

Attica Rodeo & Show Association (ARSA)
Barrel Racing Series

RULES – effective 5/1/2026



Classes & Payback

1. Barrel Racing Classes:

- a. **Open Barrels** – entry fee \$20
- b. **Youth** – entry fee \$15
 - i. 16 & under as of May 1st of the current series year
 - ii. Rollover Time - if competing in the Open class, a Youth rider can carry Open time over into the Youth class
- c. **Novice Youth** – entry fee \$5
 - i. **Reserved for children, up to age 10, with little or no experience in competition and can ride their horse/pony without assistance.**
 - ii. If the Novice Youth runs a time within the competitive youth division (time falls between 1D 1st place through last paying D time) three (3) times, they must move up to Youth; their Novice Youth points will remain in Novice Youth, but their rider participation count will follow them to the youth class.
 - iii. If the rider competes in the Novice Youth class, they cannot compete in the Open or Youth classes at the same time.
 - iv. Arena fee is waived
- d. **Lead Line** – entry fee \$5
 - i. **Reserved for children who need to be lead through the pattern.**
 - ii. **No exhibition or practice rides.**
 - iii. Once a child is able to control a horse on their own, off the lead line, they are no longer eligible for this event/class and they are eligible to move up to either the Novice Youth or Youth division. Once the rider advances, their Lead Line points will remain in Lead Line, but their rider participation count will follow them to the Novice Youth or Youth class.
 - iv. If the rider competes in the Lead Line class, they cannot compete in the Open, Youth, or Novice Youth classes at the same time.
 - v. There will be no points awarded for this division, but runs will be recorded. The child must enter in a minimum of 8 Thursdays to qualify for year-end prizes.
 - vi. Arena fee is waived

2. A division is considered the 1D, 2D, 3D, and 4D classifications within a class stated above.

3. Payouts for all Classes:

- a. **Open & Youth**
 - i. 4D payout – (1D/ fastest time – 2D/ half second off fastest time – 3D/ 1 seconds off fastest time - 4D/ 2 seconds off fastest time)
 - b. **Novice Youth & Lead Line** – percentage based on # or entries; all riders with a qualifying time, will receive payback
4. 80% payback of entry fees - 100% added money when paid
 5. Knocked over barrel will be a no time when payout is in the “D” format
 6. Should timers fail – reruns will be granted at riders discretion
 7. Time Roll-overs - Youth riders competing in both Open and Youth, can roll their time from the OPEN class to Youth.

Dress Code

1. Western collared shirt (long, short sleeved) or t-shirts are allowed – NO spaghetti string or tank tops shirts allowed in arena. Western riding boots must have at least a 1" heel. Work boots or sneakers are not permitted while riding a horse. Hats are not mandatory.
2. Helmets must be worn as required by NYS Law.

Points Earned

1. All points will be earned based on Rider and Horse team
2. Open and Youth points will be given based on a 4-D system, no matter the payout for that day. Points - a maximum of 10 points will be awarded in each division as follows:

1 st place in each division.... 10 points	6 th place in each division..... 5 points
2 nd place in each division.... 9 points	7 th place in each division.....4 points
3 rd place in each division.... 8 points	8 th place in each division..... 3 points
4 th place in each division.... 7 points	9 th place in each division..... 2 points
5 th place in each division.... 6 point	10 th place in each division.... 1 point
3. Novice Youth points will award a maximum of 10 points per run no matter the number of entries. Points will be awarded based on the above Open and Youth point distribution.

Final Added Money Jackpot Participation

1. Eligibility will be based on Rider and Horse combination.
2. Rider and Horse team must compete at a minimum of eight (8) scheduled barrel races during the May through August season to be eligible to participate in final jackpot and received year end awards.
3. If a horse needs to be substituted due to injury, a veterinary certificate must be provided. These runs will count towards the original horse/rider combination. Once the original horse is able to return to competition, their points will continue to count towards the original team and the substitute horse will begin their own attendance count.
4. Points earned in the finals will be included toward year end awards.
5. Added money to each class will be at the discretion of the Attica Rodeo & Show Association barrel racing committee.

Year-End Awards

1. Points will be based on horse and rider team, which are accumulated during the May through August runs and Finals.
2. Rider/Horse team must compete at a minimum of eight (8) scheduled barrel races during the May through August approved season in the class(es) they wish to qualify for awards and participate in the Added Money Finals.
 1. Top five (5) rider/horse team will receive awards
 - a. Note: A saddle may be given to Top Pointed Rider in the Open 1D, but this is not guaranteed as an award. Also, the committee has the discretion to increase or decrease the amount of awards given based on available funds.
 2. The following will be used to break ties for year-end awards
 - a. the rider/horse team which attends the most shows
 - b. the rider/horse team which won the highest places within the division
 - c. coin flip

Miscellaneous

1. Draws will be completed by the computer software. If rider competes with multiple horses and they don't specify the run order on the entry form, each horse's run will fall as placed in the computer draw. Once the draw has been completed and posted – NO changing of the draw order or horse order (if multiple horses) will be allowed.
2. All horses and people need to stay clear of the alleyway entrances at all times when race is in progress.
3. Competitors and Exhibitioners will receive three (3) arena calls. Failure to enter the arena by the third call will result in a disqualification unless otherwise directed.
4. Each exhibition run will have a 45-second time limit.
5. No schooling of horses during a competitive run.
6. No running of horses in any area except the arena and designated warm up area.
7. Pedestrians are not allowed to walk or stand in the holding area or alley way where competitors enter for their run.
8. These rules cannot cover all possible situations that may arise during a show. ARSA Barrel Racing Committee decision will be final.
9. Poor sportsmanship and/or unreasonable behavior will not be tolerated.
10. We reserve the right to eject ANYONE from the premises if they don't comply with our rules. Refund of entry fees upon ejection shall be at ARSA discretion.
11. You ride at your own risk. Anyone participating in events at the ARSA Rodeo Grounds will be responsible for his/her own safety, family, and property. Everyone entering the premise must acknowledge the fact that there are inherent risks in any kind of equine activity.