

## 2023 National Finals Qualifying Criteria

**FUTURITY**: The futurity horse must be 4, 5 or 6 years old. The HORSE is the qualifier and must compete in 1(one) ABHA Affiliated Futurity Event at a ABHA Affiliated day. Must be within the Qualifying period on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Horse is permitted to turn 7 on 1st August 2022 and compete in the futurity event at the finals if the horse qualified during the said qualifying period. The Horse may be ridden by any rider, but said rider must be a current financial member of the ABHA.

2016 Foaled Horse (Born in-between the 1st August 2016 and 31st July 2017) = 7 Year old on the 1st of August 2023 – Competes as a 6year old at the 2023 National Finals

2017 Foaled Horse (Born in-between the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018) = 6 Year old on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2023 – Competes as a 5year old at the 2023 National Finals

2018 Foaled Horse (Born in-between the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019) = 5 Year old on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2023 – Competes as a 4year old at the 2023 National Finals

**DIVISIONAL**: To qualify for the divisional event at the National Finals, it is the RIDER who qualifies and rider must have ridden in 3(three) ABHA Open Divisional event at 3 (three) separate ABHA affiliated days. Juniors may compete in Divisional Barrel Race provided they have ridden in 3(three) Open Divisional event at 3 (three) separate ABHA affiliated days during the qualifying period of 1st July 2022 – 30th June 2023. Once rider is qualified, they may enter any amount of horses in the 4D as they wish.

**JUNIORS**: To qualify for the junior divisional event at the National Finals, it is the RIDER who qualifies and rider must have ridden in 3(three) junior event at 3 (three) separate ABHA affiliated days during the qualifying period of 1st July 2022 – 30th June 2023. Once qualified, juniors may enter any amount of horses in the junior as they wish. For a competitor to compete in the junior events at the national finals they must be under 18 years at the commencement of the event. If the competitor is 17 years for round 1 and turns 18 years prior to round two, the competitor shall remain in the Junior event until the completion the current National Finals. If a junior competitor meets the national finals qualifying criteria in junior events but turns 18 years prior to the National Finals, the competitor is deemed to have qualified to compete in the open divisional.