

Entries & Draw:

Pre-entries will be accepted if post-marked by the deadline date – August 18, 2023. Please do not mail entries after this time to ensure they are received. Online entry closing dates and times – August 23, 2023.

Pre-entries Positions will be drawn randomly. Changing of horse positions in the draw after the draw is posted is not allowed.

No entries will be accepted from the time the online entries close until the office opens at the event, or the online entries reopen.

The pre-entry draw will be published on August 30, 2023. Anyone entering after pre-entries close will be after the pre-entry draw.

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, contestant will have the option to be added back into the race at the very end by paying a second entry fee. (See the miss run rule)

Entries will be accepted at the event with no late fees until the FIRST horse runs each day. Entries will be added on in a random draw after the pre-entries. **ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE FIRST HORSE RUNS DAILY.**

Onsite entries will be accepted with **CASH ONLY! NO CHECKS – NO CREDIT CARDS!**

Draw-Outs:

A refund of 80% of entry fees, stall & electric hookup fees, and pre-bed shavings will be granted for any reason until the pre-online entries close. Check event listing for specific event detail.

After the online entries close, a refund of 70% of entry fees will be granted to contestants with a valid doctor or vet release or with visible injury **ONLY**, up until the close of office hours on the day prior to competition day.

No refunds on pre-bed shavings after online pre-entries close. Documentation required for refund! Refunds will only be granted if the form is presented to show management before the applicable deadline.

It is the sole responsibility of the contestant to ensure that the form has been physically received by management before the deadline. If emailing this form, you must make sure our eyes have seen it before the deadline.

ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER SET DEADLINES FOR ANY REASON. DRAW OUTS RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME ARE CONSIDERED SCRATCHES ONLY AND THE ENTRY FEES WILL REMAIN IN THE PAYOUT.

Horse or Rider changes will be accepted for any reason prior to the online pre-entries closing. After this time, any changes will require a \$10 fee per change. All changes must be submitted in the office prior to the contestant's competition run. Each entry may change either the horse or the rider, but not both. Horse changes will not be accepted that are switching a rider's existing horses' positions in the draw. Forms are available on the website or at the entry office. Failure to complete change forms prior to competing will result in disqualification.

Competition Rules:

Dress Code: All Contestant must wear a western long sleeve button down shirt, boots or “heels downs” style shoe and cowboy hat or helmet are to be worn during all competition days at Cindy's Labor Day Blast unless otherwise listed. Failure to be in dress code when entering the arena will result in disqualification.

There will be a \$5 hat fine for any contestant that loses their hat from any point after they enter the alley way until they have exited the alley way. 100% of hat fines collected will be donated to a charity.

Timer Malfunction: Two sets of electric eyes will be in use. In the event the primary timer fails to work, the back-up timer will be used. In the event that both timers fail a re-run will be awarded at the contestant's discretion: 1.) immediately with a fresh drag, 2.) at the end of the next group of 50 with a fresh drag, or 3.) at the end of the event with a fresh drag. The rider must declare if he/she will accept a re-run before the next horse runs.

The announcer will not indicate any malfunctions during a run. Any re-runs will carry over all penalties accumulated during the first run, thus no re-runs will be awarded for broken patterns or hit barrels. Re-runs will not accumulate any additional penalties. If the contestant chooses not to re-run, he/she will receive a refund of their entry fee.

Photographer: When one is present a photo will be taken of every horse (flash used). Contestants may not ask photographer to hold flash for any individual. Photos are property of photographer and cannot be used without written permission.

Alleyway: Each contestant is required to check in with the gate personnel before their group of 5 begins or risk being scratched. Those with problem horses may send a representative to check them in. Once a contestant has been announced as a scratch and the next contestant has been called for, the scratched contestant will not be allowed to run without re-entering per the missed run rule.

Any event specific ground rules pertaining to the alleyway will be prominently posted at the event and on social media. Any contestant violating such ground rules will be disqualified and not allowed to compete without exception. The judge's decisions will be final.

There will be no circling beyond the mouth of the alleyway, or a no-time will be assessed. Judge's decisions will be final.

Competition: An Honest Effort must be made for all competition runs. Riders must make a good faith effort to run the pattern as fast as their ability will allow. Anyone purposefully going slower than a gallop through the pattern or pulling up before the timers in an effort to fall in a lower division will be disqualified and forfeit any money or points for said run. The judge's decisions will be final.

No circling of barrels 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. Failure to do so will result in a \$25 fine payable before the contestant's next competition run.

No re-runs will be given if a horse falls, is pulled up by the rider or in the event of a rider's equipment malfunction.

No money will be paid out on runs incurring a penalty for hit barrels.

Contestants may ride any horse, regardless of ownership, and may ride as many horses as they choose. However, a horse may not be entered by more than one contestant in the same race unless the following conditions are met:

1. Both contestants are members of the same immediate family who reside in the same household (husband, wife, siblings, children, and grandchildren).
2. Neither contestant is entered on any other horse.
3. In no case will the same horse be run more than twice in the Open race.

Contestants entering more than one horse will be disqualified for running horses in the incorrect order.

There will be a \$50 fine for any contestant who runs out of turn. Failure to pay a fine will result in disqualification and forfeiture of any winnings or points from the entire event. If a contestant runs out of turn, a regular drag will occur before continuing.

Inhumane treatment of any horse during any It Is What It Is events will not be tolerated. Anyone who excessively whips or strikes a horse's ears or face with anything other than the hand, either in the arena or on the facility grounds will be fined \$100. Any individual who has been warned for such behavior and persists or refutes the warning shall be fined an additional \$100. Any rider caught using an electronic device on a horse during competition will be automatically disqualified and shall forfeit all winnings and points.

Miss Run Rule – Any scratched contestant will be allowed to re-enter race, for an additional entry fee

Drags: During competition runs, there will be a regular drag after every 5 runs and a big drag after every 50. There will be a big drag between any change in classes such as Peewee, Youth, Open, American Contender Tournament, etc. If a contestant runs out of turn, a regular drag will occur before continuing.

Fines & Disqualifications: All fines are to be paid in cash in the show office. Contestants with outstanding fines will not be allowed to compete until such time as the fines have been paid. Any fines that need to be paid while the race is still in progress, but after the entry office closes each night should be paid to the announcer's stand during a drag only!

Any act deemed prejudicial to the best interests of It Is What It Is Production may result in the disqualification of the contestant, with no refund of entry fees. The contestant may also be prohibited from attending any other It Is What It Is Production events for any given length of time. These acts may include but are not limited to the following:

1. Using abusive or intemperate language or attempting to threaten, bribe, influence, or harass any contestant, spectator, staff member, or arena personnel.
 - b. Moving or attempting to move markers at any time.
 - c. Use of electronic and/or remotely controlled devices to alter the outcome of a run.
 - d. Abuse or neglect of a horse or dog as defined within these rules.
 - e. Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
 - f. Misidentifying a horse in any race/class.
 - g. Misidentifying a rider in any race/class.
 - h. Failure to make good on a returned check and related returned check fees.

Vendor – For additional information or vendor rates, please contact us at (314)413-3752. There will be ABSOLUTELY no selling of merchandise or professional services on the event grounds, in stalls, or at trailers unless you have a booth space leased.

Payout - Payout checks will be in check form and made payable to the rider. Contestants must have complete address and social security number on file in order to claim payout checks. 1099's will be issued in the rider's name to anyone earning more than \$600 per year.

All checks not claimed at the event by contestants with complete tax information will be mailed to the contestant addresses on file no later than the Wednesday following the event at no cost to the contestant. Failure to have complete address and social security number on file will delay this process. Please verify your information is correct at the event if you have recently moved.

Open 5D- 75% of entry fees and 100% of all added money will be paid out in a 5D format. (1/2 Second splits) Added money and money from entry fees shall be distributed between the divisions in the following manner: 1D 30%, 2D 25%, 3D 20%, 4D 15% and 5D 10%.

The number of positions paid out in each division will be determined by the number of entries as follows: 51-100 pays 3 places, 101-143 pays 4 places, 144-200 pays 5 places, 201-250 pays 6 places, 251-333 pays 8 places, in each division. Ties will be split evenly.

High Stakes Money 3D Race - 90% pay back of entry fees will be paid out in a 3D Format (½ second Splits) Money from entry fee shall be distributed between the divisions in the following manner 1D 50% 2D 30% 3D 20 %

Youth 4D Class (17 & Under) 75% of entry fees will be paid out in a 4D format (1/2 second split). Percentages per division will be 1D 35% 2D 30% 3D 20% and 4D 15%.

The number of positions paid out per division will be determined by the number of entries as follows: 1-16 pays 1 place, 17-33 pays 2 places, 34-66 pays 3 places, 67-95 pays 4 places, 96-133 pays 5 places, 134-166 pays 6 places, Ties will be split evenly.

NOVICE Youth 3D (12 & Under) – 75% of entry fee will be paid out in a 3D Format. (Full second splits) Money from entry fee will be distributed between the divisions in the following manner: 1D 50%, 2D 30% 3D 20%

Peewee Class 75% of entry fee will be paid in Sweepstakes format.

All Side-pots: 90% of entry fees will be paid out in a 4D format (1/2 second split). Percentages per division will be 1D 35% 2D 30% 3D 20% and 4D 15%. The number of positions paid out per division will be determined by the number of entries as follows: 1-16 pays 1 place, 17-33 pays 2 places, 34-66 pays 3 places, 67-95 pays 4 places, 96-133 pays 5 places, 134-166 pays 6 places, Ties will be split evenly.

Futurity 2D side-pots: 80% of entry fees and 100% of any added money will be paid out in a 2D Format. (Full second) Futurity payout will be 70% to 1D and 30% to 2D. Number of places paid per division will be determined by the number of entries as follows: 1-9 pays 1 place, 10-17 pays 2 places, 18-25 pays 3 places, 26-33 pays 4 places, 34-41 pays 5 places, 42-49 pays 6 places, 50-59 pays 7 places, 60+ pays 8 places. Must have a minimum of 2 entries.

- Futurity side-pot is for horse age 4 or 5 (foal date 2018 or 2019) that have never competed prior to November 15, 2022.

Any questions or disputes which may arise during the course of any It Is What It Is Production event not covered by the above rules will be decided and settled by It Is What It Is Productions management, and all decisions will be final.

