

Oswego County Fair Horse Show Rules:

1. All horses on grounds must have a current Negative Coggins and Rabies Certificate
2. One horse in the arena during the barrel race without exception.
3. The starting gate will remain the same throughout the entire race.
4. It is the contestant's responsibility to ensure that the correct number is visibly displayed on the left side of the saddle pad for the horse competing, this includes exhibitions.
5. A contestant cannot train or circle during competition. No more than one circle on each barrel while competing.
6. Any time a contestant crosses the starting line, time will begin.
7. Contestants will be assessed a five second penalty for knocking over a barrel/poles.
8. Assistance in the alley way is allowed, but the contestant & assistant assume all risk and liability.
9. 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. Contestants shall be given the choice to rerun immediately or at the end of the class.
10. Reruns needed due to tack failure will be granted only if rider reports the failure before leaving the ring
11. At the show committee's discretion, a contestant may be disqualified for excessive use of hand, bat, crop, whip, rope or bit. All Show Committee decisions are final!

NO TIME

Contestants will receive a no time within the round for the following reasons:

1. Failure to be ready to compete when your name is called. The announcer will call your name 3 times and if you do not present yourself to compete you will receive a no time.
2. Horse refusing to gate. If your horse refuses to enter the alleyway to compete, the alley judge will say '60 second warning'. If the 60 second time limit elapses before your horse attempts to begin the run, it will result in a no time.
3. Off pattern. If you do not complete the pattern or go off pattern, it is a no time.
4. Running in a different order than what you have drawn will result in a no time.
5. Running with incorrect pad number will result in a no time.

6. Failure to compete on the correct horse. If you have correct draw pad # on but are riding the wrong horse according to the official draw and you run, it is not time.

SPORTSMANSHIP

There is zero tolerance for mistreatment of horses at any point during the event, this includes, but not limited to, stall area, warm up arena, holding pen & main arena.

Mistreatment includes, but not limited to, excessive jerking, spurring, whipping, slapping, abuse with any device, or any other act intended to cause trauma or injury to a horse. The contestant will be disqualified.

Misconduct or abusive comments spoken to any contestant, spectator, staff member or volunteer will result in immediate contestant disqualification and no refund of any fees. Contestants are also responsible for traveling companions and family members.