



EQUITANA 2020/2021 RULES

QUALIFYING EVENTS

1. All committees wishing to run a qualifier are to have notified the ABHA by the close of business on 15th January 2021.
2. The board of the ABHA will then select committees to run qualifying events
3. Selection will be taken with consideration to
 - a. Arena surface
 - b. Location of other qualifiers
 - c. Location to Melbourne (and the probability of competitors attending Equitana)
4. All qualifiers must notify the secretary of the date of their event prior to 10th February 2021.
5. All qualifiers must be held before the 1st June 2021.
6. Ground must be raked (with a tractor/gator/quad) after every 5 competitors during a qualifier.

COMPETITORS – SELECTION PROCESS

1. Qualification is based on the rider.
2. Rider may ride multiple horses at qualifier or attend multiple qualifying events however if successful in qualifying on more than one horse the rider will only receive one spot.
3. Once a rider has qualified, they are not permitted to enter any other qualifiers.
4. Once a horse has qualified a rider it is ineligible to be ridden at further qualifiers.
5. Reserves - the highest placing non-qualifier from each qualifying event will have their name placed into the hat and will be drawn out in order of selection to replace anyone who withdraws

COMPETITORS – ENTRY PROCESS

1. Riders must pay a deposit of \$50.00 (non-refundable unless a vet or medical certificate is presented) within 14 days of winning their spot.
2. All competitors who qualify must return all paperwork and entry fees prior to 7th of June 2021.
3. If this does not occur, they shall forfeit their place in the competition.
4. Entry fee = \$110 plus \$10 Admin.
5. Stabling fees are to be paid by the competitor – fees are still to be confirmed.

COMPETITORS – WITHDRAWAL

1. If a competitor, prior to the 1st of July 2021, is unable to attend the event, they must inform the secretary of the ABHA ASAP.
2. Their place shall then be offered to the first reserve on the waiting list. This person shall have 24 hours to decide if they wish to accept.
3. There will be no refund of entry fees after the 1st July 2021 without a vet or medical certificate
4. If any competitor withdraws after the 1st of July 2021 to attend another event (eg rodeo or clinic) they shall be ineligible to enter the Equitana Barrel Race for the next two years

GROUND RULES

1. All competitors are to do as directed by Equitana Officials and ABHA Board Members at all times.
2. The top five competitors are to present themselves for trophy presentations at the end of the event and also to return to the ABHA area to perform a “meet and greet”.
3. All other ABHA rules apply.