endorsed by the BCBFDI. The Board can deny or revoke the membership of any person who the Board believes may be detrimental to the Association or the animals, people or events, and goals it strives to promote or for any other reason which the Board, within its discretion, may deem appropriate. This decision by the Board is final and not subject to appeal.
- E. Nomination of the horse may be admitted, retained, suspended, and expelled in accordance with such rules and as the Board of Directors may from time to time adopt.
- F. An annual fee shall be paid for each annual nomination (membership). The annual fee may be altered or changed by a majority vote of a quorum of the (Governing Committee) Board of Directors at any meeting called for that purpose.
- G. Nominations will transfer with the horse if sold
- H. Any person nominating a horse, thereby becoming a member of the BCFDI shall become familiar with its Rules and Bylaws and shall comply and be bound by same. Only members in good standing shall be eligible to receive any awards or benefits sanctions by the Rules of the BCFDI.
- I. NO MEMBER or any other individual has the authority to grant any endorsement on behalf of the association without permission of the Board of Directors.
- J. No member, person, or organization shall be permitted to use the official logo or other marks of the BCFDI in any manner without specific written authority of the BCFDI Board of Directors.
- K. The Membership list will not be allowed out of the physical possession of the Secretary/Treasurer.
- L. In the event that anyone wants to use the list for commercial purposes, they must get the approval of the Association and follow the procedures and systems employed by the office. All costs involved shall be paid in advance.
- M. BCFDI members and others acknowledge that barrel races are dangerous activities and that participation in a barrel race as a competitor or volunteer exposes the participant or person to a substantial and serious risk of property damage, personal injury or death. BCFDI members, volunteers, and family members acknowledge that participation in BCFDI-sanctioned barrel races will involve such a hazard. Being fully aware that participation in BCFDI-sanctioned barrel races will expose said members to substantial and serious risk of property damage and/or personal injury or death, said member hereby releases BCFDI, its sponsors, and any sanctioned barrel race committee, their affiliated, related or subsidiary companies, and the officers, Directors, employees, and agents of each

entity or organization from liability participation in BCFDI sanctioned barrel races, including claims that are known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, future or contingent. BCFDI members, or family, shall not now or at any time in the future, directly or indirectly, commence or prosecute any action, suit, or other proceeding against the aforementioned arising out of or related to the action or discharge by BCFDI member of the family. This provision shall be binding upon each BCFDI member, her or his spouse, legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns.

Futurity/Derby Nomination

To nominate a horse you must submit a

- nomination form,
- copy of registration papers (or vet affidavit as to age) and
 - The vet affidavit must contain:
 - Horse's name
 - Left, right, and front photos
 - Stated aged
 - Date exam completed
 - Veterinarian's signature
- payment of \$75 for the nomination fee.

Futurity Horse is defined as a five (5) year old or younger. May never have competed in barrel racing for money, prizes, or points at any time before November 15 of the previous year.

For example, a horse born in 2020 will be able to start competing on November 15, 2024, for the BCFDI 2025 Season.

Derby is classified as a horse 7 years of age and younger of the competing year. There are no rules on prior competition for the Derby.

If a horse is sold during the season, the nomination will go with the horse for the remainder of the season. Nominations are non-refundable and non-transferable to other horses.

Monies

All BCFDI sponsorship money and nomination fees are used to fund the finals and added money at finals. Additionally, money has been added to barrel races throughout the year to promote BCFDI side pots.

Producing a BCFDI Side Pot

Any open barrel race may apply to host a BCFDI Futurity and Derby Side Pot, subject to approval by the BCFDI.

Entry Fees

- The standard BCFDI Side Pot entry fee is **\$20.00 per entry**.
- Producers may increase the side pot entry fee when **\$500.00 or more in added money** is offered, at the producer's discretion.
- **One hundred percent (100%) of all BCFDI Side Pot entry fees and all advertised BCFDI added money must be paid out according to the official BCFDI payout structure. No holdback of side pot entry fees or added money is permitted.**

Eligibility

- Competitors entering a BCFDI Side Pot must also be entered in the Open race.
- Horses do not need to be nominated to the BCFDI to compete in a Side Pot; however, **only nominated horses are eligible to earn BCFDI points or qualify for the BCFDI Finals.**

Race Format

- The BCFDI Side Pot shall be run as a **2D format**, with the split determined at one-half (½) second.
- The total purse shall be divided:
 - **1D – 60%**
 - **2D – 40%**

Payout Structure

1 placing 100
 2 placings 60 40
 3 placings 43 33 24
 4 placings 38 28 20 14
 5 placings 33 27 20 13 7
 6 placings 32 25 18 12 7 6
 7 placings 30 24 17 11 7 6 5
 8 placings 29 22 17 10 7 5.5 5 4.5
 9 placings 28 21 16 9.5 6.5 5.5 5 4.5 4
 10 placings 26.5 20 15 9.5 6.5 5.5 5 4.5 4 3.5
 11 placings 25 19 15 9 6.5 5.5 5 4.5 4 3.5 3
 12 placings 24 19 14 9 6 5.5 5 4.5 4 3.5 3 2.5
 13 placings 24 18 14 8 6 5.5 5 4.5 4 3.5 3 2.5 2
 14 placings 23.5 17.5 13.5 8 6 5.5 5 4.5 4 3.5 3 2.5 2 1.5

The official BCFDI payout percentages shall be used for each division. Last-place money in the final paying position shall be no less than the entry fee.

Producer Responsibilities

By hosting a BCFDI-approved Side Pot, the producer agrees to:

- Conduct the Side Pot in accordance with all current BCFDI rules.
- Pay **100% of all Side Pot entry fees and advertised BCFDI added money** according to the official BCFDI payout schedule.
- Submit official race results to the BCFDI within **seven (7) days** of the event.
- Pay all Side Pot prize money to competitors within **seven (7) days** of the event, unless otherwise approved by the BCFDI Board.
- Provide proof of payout, including e-transfer confirmations, copies of cheques, or other documentation, if requested by the BCFDI.

Producer Compliance

Failure to comply with BCFDI rules, including but not limited to failure to submit results, failure to pay Side Pot winnings, withholding entry fees or added money, or providing false information, may result in disciplinary action.

The BCFDI Board reserves the right to:

- Declare a producer **Not in Good Standing**.
- Suspend or revoke approval to host future BCFDI Side Pots.
- Withhold recognition of event results and points until compliance has been verified.
- Take any additional action deemed necessary to protect the integrity of the BCFDI and its members.

All decisions of the BCFDI Board regarding producer compliance shall be final.

Calculating the 2D Split:

1. “Drop” the runs with a penalty or no time, and sort the qualified runs in order from fastest to slowest, If an even number of clean runs, then the split is exactly halfway (10 clean runs would be 1D top 5, 2D bottom 5) or, if an odd number, the larger number goes in the 2D (11 clean runs would be 1D top 5, 2D bottom 6). On the Charlie Horse program, you have the Futurity and Derby set up as 2D. Then, after the results are inputted, you calculate where the split should start by numbers (6th place in the examples above). Subtract the 1D winning time from the 2D starting time (*see below) and put that difference into the ‘D’ increments and payout overrides under the 2D column next to Futurity or Derby (whichever you are calculating). Example: 10 clean runs - fastest time is 17.0 – 5 horses place in the 1D, the 6th Fastest time is 18.5 – Starts the 2D – 5 horses place in the 2D Subtract 17.0 from 18.5 – the split is 1.5 seconds Futurity and Derby results are submitted via:

- a. BCFDI email: bcfuturityderbyinc@gmail.com/

b. or via BCFDI Cognito Forms
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/LisaWhitman1/BCFDIRaceRESULTSForm2025>
within (1) week of the race date.

Points

- Throughout the season the BCFDI will keep track of points from all BCFDI side pots and races.
- The point system starts at 10 points for 1st in either 1D or 2D and goes down by 1 point to 10th place.
- There is 1 point awarded for attendance of a race if knocked a barrel or receive a no-time
- The points are awarded to nominated horses only.

Finals (The following rules apply to finals and all other events hosted by the BCFDI)

1. Barrel race is a timed event, using brightly colored 55-gallon steel drums.
2. Both ends of the barrel must be enclosed.
3. There shall be no rubber or plastic barrels or barrel pads used.
4. There is to be only one contesting horse in the arena at the time during the barrel race without exception.
5. The starting gate or gates will remain the same throughout the entire futurity/derby go-rounds.
6. The start and finish line and the position of the barrels must be permanently marked for the entire futurity go-rounds.
7. The horse must enter the arena in forward motion and continue in forward motion. Once the alleyway has been breached the horse's run has begun. He may be required to run in and out of the arena only when an acceptable centrally located gate or gates safely permits or by special Board of Directors approval.
8. Any time a contestant crosses the starting line, time will begin.
9. Horses cannot make a circle in the area prior to the timer.
10. A contestant cannot train or circle during competition. No more than one circle on each barrel while competing.
11. No stopping or whipping a horse in the alley upon completion of the run.
12. There will be no uncinching, taking tack off, or scoring in the alleyway/in gate
13. The start/finish line must be the same.
14. 3 minute rule. If the rider has not crossed the line within 3 mins, the rider will be asked to leave the arena and will receive NT. The timer will begin upon calling the riders name.
15. Contestants will be assessed a five (5) second penalty for knocking over a barrel.
Touching a barrel is permitted.
16. Should the barrel be knocked over and it sets up on opposite end, the five (5) second penalty will be assessed.

17. The directors and arena committee shall have the right to stop the barrel race during a performance due to “bad ground” conditions. The arena shall be reworked and the directors shall determine if there will be any reruns.

RERUNS

1. Reruns shall be given if a timer fails to work or if barrels are not placed properly on markers. No penalties will carry over to rerun. Contestant shall be given the choice to rerun immediately or at the end of the class.

DISQUALIFICATION

1. Contestant will be disqualified for not being ready to compete when their name is called. Contestant will be called three (3) times by announcer and if they do not present themselves to compete in the order originally drawn, they will be disqualified.
2. Contestant will be disqualified for missing the pattern.
3. Contestant will be disqualified if run is made out of designated order or until signal is given that the arena is clear.

GROUND PATTERN

1. Committee is asked to prepare ground in the arena to be consistent throughout the event.
2. Number of contestants to run during a drag should not exceed five (5). There shall be a drag of the tractor around the barrels after every five (5) numbers or runners or less.

DRESS CODE

Western attire includes western hats (exception: safety helmets), proper riding boots and western shirts. Shirts must have a button up collar and cuffs. Blue jeans are acceptable, but free from rips and tears.

Payoff, Entry Fees, Deadlines & Eligibility Requirements

- A. There are no refunds of entry fees. No exceptions.
- B. BUY IN'S WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH A \$100.00 FEE BUT WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS - HORSES MUST BE FUTURITY/DERBY ELIGIBLE AND PAPERS MUST BE PROVIDED WITH ENTRY
- C. Completion of the entry form and/or payment of entry fees will indicate acceptance of all rules and regulations governing this event.
- D. Rider substitutions will be allowed with a \$50 substitution fee per change, and a doctor's affidavit confirming the individual or horse's inability to compete.
- E. A rider substitution will be allowed up until the first go, no changes after the first go has started.
- F. An Entry fee will be deemed by the committee for both the Futurity and Derby events and will be posted on the official entry form. The Futurity & Derby shall consist of 2 Long Go Rounds and an Average. In the event of a tie, non-monetary prizes will be determined by a flip of a coin.
- G. There will be a \$25 charge for every NSF Cheque.

Other General Rules

- A. All dogs must be confined to the contestant's trailer/camper or on a leash at all times. **No** dogs are allowed in barns or arenas. Service dogs are allowed.
- B. In the interest of safety for our patrons, employees and contestants, anyone operating a motor vehicle including golf carts and motor scooters in an unsafe manner may be immediately disqualified and asked to vacate the premises.
- C. Animal abuse, including excessive use of whips, bats, spurs, or whipping or spurring in front of the cinch, is prohibited. This applies in the arena, surrounding grounds, barns, and parking areas. Violations, at the discretion of the judge or arena manager, will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification.

Payout for Futurity and Derby Finals

- A. Entry Fees plus all added money will determine the Event Purse. The event purse will be broken down as follows:
 - i. Long Go 1 = 30% of Event Purse
 - ii. Long Go 2 = 30% of Event Purse
 - iii. Average = 40% of Event PurseEvent placings are calculated as in the program or posted at the event.
- B. In the event there are not enough individuals placed for payout monies allocated, the money will be split evenly amongst all placed contestants in a ground money format.
- C. We will try our best to have the payout for the Futurity and Derby ready and will be made the last day at the completion of the Futurity and Derby. If the payout is via etransfer, we will try our best to have the go-round payment started at the end of each go-round and finished as soon as the banking transfer limit allows.