

RULE BOOK



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1. Competition Season

The regular BCFDI competition season begins November 15 and ends August 31.

August 31 is the final cutoff for eligible regular-season races and results to be included in BCFDI Year-End Standings.

The BCFDI Finals are a separate, stand-alone event and do not form part of the regular-season Year-End Standings.

2. Grievances

Whenever a member of the BCFDI has a grievance against the Association, its Board of Directors, or an individual Director arising from an official act or failure to act, the member shall submit the grievance in writing to the BCFDI Board, identifying the applicable Bylaw or Rule where possible.

The BCFDI Board shall consider the grievance at its next regular meeting. The member may provide all relevant information, documentation, evidence and witnesses and may attend in person.

The BCFDI Board will make a determination and, where necessary, recommendations for resolution. The member shall be notified of the decision within ten (10) days of the decision.

If the member is dissatisfied with the decision, a written appeal must be received by the BCFDI within ten (10) days of notification of the original decision. The member may submit additional information, evidence or witnesses. The Board will review the appeal and make a final determination.

3. Futurity Eligibility

The BCFDI follows the Barrel Futurities of America (BFA) standard for Futurity eligibility.

A horse may compete as a Futurity horse for one competition season only.

A horse may begin its Futurity year as either a four-year-old or five-year-old, provided it has not previously used its Futurity year and meets all applicable prior-competition eligibility requirements.

A horse that competes as a Futurity horse during its four-year-old year may not return and compete as a Futurity horse again during its five-year-old year.

A horse that is held over and does not compete as a Futurity horse during its four-year-old year may begin its one Futurity year as a five-year-old, provided it remains otherwise eligible under

applicable BFA competition rules.

For BCFDI Futurity eligibility, a horse must not have competed in a barrel race prior to November 15 immediately preceding the horse's Futurity competition season, except where permitted under applicable BFA rules.

Where an eligibility question arises, current BFA rules will be used as the standard.

4. Derby Eligibility

The BCFDI Derby is open to horses seven (7) years of age and younger during the competition year. Age is determined by the horse's year of birth, with the horse considered one year older on January 1 of each calendar year.

There are no restrictions on prior barrel racing competition for Derby horses.

A horse may not compete in both the BCFDI Futurity and BCFDI Derby during the same competition year.

5. Membership and Nominations

"Membership" is defined as the person who nominates a horse with the BCFDI.

The rules of the BCFDI extend to riders, owners, trainers and other connections while representing a nominated horse at a BCFDI-approved or BCFDI-hosted event.

An annual nomination fee shall be paid for each nominated horse. The nomination fee may be changed by a majority vote of a quorum of the BCFDI Board.

Any person nominating a horse is responsible for becoming familiar with and complying with the BCFDI Rules and Bylaws.

Only members and nominated horses in Good Standing are eligible for applicable BCFDI Year-End awards and benefits.

Nomination Requirements

Nominations may be submitted at any time during the regular BCFDI competition season. There is no requirement that a horse be nominated before the beginning of the season.

A nomination is considered complete when the BCFDI has received:

A completed nomination form.

A copy of the horse's registration papers, or acceptable veterinarian age verification for an unregistered horse.

Full payment of the applicable nomination fee.

For an unregistered horse, the veterinarian affidavit must include:

Horse's name.

Left-side photograph.

Right-side photograph.

Front photograph.

Stated age.

Date of examination.

Veterinarian's signature.

6. When Year-End Points Begin

A horse begins earning BCFDI Year-End points only after the BCFDI has received both the completed nomination form and full payment of the required nomination fee.

Points are not retroactive.

Any race occurring before completion of the nomination will not later be added to the horse's Year-End point total and will not count toward the horse's twenty-one (21) eligible races under the Year-End 21/18 Rule.

7. Accuracy of Nomination Information

The person nominating the horse is responsible for providing complete and accurate information, including horse name, age and year of birth, registration information, ownership information, and Futurity or Derby eligibility.

False, misleading, incomplete or materially inaccurate information may result in correction or removal of points, correction of standings, loss or return of awards, disqualification, or other appropriate action under BCFDI rules.

8. Horse Names

Registered horses will be tracked under the official registered name appearing on their registration papers. Unregistered horses will be tracked under the name appearing on the nomination form and veterinarian affidavit.

Barn names, shortened names or alternate names should not be used when submitting official results for a registered horse.

If a horse's registered name is officially changed, the current owner shall notify the BCFDI and provide documentation so existing records and points can be maintained under the correct name.

9. Change of Ownership

If a nominated horse is sold during the competition season, the nomination and accumulated Year-End records remain with the horse.

The new owner should notify the BCFDI and provide updated ownership and contact information.

A sale does not reset Year-End points, the horse's eligible race count, or the horse's 21/18 status.

10. Good Standing

A member, horse, producer or participant is considered in Good Standing when all applicable BCFDI requirements have been met.

Required fees have been paid.

Required forms and documentation have been submitted.

No outstanding money is owed to the BCFDI.

The individual or horse is not currently suspended or otherwise restricted by the BCFDI.

Any outstanding compliance matter has been resolved.

The BCFDI Board may determine Good Standing where unusual circumstances arise. A horse or member must remain in Good Standing when applicable awards are issued.

11. Association Name, Logo and Membership Records

No member or other individual has authority to grant an endorsement on behalf of the BCFDI

without permission from the BCFDI Board.

No person or organization may use the official BCFDI logo or other BCFDI marks without specific authorization from the BCFDI Board.

BCFDI membership records will remain under the control of the Association. Commercial use of the membership list requires prior approval from the BCFDI Board and must follow any procedures established by the Association.

12. Liability and Assumption of Risk

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 hazards.

Being fully aware that participation in BCFDI-sanctioned barrel races may expose members to substantial and serious risk of property damage and/or personal injury or death, the member releases BCFDI, its sponsors, sanctioned barrel race committees, their affiliated, related or subsidiary organizations and the officers, Directors, employees and agents of each entity from liability arising from participation in BCFDI-sanctioned barrel races, including claims that are known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, future or contingent.

This provision shall be binding upon each BCFDI member, their spouse, legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns.

Because this section has legal consequences, the Association should obtain legal review before making substantive future changes to the release language.

13. BCFDI Monies

BCFDI nomination fees, program fees, sponsorship funds and other approved revenue may be used to support:

BCFDI Finals.

Year-End and Finals prizes and awards.

Added money at approved BCFDI Side Pots.

Early-season Crack Out sponsorship.

Other approved expenses supporting the BCFDI program and membership.

14. Early-Season "Crack Out" Sponsorship

The BCFDI may provide added-money sponsorship to selected races held around the November 15 beginning of the Futurity competition season.

The BCFDI will generally aim to support approximately three (3) to four (4) Crack Out races each season, subject to available funds and BCFDI Board approval.

Race producers wishing to receive Crack Out sponsorship must submit a request to the BCFDI. Submission of a request does not guarantee sponsorship.

The BCFDI Board may consider:

Geographic region.

Race date.

Availability of BCFDI races within the area.

Anticipated participation.

Producer compliance.

Available BCFDI funds.

Overall benefit to BCFDI membership.

The BCFDI Board will make reasonable efforts to provide opportunities throughout the regions represented by the BCFDI.

During the primary Crack Out weekend surrounding November 15, the BCFDI will make reasonable efforts to sponsor only one (1) Crack Out race per day.

A Crack Out race must be approved by the BCFDI Board, be sanctioned or approved by either BCBRA or CBR, offer both BCFDI Futurity and Derby Side Pots, follow current BCFDI rules, submit official results as required, and pay prize money according to the BCFDI payout structure.

Crack Out sponsorship is not guaranteed to any race, producer or region from year to year.

15. Producing a BCFDI Side Pot

Any race wishing to host a BCFDI Futurity and Derby Side Pot must apply for and receive approval from the BCFDI.

Every race hosting a BCFDI Side Pot must also be sanctioned or approved by either BCBRA or CBR.

A race that is not sanctioned or approved by BCBRA or CBR is not eligible to host a BCFDI Side Pot.

Only results from approved BCFDI Side Pots held at BCBRA- or CBR-approved races will be recognized for Year-End points, Year-End race counts, and BCFDI Side Pot recognition.

16. Side Pot Eligibility

A horse does not need to be nominated with the BCFDI to enter and compete in a BCFDI Futurity or Derby Side Pot, provided the horse meets the applicable Futurity or Derby eligibility requirements.

Race producers are not responsible for determining or tracking BCFDI nomination status.

Producers shall submit the complete official BCFDI Side Pot results, including both nominated and non-nominated horses.

All horses remain part of the official Side Pot results, placings and payouts. Only properly nominated horses are eligible to earn BCFDI Year-End points.

Official Placing for Year-End Points

Year-End points will be awarded according to the horse's actual official placing in the BCFDI Side Pot. Non-nominated horses will not be removed from the results or disregarded when determining the placing of nominated horses.

For example, if a non-nominated horse places first and a nominated horse places second, the nominated horse receives the points applicable to second place. The nominated horse will not be moved to first place for Year-End point purposes.

The BCFDI is responsible for reconciling official race results against its nomination records.

17. BCFDI Side Pot Entry Fee

The BCFDI Side Pot entry fee may be set between \$15.00 and \$25.00 per horse, subject to prior

BCFDI approval.

The approved entry fee must be clearly advertised before entries open. Race producers may not independently change the BCFDI Side Pot entry fee without prior approval from the BCFDI.

In addition to the approved Side Pot entry fee, a separate \$2.00 BCFDI program fee will be collected for every horse entered in the BCFDI Side Pot, regardless of nomination status.

The approved Side Pot entry fee is included in the Side Pot purse. The \$2.00 BCFDI program fee is remitted to the BCFDI and is not included in the Side Pot payout.

Examples

\$15.00 Side Pot fee + \$2.00 BCFDI fee = \$17.00 total.

\$20.00 Side Pot fee + \$2.00 BCFDI fee = \$22.00 total.

\$25.00 Side Pot fee + \$2.00 BCFDI fee = \$27.00 total.

18. Producer Responsibilities

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

Maintain BCBRA or CBR sanctioning or approval.

Conduct the Side Pot according to current BCFDI rules.

Offer both BCFDI Futurity and Derby Side Pots.

Collect the approved BCFDI Side Pot entry fee.

Collect the \$2.00 BCFDI program fee from every horse entered.

Remit all BCFDI program fees owing to the BCFDI.

Pay 100% of Side Pot entry fees and advertised BCFDI added money according to the official payout structure.

Submit complete official Side Pot results within seven (7) days of the event.

Pay Side Pot prize money within seven (7) days unless otherwise approved by the BCFDI Board.

Provide proof of payout if requested.

If the required BCBRA or CBR approval is lost, cancelled or not obtained, the race is not eligible to host or be recognized as a BCFDI Side Pot.

19. Producer Compliance

Failure to comply with BCFDI rules may result in disciplinary action. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to submit results, failure to pay Side Pot winnings, failure to remit BCFDI program fees, withholding entry fees or added money, providing false information, or failure to maintain required BCBRA or CBR approval.

The BCFDI Board may declare a producer Not in Good Standing, suspend or revoke approval to host future BCFDI Side Pots, withhold recognition of event results or points until compliance has been verified, and take other reasonable action necessary to protect the integrity of the BCFDI.

20. BCFDI 2D Side Pot Format

Runs receiving a penalty or no-time will be removed before determining the 1D/2D split. Clean runs will be sorted from fastest to slowest.

If there is an even number of clean runs, the field will be divided equally between the 1D and 2D.

2 clean runs: fastest = 1D; second fastest = 2D.

10 clean runs: top 5 = 1D; bottom 5 = 2D.

If there is an odd number of clean runs, the larger number of horses will be placed in the 2D.

3 clean runs: fastest = 1D; remaining 2 = 2D.

11 clean runs: top 5 = 1D; bottom 6 = 2D.

The time of the first horse in the 2D establishes the 2D time split.

21. Side Pot Purse Division

1D - 60%

2D - 40%

22. Number of Paid Placings

The number of paid placings is determined separately within each division.

Horses in Division	Paid Places
1-5	1
6-11	2
12-17	3
18-23	4
24-29	5
30-35	6
36-41	7
42-47	8
48-53	9
54-59	10

The same pattern continues for larger divisions, with one additional paid placing for each additional group of six horses.

23. Payout Percentages

The official BCFDI payout percentages are:

Paid Places	Percentage Split
1	100
2	60 / 40
3	43 / 33 / 24
4	38 / 28 / 20 / 14
5	33 / 27 / 20 / 13 / 7
6	32 / 25 / 18 / 12 / 7 / 6
7	30 / 24 / 17 / 11 / 7 / 6 / 5
8	29 / 22 / 17 / 10 / 7 / 5.5 / 5 / 4.5
9	28 / 21 / 16 / 9.5 / 6.5 / 5.5 / 5 / 4.5 / 4
10	26.5 / 20 / 15 / 9.5 / 6.5 / 5.5 / 5 / 4.5 / 4 / 3.5
11	25 / 19 / 15 / 9 / 6.5 / 5.5 / 5 / 4.5 / 4 / 3.5 / 3
12	24 / 19 / 14 / 9 / 6 / 5.5 / 5 / 4.5 / 4 / 3.5 / 3 / 2.5

13	24 / 18 / 14 / 8 / 6 / 5.5 / 5 / 4.5 / 4 / 3.5 / 3 / 2.5 / 2
14	23.5 / 17.5 / 13.5 / 8 / 6 / 5.5 / 5 / 4.5 / 4 / 3.5 / 3 / 2.5 / 2 / 1.5

Minimum Payout

The payout for the final paying position in either division shall be no less than the applicable BCFDI Side Pot entry fee for that event.

If the normal payout calculation would result in the final paying position receiving less than the applicable entry fee, the number of paid positions in that division will be reduced until the final paying position receives at least the applicable entry fee. The applicable BCFDI payout percentages for the revised number of paid positions will then be used.

24. Results Submission

Official complete BCFDI Side Pot results must be submitted to the BCFDI within seven (7) days of the race.

August 31 is the absolute Year-End results cutoff.

For races occurring within seven days of August 31, results must still be received by August 31 to be included in Year-End Standings.

Results received after August 31 will not be added to Year-End Standings except to correct a verified BCFDI administrative, calculation or data-entry error.

25. Year-End Points

Points are awarded to properly nominated horses according to their official Side Pot placing:

Placing	Points
1st	10
2nd	9
3rd	8
4th	7
5th	6
6th	5
7th	4
8th	3
9th	2
10th	1

A properly nominated horse that enters the arena for its competitive run will receive a minimum of one (1) attendance point. This includes a knocked barrel, no-time, competition disqualification occurring after the horse enters the arena, or placing outside the Top 10.

A horse that does not enter the arena receives zero points.

26. Scratches, Turnouts and No-Shows

A horse that scratches, withdraws, turns out or otherwise does not enter the arena:

Receives zero Year-End points.

Receives no attendance point.

Does not have that race counted toward its twenty-one eligible Year-End races.

Once the horse enters the arena for its competitive run, the race is considered attended and counts toward the horse's eligible race total.

27. Year-End Standings - 21/18 Rule

Each properly nominated horse may have a maximum of twenty-one (21) eligible regular-season BCFDI races considered for Year-End Standings.

Only races occurring after completed nomination are eligible. Only the horse's first twenty-one (21) eligible races will be considered.

The horse's best eighteen (18) scores from those first twenty-one races will determine its final Year-End point total.

Fewer Than 18 Races

If a horse attends fewer than eighteen eligible races, all eligible scores count.

18 to 21 Races

If a horse attends between eighteen and twenty-one eligible races, only its highest eighteen scores count. Up to three scores may therefore be dropped.

Races After Race 21

A horse may continue competing in BCFDI Side Pots after Race 21 and remain eligible for applicable Side Pot payouts and event awards.

Race 22 and all subsequent races do not add Year-End points.

They do not replace any of the horse's first twenty-one eligible races.

They cannot replace a lower score, even if the later race produces a higher point score.

28. Same-Day Race Order

Where multiple eligible BCFDI races occur on the same day, the races will count according to their official event order.

Race 1 counts before Race 2. Race 2 counts before Race 3, and so on.

This official order will determine which race becomes the horse's twenty-first eligible race where applicable.

29. Duplicate Results

A horse may receive Year-End points only once for the same competitive run. If duplicate results for the same run are submitted or entered into BCFDI records, the duplicate will be removed and will not count as an additional eligible race.

30. Year-End Ties

If two or more horses have the same counted Year-End point total, only the scores included in their official counted Year-End scores will be used to break the tie.

Most 10-point finishes.

If still tied, most 9-point finishes.

If still tied, most 8-point finishes.

Continue downward through each point value until the tie is broken.

Total races attended, total earnings and race times will not be used as Year-End tie-breakers.

If the horses remain tied after every counted point value has been compared, they will remain tied for that placing. Each tied horse will receive the applicable Year-End prize or award for the tied placing.

No horse will be arbitrarily placed ahead of another solely for the purpose of selecting one award recipient. Where duplicate or equivalent physical awards are required, the BCFDI Board may determine a reasonable method for providing them.

31. Sire Standings

BCFDI Sire Standings will be calculated using the official counted Year-End points of each horse.

Only points included in the horse's official 21/18 Year-End total will count toward the sire's Year-End total. Dropped scores and races occurring after Race 21 do not count toward Year-End Sire Standings.

32. Final Year-End Standings Review

Final Year-End Standings will be posted through an official BCFDI communication method.

Members will have seven (7) calendar days from the date the final standings are first posted to report a suspected clerical or record-keeping error.

A correction request should identify the horse, race, alleged error, and supporting information where available.

After the seven-day review period, the standings are considered final.

The BCFDI may still correct a verified administrative, calculation or data-entry error when official race results clearly support the correction. The correction period cannot be used to add previously unsubmitted late race results.

33. Official BCFDI Communications

Official BCFDI notices may be provided through one or more BCFDI-approved communication methods, including:

Official BCFDI website.

Official BCFDI social media page.

Email.

Official entry or nomination forms.

Other communication platforms approved by the BCFDI Board.

Deadlines based on the posting of results or standings will begin on the date the information is first published through an official BCFDI communication method.

34. Eligibility Questions and Documentation

The person entering or nominating a horse is responsible for proving the horse's eligibility when requested.

If a question arises regarding age, registration, Futurity eligibility, Derby eligibility, prior competition, ownership, or nomination status, the BCFDI may require additional documentation

before finalizing points, payouts, awards, or Finals eligibility.

The BCFDI may temporarily withhold points, payouts or awards while an eligibility question is being reviewed.

35. Ineligible Horses

If a horse is later confirmed to have been ineligible for a BCFDI class, Year-End points, Finals eligibility or an award, the BCFDI may:

Remove or correct points.

Correct standings.

Withdraw awards.

Correct Finals or Side Pot records.

Require return of BCFDI-controlled awards or prize money where appropriate.

Any resulting corrections will be based on the official results and applicable BCFDI rules.

36. Finals and Year-End Standings

The BCFDI Finals are a stand-alone event.

Finals points, placings, earnings, Long Go results and Average results do not affect Year-End Standings.

The 21/18 Rule applies only to regular-season Year-End Standings and does not limit participation in the BCFDI Finals.

37. Finals Eligibility

A regularly nominated horse entering the Finals must:

Be properly nominated.

Be in Good Standing.

Meet applicable Futurity or Derby eligibility requirements.

Have attended at least one eligible regular-season BCFDI race.

A horse does not need to be in the Year-End Top 10 to enter Finals.

A horse entering under the Finals Buy-In provision is exempt from the regular-season nomination and attendance requirements.

38. Finals Buy-In

A horse that was not nominated during the regular season may enter the Finals by paying the applicable Finals entry fee plus a \$100.00 Finals Buy-In fee.

A Buy-In horse is exempt from the regular BCFDI nomination requirement and the regular-season attendance requirement.

A Buy-In horse must still meet applicable Futurity or Derby age and eligibility requirements and provide registration papers or other acceptable eligibility documentation.

Buy-In horses are eligible for applicable cash payouts.

Buy-In horses are not eligible for BCFDI Finals awards or Year-End awards.

A Finals Buy-In does not create retroactive Year-End points or standings.

39. Finals Format and Purse

The BCFDI Futurity and Derby Finals each consist of Long Go 1, Long Go 2 and an Average.

Each Long Go and the Average will use the same BCFDI 2D calculation method used during regular-season Side Pots.

The Finals Event Purse consists of applicable entry fees plus added money and will be divided:

Long Go 1 - 30%.

Long Go 2 - 30%.

Average - 40%.

40. Finals Average

The Average is calculated using the horse's official recorded result from Long Go 1 and Long Go 2.

Penalties and no-times will be recorded and calculated in the same manner used for regular BCFDI Side Pot results.

A penalty or no-time in one Long Go does not automatically remove a horse from the Average unless another rule specifically disqualifies the horse from the Average or the event.

41. Finals Entry Fees and Refunds

Finals entry fees are non-refundable.

If an entered horse does not compete and no approved transfer is completed, the entry fee is forfeited.

Entry deadlines, late-entry deadlines and any late fees may be established annually and will be published on the official Finals entry form or other official BCFDI communication.

42. Finals Entry Transfers

A Finals entry may be sold or transferred to another eligible horse and/or rider subject to BCFDI approval.

A \$25.00 transfer fee applies to each sold or transferred Finals entry.

The replacement horse must meet applicable Futurity or Derby requirements, be properly nominated, be in Good Standing, have attended at least one eligible regular-season BCFDI race, and meet all other Finals eligibility requirements.

Transfers must normally be completed no later than seven (7) calendar days before the first day of Finals.

In a serious unforeseen circumstance, including significant illness, injury or a comparable emergency, the BCFDI Board may consider a late transfer request. Approval is not guaranteed.

The original entrant is responsible for arranging the transfer. The BCFDI is not responsible for finding a buyer.

A transferred entry does not transfer Year-End points, standings or Year-End awards from the original horse.

43. Rider Substitutions

A rider substitution means the entered horse remains the same and only the rider changes.

A rider substitution may be approved for medical reasons, injury, family emergency, or comparable unforeseen circumstances.

A \$50.00 rider substitution fee applies.

Requests must normally be received no later than thirty-six (36) hours before the first day of Finals. Reasonable documentation may be requested.

After the thirty-six-hour deadline, substitutions will normally only be considered in exceptional circumstances approved by the BCFDI Board.

44. One Entry Per Horse

A horse may only have one competitive entry in the applicable BCFDI Futurity or Derby class and may not compete against itself within the same class under a different rider or additional entry.

45. Multiple Horses Ridden by the Same Contestant

Where a contestant is entered on more than one horse in the same Long Go, the draw should be arranged so there is at least one scheduled rake between that contestant's runs whenever reasonably possible.

If the original draw does not provide adequate separation, the Finals Committee may make an adjustment before the Long Go begins. Any adjustment must be made before the applicable Long Go begins and must not alter the established rake positions.

46. Finals Competition Rules

Barrel racing is a timed event using brightly coloured 55-gallon steel drums. Both ends of each barrel must be enclosed. Rubber or plastic barrels and barrel pads are not permitted.

Only one contesting horse may be in the arena at a time.

The same starting gate or gates will be used throughout the applicable go-round. The start and finish line and barrel positions must remain consistent throughout the go-round.

The horse must enter the arena in forward motion and continue forward. Once the designated alleyway or arena entrance has been breached, the horse's run has begun.

Timing begins when the horse crosses the starting line.

Horses may not circle in the arena prior to the timer. A contestant may not train or school during competition. No more than one circle around each barrel is permitted during the run.

There shall be no stopping or whipping a horse in the alley after completion of the run. There shall be no uncinching, removing tack, or schooling in the alleyway or entrance gate.

47. Official Timing

BCFDI Finals runs will be timed using the official electronic timing system provided for the event.

Before each Long Go begins, the start and finish line, electronic timer position, barrel positions and applicable arena setup will be established.

The start/finish line and barrel positions will remain consistent throughout the applicable Long Go except where an emergency or safety issue requires competition to be stopped.

Timer Failure

If the official electronic timer fails to record a valid time, the run will be handled under the BCFDI Rerun rule.

Where reliable official backup timing equipment is available and the Finals Committee determines the backup time is valid and was properly recorded, the backup time may be used as the official time. If no reliable official time is available, a rerun will be granted according to the BCFDI Rerun rule.

48. Three-Minute Rule

A contestant has three (3) minutes from the time their name is called to enter the arena and begin the run. The three-minute period begins when the announcer calls the contestant's name.

Failure to enter and begin within three minutes results in a no-time for that Long Go. The horse may compete in the remaining Long Go unless another rule applies.

Where a delay is caused by the arena, safety conditions, equipment, or another circumstance outside the contestant's control, the Finals Committee may stop or restart the three-minute period.

49. Barrel Penalties

Knocking over a barrel results in a five-second penalty. Touching a barrel is permitted. If a barrel is knocked over and lands upright on the opposite end, the five-second penalty still applies.

50. Reruns

A rerun may be granted when the timer fails, a barrel is incorrectly positioned, or another circumstance outside the contestant's control materially affects the fairness of the run.

Unless otherwise required by the applicable sanctioning association's rules, penalties from the affected run will not carry forward to the rerun. Penalties occurring during the rerun apply to the rerun.

The Finals Committee, in consultation with the contestant, will determine whether the rerun occurs immediately or at the end of the applicable class or Long Go.

The rerun result replaces the affected run as the official result.

51. Disqualifications

Competition-Run Infractions

The following will normally result in a no-time or disqualification for the individual Long Go:

Missing the barrel pattern.

Beginning before the arena is clear or before authorization.

Running out of designated order without approval.

Failing to enter under the three-minute rule.

An individual Long Go disqualification does not automatically disqualify the horse from the entire Finals unless another rule applies.

Serious Conduct, Safety or Welfare Violations

More serious violations may result in Long Go disqualification, Average disqualification, loss of payout or awards, disqualification from the remainder of Finals, or removal from the grounds.

Where the rule does not specify the exact consequence, the BCFDI Board or Finals Committee, within their applicable authority, will consider the seriousness of the violation, fairness, safety, animal welfare, and effect on competition. Event-level disqualification decisions should be documented.

52. Draw Changes

The official draw and rake positions will be established before each Long Go begins.

Once the draw has been posted, a horse may not be moved from its assigned running position without approval from the Finals Committee.

A draw change may be approved where reasonably necessary because of horse or rider safety, a contestant riding multiple horses, equipment or arena issues, a documented error in the draw, or another legitimate circumstance approved by the Finals Committee.

A horse may not be moved simply to obtain a preferred running position or rake position.

Any approved change to the running order will not change the original scheduled rake positions. The rake schedule will continue to follow the original draw unless the entire schedule is revised before the Long Go begins.

53. Ground and Rake Pattern

The Finals Committee and arena crew will make reasonable efforts to maintain safe and consistent ground conditions.

The rake schedule for each Long Go will be established from the original draw before the Long Go begins.

There shall be no more than five (5) drawn positions between scheduled rakes.

The rake schedule will remain based on the original draw regardless of scratches, turnouts, no-shows, or other changes in the number of horses that actually compete.

Once a Long Go begins, the established rake schedule will not be changed during that Go.

If ground conditions become unsafe, the Finals Committee may stop competition and rework the arena. Safety-related additional arena work does not alter the established rake positions for the remainder of that Go.

Any different rake schedule for a subsequent Long Go must be established before that Go begins.

54. Dress Code

Western attire is required, including:

Western hat, with safety helmets permitted.

Proper riding boots.

Western shirt with button-up collar and cuffs.

Jeans free from excessive rips and tears.

55. Finals Competition Authority

The BCFDI does not require a separate judge or second-eye official for Finals competition.

The Finals Committee is responsible for administering competition during the event, including arena conditions, competition order, reruns, timing issues, rake schedule, safety stoppages, and

immediate rule interpretation during competition.

The Finals Committee may consult the arena operator, timer operator, announcer, contestant, or another person directly involved where additional factual information is needed.

Significant eligibility, disciplinary, or policy matters may be referred to the BCFDI Board. Where possible, decisions made during competition should be documented so the same rule can be applied consistently to similar situations.

56. Official Results

The results produced from the official BCFDI event timing and scoring records will be considered the official results of the competition.

Official results include the recorded running time, penalties, no-times, Long Go placing, division, Average result, and applicable payout.

Personal videos, photographs, screenshots, handwritten records, or unofficial timing may be considered when reviewing a suspected administrative or recording error but do not automatically replace the official event records.

An official result may be corrected where a verified timing error, calculation error, data-entry error, penalty-recording error, or other administrative error is confirmed by the Finals Committee or BCFDI Board.

57. Finals Results Review

Contestants are responsible for reviewing posted Finals results and reporting a suspected scoring, timing, penalty, or calculation error as soon as reasonably possible.

Whenever practical, a suspected error should be reported before the applicable results are declared final and payouts are processed.

Once results have been finalized, they will be considered official.

The BCFDI may still correct a clearly verified administrative, timing, calculation, or data-entry error after results have been finalized where the official event records support the correction.

This correction process is intended to correct genuine record-keeping errors and does not permit a contestant to challenge a competition decision solely because they disagree with the outcome.

58. Finals Ties

The Finals tie procedure is separate from the Year-End tie procedure.

Cash-payout ties will be handled according to the applicable Finals payout method.

Where a non-monetary Finals prize requires one recipient, the prize will be determined by a coin toss.

59. Finals Results and Payouts

Long Go and Average results will be calculated and posted as soon as reasonably possible.

Finals payouts will begin the day following completion of the Finals, once official results have been finalized.

Payments may require more than one banking day because of e-transfer or financial-institution transfer limits.

Where there are not enough placed contestants to distribute all allocated payout positions, the applicable remaining money may be distributed among placed contestants using ground-money format.

60. Horse Welfare and Safety

The BCFDI Finals Committee may prevent or discontinue a horse's participation where the horse appears injured, distressed, unsafe to compete, or where continued participation may create a significant welfare or safety concern.

This decision may be made in consultation with the horse owner, rider, arena personnel, or veterinarian where available.

A welfare or safety decision does not automatically result in disciplinary action unless a separate rule violation has occurred.

61. Weather, Emergency and Event Interruption

The BCFDI Board and Finals Committee may stop, delay, postpone, relocate, shorten or cancel competition where conditions make it unsafe, impractical or impossible to continue as scheduled.

Circumstances may include unsafe arena or ground conditions, severe weather, wildfire or wildfire evacuation, unsafe smoke or air-quality conditions, power failure, failure of essential arena or timing equipment, facility emergency, government or emergency-service order, or another circumstance beyond the reasonable control of the BCFDI.

Safety of horses, contestants, volunteers, officials and spectators will be the primary consideration.

Interrupted Long Go

If a Long Go is interrupted after competition has begun, the Finals Committee and BCFDI Board will determine how the Go will be completed.

Where reasonably possible, competition will resume under conditions that preserve the original draw, rake positions, arena setup and competition format.

If the original event format cannot reasonably be completed, the BCFDI Board may determine an alternative method for completing or resolving the affected portion of the Finals. Any decision will be made with the goal of treating affected contestants as consistently and fairly as reasonably possible.

Cancellation or Shortened Finals

If all or part of the Finals cannot be completed, the BCFDI Board will determine how completed results, uncompleted rounds, applicable purse money and awards will be handled.

The decision will consider the amount of competition already completed, available official results, safety, fairness and event requirements. The decision and reason should be documented in BCFDI Board records.

62. Finals Ground Rules

The BCFDI may publish event-specific Finals Ground Rules before the beginning of competition.

Ground Rules may address operational matters that vary by venue or year, including arena entrance and exit, warm-up areas, check-in procedures, office hours, draw and rake positions, arena access,

trailer parking, stall requirements, venue-specific safety requirements, facility rules, and other event-specific procedures.

Ground Rules must not conflict with the BCFDI Rule Book. Where there is a conflict, the BCFDI Rule Book will take precedence unless an emergency ruling has been made under the Unforeseen Circumstances provisions.

63. Other General Rules

All dogs must be confined to a contestant's trailer or camper or kept on a leash. Dogs are not permitted in barns or arenas except service animals.

Unsafe operation of motor vehicles, golf carts, motor scooters, or similar vehicles may result in disqualification and removal from the grounds.

Animal abuse is prohibited. This includes excessive or inappropriate use of whips, bats, spurs, or whipping or spurring in front of the cinch.

These rules apply in the arena, barns, surrounding grounds and parking areas. Violations may result in disqualification or further action depending on severity.

64. Returned or Failed Payments

A \$25.00 fee may be charged for any returned, reversed or failed payment, including an NSF cheque, reversed e-transfer, failed electronic payment, or other payment that is not successfully completed.

Any outstanding payment must be resolved before the member, horse or entry will be considered in Good Standing.

65. Acceptance of Rules

Submission of a nomination, entry form, or payment of applicable fees constitutes acceptance of the BCFDI Rules and applicable event regulations.

Entrants, owners, riders and nominators are responsible for becoming familiar with the applicable rules.

66. Board and Finals Committee Authority

The BCFDI Board is responsible for interpreting and administering BCFDI Rules, eligibility, Year-End Standings, producer compliance, nominations, and matters affecting the overall Association.

The Finals Committee is responsible for operational decisions occurring during the BCFDI Finals, including arena conditions, reruns, competition flow, timing issues and immediate competition matters, subject to the published BCFDI Rules.

The Finals Committee may refer significant eligibility, disciplinary or policy matters to the BCFDI Board.

67. Unforeseen Circumstances

The BCFDI Board will administer and enforce the published Rules and Bylaws as consistently as reasonably possible.

If an emergency, unusual circumstance or situation arises that is not reasonably addressed by the published rules, the BCFDI Board may make a ruling necessary to protect safety, fairness, animal welfare and the integrity of the BCFDI program.

Any such ruling should be documented in BCFDI Board records and applied consistently to substantially similar circumstances.

This authority is not intended to permit published eligibility requirements, Year-End point calculations, race-count limits or submission deadlines to be changed retroactively for the benefit or disadvantage of an individual competitor.

68. Rule Changes

The BCFDI Board may amend the Rule Book as required.

Approved rule changes will become effective on the date published by the BCFDI.

Unless specifically stated otherwise, rule changes will apply prospectively and will not be used to retroactively alter previously completed eligible races, points or standings.