

## HAWK & CREW PRODUCTIONS: 2024 DIXIE DASH RULES

**WARNING:** Under Louisiana law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to R.S. 9:2795.3. By my signature below, I hereby acknowledge that I understand the risks involved in riding horses and voluntarily assume those risks. I agree that I will not hold arena owners nor any of the directors, officers, employees, volunteers, or participants liable for any injury or property damage rising out of or caused by this horse competition. I have read this release and understand its terms.

### EXHIBITIONS:

1. Exhibitions: will be available for \$5 per run on a first come, first served basis. Limited # available.
2. Exhibitions will end as scheduled even if a line has piled up at the gate. Therefore, please plan accordingly and arrive early so you do not lose your turn.
3. **NO REFUNDS, NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. **ANY EXHIBITIONS OVER 50 SECONDS WILL INCUR A \$5 FINE PAYABLE BEFORE THE RACE STARTS.**

### OPEN 5D (March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024):

1. Format: 5D with ½ second splits
2. Entry Fee: \$45 per run.
3. Payout: 100% of added money split evenly between each Division, 80% of entry fees, progressive payout

### KIDDIES:

1. Smaller stepped in barrel pattern (not on lasers).
2. Open to riders 8 years and younger (exceptions can apply for special needs, etc.).
3. Lead-line or ride alone is permitted.
4. Entry Fee: \$15 per run. (\$5 goes back to the kiddie.)

### OPEN 5D BARRELS (March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024):

1. Format: 5D with ½ second splits
2. Entry Fee: \$55 per run.
3. Payout: 100% of added money split evenly between each Division, 80% of entry fees, progressive payout

### 3D AGE INCENTIVES:

1. MUST ENTER 5D OPEN OR BIG BUCK\$ RACE TO CARRY TIME OVER INTO INCENTIVE RACE.
2. Format: 3D with whole second splits
3. Entry Fee: \$25 per entry per day.
4. Payout: 100% of added money split evenly between each Division (if any), 80% of entry fees, progressive payout.
5. Age as of January 1, 2024.
6. It is up to the rider to confirm their entry into the age incentive once draw is posted. If an incentive entry has been missed and rider did not alert event staff of the error prior to the end of the race, rider will be refunded their incentive entry and rider's time will not be carried over.

### BIG BUCK\$:

1. Sweepstakes is a 4-divisional race with ½ second splits.
2. Any horse/rider may enter and there is no limit to the number of horses a rider may enter.
3. 80% payback of entry fees, 100% of added money (if any), progressive payout.
4. Entry Fee: \$100 per entry.
5. Rider can opt to carry Big Buck\$ time over to the Open 5D race for an additional \$55 entry fee.

### RERUNS:

1. There will be an arena judge at all times. Judges' decisions are final.
2. Reruns will be given only in the event of a timer malfunction or barrel misplacement.
3. If a rerun is given, the contestant can choose to rerun with a fresh drag at the end of the next group of 50 or at the end of the event.
4. The contestant must declare if he/she accepts a re-run before the next horse runs.
5. A rerun will be granted without any penalties being applied.
6. Reruns will not be given for horse falls, contestant's equipment breaking or for a rider's decision to pull up.

## DRAW

1. All draw numbers will be randomly assigned.
2. You can pre-enter online ([www.dixiedash.com](http://www.dixiedash.com)) by Midnight on March 1, 2024, with a 5% convenience fee, or enter onsite beginning at 12:00 PM on March 15, 2024. If entering at show, riders can pay with Cash OR with Credit Card (There is a 5% FEE for credit card payments)!
3. Pre-entry draw will be posted on March 11th. Those entering at the event will be add-ons after the pre-entries. Sometimes we will have a scratch and may be able to fill that draw position.
4. The contestant is responsible for reviewing the race/show schedule.
5. A horse may only be entered once in a race.

## REFUNDS/DRAW-OUTS:

1. **Absolutely No refunds after March 1, 2024.**
2. If prior to March 1st, 100% of fees will be refunded with a vet release, doctor's note, or visible illness or injury only.

## PAYOUTS AND AWARDS:

1. Winnings will be paid to the rider.
2. Awards not picked up on site will be mailed at the recipient's expense.
3. Checks will be mailed for riders unable to pick-up their cash winnings. Checks must be deposited within 60 days of receipt.
4. Payout Checks: If for any reason a Estee Hawkins, Hawk & Crew, or Dixie Dash must reissue the contestant a check, we will deduct the bank stop payment fee out of your check amount before reissue. Our checks expire 60 days after the date it was written, that is plenty of time for you to make it to the bank. Please do not call us asking us to reissue you a check because you did not make time to go to the bank within 60 days after your original check was issued.
5. If any contestants' times are tied, the prize money will be split equally. We will flip a coin to determine who wins prizes.
6. Prizes will be mailed at the expense of the winner.
7. No money will be paid out on runs incurring a penalty for hit barrels.

## GENERAL RULES:

1. No entry that has not been paid in full will be allowed to run.
2. Any unpaid tabs must be paid for before the rider's run or by the end of night. Failure to pay a tab could result in disqualification or an additional \$50 fine.
3. No spaghetti straps, tank tops, etc. Shirts must have sleeves. Heels down boots and jeans required. Hats and helmets optional.
4. 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.
5. Contestants must be ready when called. Failure to be in position in the holding area will result in a disqualification. Contestants must be in holding pen during his/her drag.
6. There will be a drag after every 5 numbers and a big drag after every 50.
7. There will be a big drag between any change in classes/race.
8. If a horse is run out of order, it will be disqualified.
9. There will be an arena judge at all times. Judges' decisions are final.
10. 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.
11. All pets must be kept on leashes at all times.
12. No Segways, hoverboards, scooters, skateboards, ball throwing, or other similar activities and toys permitted in the bleachers or warm-up arena.
13. **ABSOLUTELY NO ONE OTHER THAN STAFF IS ALLOWED IN THE OFFICE AND ANNOUNCER STAND.**
14. The producer reserves the right to create any new rule, or modify any existing rule, in order to better the sport or this barrel race.
15. The producer and staff reserve the right to refuse entry for any reason.
16. There will be a **\$75 charge on all pre-entry returned checks** and contestant will be on a cash only basis for a one-year period.
17. Pre-entry draw will be posted on March 11th. Those entering at the event will be add-ons after the pre-entries. Sometimes we will have a scratch and may be able to fill that draw position.
18. Horse and/or Rider changes accepted until March 1, 2024. After this time, any changes are to be completed at the show office and require a \$10 fee per change. All changes must be submitted on an official Horse or Rider Change form prior to the contestant's competition run. Forms are available at the entry office at the event. Failure to complete change forms

prior to competing will result in disqualification. Only a Rider or Horse can be changed per entry/draw #, a constant cannot change both on the same entry/draw # (Doing so, will result in disqualification.).

19. Inhumane treatment of any horse, dog or human 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 entry fees and winnings. The producer and/or the Arena staff have the right to ask you to leave the premises without refund.
20. Any questions or disputes which may arise during the course of any Hawk & Crew event not covered by the above rules will be decided and settled by the producer/management and all decisions will be final.

#### **FINES/DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

1. 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.
2. Any act deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the producer or Hawk & Crew may result in the disqualification of the contestant, with no refund of entry fees. The contestant may also be prohibited from attending any other Hawk & Crew events for any given length of time. These acts may include but are not limited to the following:
  - a. 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.
  - i. Bashing on Social Media sites, blogs, threads, etc.
  - j. Setting up barrel pattern in warm-up arena or in areas of high traffic or that is not approved by the producer and/or arena staff.

#### **FACILITIES:**

1. Hook ups and stalls are available but limited. They will be sold on a first come first served basis.
  - **No refunds of stall reservations after March 1.**
  - We will not hold or reserve stalls spots without payment.
  - RVs will be sold by the arena starting on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Vendor booths are the only outlets where merchandise/services may be sold. All other retail transactions are strictly prohibited. Vendor space may be reserved with completion of vendor form and \$125 reservation fee per 10x10 booth space. We will not hold Vendor spots without payment.
3. The producer, Estee Hawkins, Hawk & Crew, and the Covered Arena/Facility are expressly released and discharged from any and all liabilities, loss, injury or damage to persons or property. Attendees must adhere to all guidelines of both Estee Hawkins, Hawk & Crew and Florida Parishes Arena. No exceptions will be made.