

RULES

OPEN, YOUTH, MASTERS, ADULT: All members are welcome to run at national finals on any horse. Short Go qualification is reserved for those who are considered State Qualifiers. A State Qualifier is any horse and rider who has earned 100 points or more together in a class. Your Qualifier Status only applies to the class that you earned it in. Any member who is ranked in the top 5 of a division in any class is considered a Top Dog in the respective class. Wild Card holders are those who have won a Wildcard at a Preferred Show, State Finals or through a State Fundraising Auction. Please note to Be eligible for the short go you must enter prior to the pre entry deadline or pay an elevated entry fee.

- ***\$40,000 OPEN** - \$13,335 added each go-round and Short Go Finals
- ***\$5,000 YOUTH** - \$2,500 added in long go & Short Go Finals.
- ***\$5,000 MASTERS** - \$2,500 added in long go and Short Go Finals
- ***\$5,000 ADULT** - \$2,500 added in long go and Short Go Finals.
- **THE BIG DOG SLOT RACE** - \$500 Entry Fee, 90% Payback. Limited to the

1st 50 Entries and ran starting draw 401 in 1st go of open. Slots Will Be Reserved in Order of Payment as Received. Slot Entries will close with pre-entry deadline... ONLINE ONLY
***Payout:** Open, Youth, Masters and Adult will be adjusted on a percentage based on number of entries. Youth, Masters and Adult will be equal to a \$1,000 per 100 entries.

Ex: 150 entries \$1,500, 200 entries \$2,000 maximum of \$2,500. Open will be equal to \$2,667 per hundred entries with a maximum of \$13,335 added per go round to total a max of \$40,005 added. Added Money in Long Go will be matched for Finals Short Go. Number of holes paid out in Short Go's will be based upon number of riders in short go according to the IBRA suggested payout. 5D will be ran in half second splits. Ex: 1D 15.0, 2D 15.5, 3D 16.0, 4D 16.5, 5D 17.0.

Open pays 30% per long go round and 40% to Finals. Age Classes pay 50% to long go and short go. *For Class qualification information including age please see the IBRA Rule Book.

Finals Short Go Qualifications (Open, Youth, Masters, Adult):

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SHORT GO ELIGIBILITY YOU MUST PRE ENTER THIS INCLUDES, TOP DOG AND WILD CARD. PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE 9/8/26 - POSTMARK DEADLINE IS 9/1/26.

This is a Post Mark and/or Credit Card deadline. All entries postmarked or called in after deadline who wish to maintain their short go eligibility will be required to pay an elevated entry fee. The open entry will increase to \$325. The youth, masters and adult will increase to \$150. This is an increased entry and will go to the pot with the same percentages as the standard entry fee. The Top 10 members of each Long Go round will advance to the Short Go Round. Top Dogs and Wildcard Holders who do not place in the Top 10 will also advance to the Short Go in recognition of their outstanding performance during the regular season. Members who did not earn a Top Dog position or a Wild Card in the regular season must place in the Top 20 of a Division in one of the Long Go Rounds to advance to the Short Go. Wild Card holders and Top Dogs will be skipped when counting the Top 10 in the First Go Round. In the Second Go Round those who placed in the Top 10 of a division in the First Go Round will also be skipped when selecting Qualifiers from the Second Go Round to move on to the finals. It is the Contestants responsibility to check that their status is properly noted when we post the pre-draw. Once the 1st long go has been run there will be no changes to correct status. Short Goes will run from slowest to fastest qualifiers. Top Dog and Wildcard holders will be based off of the 1st Go round.

If Top Dog or Wild Card holders knock/scratch in 1st GO they will run early in the draw in short go.

Guaranteed Race Wild Cards: If you win a wildcard in the Guaranteed race you can use it to be automatically qualified for this year's finals! You must have been an active 2026 member and also have renewed your membership for the 2027 season to take advantage of this wild card bonus.

Qualifications for Sponsors / Directors Race: Must be a State Director or Representative or have sponsored \$100 or more in your state or to IBRA. A family member or employee may ride in place of the Director or Sponsor. Anyone who enters this class who is not qualified will be disqualified and forfeit any money or prizes they win and be fined \$100. Division winner Buckles will be awarded to the winners of the Sponsor/Directors Race in appreciation of the contestants sponsorship and/or service to the IBRA. Only one run allowed on Tuesday. If you enter the sponsor/ directors race and wish to enter the guaranteed you may do so but your time will automatically roll over.

Rollovers: Rollovers will be permitted as follows: Sponsor/Directors Race to the Guaranteed Race, Open 1st Go to Masters Long Go, Open 2nd Go to Youth Long Go or Adult Long Go. Open Short Go to Youth, Masters or Adult Short Go. Rollovers must be designated at time of entry. If Running both the Sponsors/Directors Race and the Guaranteed Race you must roll your time from the Sponsors/Directors race to Guaranteed Race.

If you roll over in Long Gos to an age class, you will also roll over in the Short Go, provided you make both Short Gos.

Refunds, Rider Changes & Substitutions: 70% entry refund minus processing fee will be given with doctor or veterinarian release. Entries will be removed from the payout.

NO refunds after classes have begun. Stall and Hookup Refunds: 70% of stall and/or hookup fees will be refunded prior to the pre-entry deadline of Sept. 8th.

No stall or hookup refunds will be granted after the preentry deadline unless we are sold out and we are able to resell. If you or your horse are ill or have a temperature or any symptoms of sickness please refrain from showing for your protection and the protection of others.

Stalls and Hookups: Stalls and Hookups are reserved by payment only. Please make your reservations as early as possible. Refunds: 70% of stall and/or hookup fees will be refunded prior to pre-entry deadline of Sept 8th. No stall or hookup refunds will be granted after the pre-entry deadline unless we are sold out and we are able to resell.

All stalls will be inspected daily. If a stall is found to be out of order you will receive a warning tag and you will be called to your stall. If the stall is not tended to immediately we will have it cleaned for you. There will be a \$25 cleaning charge. The stall will be stripped and two bags of shavings added back to the stall at \$9 each. *Early arrivals will have an additional fee (see entry form.)

Pre-Entry Draw will be posted Sept. 18th. After the pre-entry deadline substitutions will only retain their Top Dog or Wildcard status if the sub is made due to death or injury and they are subbing to a horse that they own or have received points on. Sale of a horse and/or subbing in a borrowed horse will result in loss of status. All subs or rider changes after deadline will incur a \$50 change order fee.

Exhibitions: Each Open Entry receives one exhibition to be used Tuesday 9am-6pm in draw order. (\$10 of EF goes towards exhibition.) There will be a 60 second time limit. If you go over the time limit you will be asked to leave the arena and fined an additional \$25. This fine is not meant to cause hardship but ensure that everyone gets their exhibitions in.

Dress Code: Cowboy Hat / Helmet, Western Boots, Collared and button up shirts required. \$5 Hat Fine that will be applied to charity.

Coggins and Health Papers: All horses must have a health certificate with an inspection date within 30 days of the show. All horses must have clean coggins.

International Riders: International members are required to qualify for Nationals via the same rules as domestic members. Depending upon the circumstance International riders may be able to lease or borrow horses to compete at Nationals. The members individual circumstance will be reviewed by home office in making these exceptions.

Holding Pen: Only the current drag of five horses will be allowed in the holding pen. You must have checked in and be present in holding pen prior to the start of your drag or you will be scratched. ***Contestants with unruly horses, please keep this in mind prior to your entry. IBRA has the right to disqualify any uncontrolled horse and/or a rider that may present a danger to other contestants, abusing their horse with a whip, hand, or spurs or that have not began their run within one minute of the time the rider has been called.

Membership: Must be a current member or have been a member of the 2026 season to compete. Only 2026 members are eligible for the short go.

Drug Policy: All Entries are subject to testing and meeting the requirements set in place by the IBRA.

Winnings: You must fill out a 1099 form before winnings will be distributed.



September 28th-October 3rd
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