**1.Entering**
\* Entry is online only. The link will be available via our website (doublenickelranch.com), and linked on our Facebook page (Double Nickel Ranch).

**Entries Open: December 1st, 2024 at 8am.**

**2. Entry Deadlines:**\* **Online Entries Close: December 20th at 12 pm.**
\* **Draw:** Draw will be posted no later than Wednesday, December 18th at 6pm. Entries that come in after this time will be added in the draw December 20th.

\* **Onsite Entries:**All onsite entries are taken up til the last horse runs with no late fees.

**3. Draw-outs**

\* **Draw-out Deadline:** Friday, December 20th 2024, at 8:00 a.m. After this there will be no refunds for any reason. You can draw out by emailing TheDoubleNickelRanch@gmail.com

**4. Race Formats**

\* **Open 5D** $5,000 added | 80% payout | .5 second splits | $50 EF
\* **High-Stakes 3D**  $1,500 added | 90% payout | .5 second splits | $250 EF
\* **Rider Age Side-pots** ages decided as of Jan 1.| Youth (18&U) Adult (19-49) Senior (50+)| 80% payout | full second splits | $35 EF
\* **Peewee** ages decided as of Jan 1 | 7&U only | 100% payout | full second splits | $15 EF
**\* 2D Juvenile: $500 added** | open to 3 & 4 year olds that have not been entered prior to Nov 15, 2024 | full second split | 80% payout | $50 EF

**\* 2D Futurity: $1,000 added** | open to 4 & 5 year olds that have not been entered prior to Nov 15, 2023 | full second split | 80% payout | $75 EF

**\* 2D Derby: $1,000 added** | open to 5-8 year olds | .5 second split | 80% payout | $75EF

**\* CPRA Side-Pot:** CPRA members only | straight pay | follows CPRA payout | $60 EF

**\* BBR Xtra Tour 5D: $1,000 added** | BBR member only | .5 second splits | 75% payout | $40 EF

**5. Dress Code**

The High-Stakes will be enforcing dress code; long sleeved, collared western shirt. Cowboy Hat or helmet. (Dress code will only be waived under extreme weather conditions.)

**All contestants** must have on cowboy boots or equestrian sports shoes. Helmets are not required, but all contestants are encouraged to wear one.

**6. Sportsmanship**

All contestants and their family members are expected to display good sportsmanship at all times. No level of abuse toward any animal at this event will be allowed. Foul language, misconduct, or abusive comments spoken to any contestant, spectator, staff member, or arena personnel will result in immediate contestant disqualification and no refund of entry fees. Contestants are also responsible for traveling companions and their family members.

**7. Photos and Videos**

Double Nickel Ranch will have proffessional photographs (Epic West Media) and videos (Jknight Media) of each contestant’s individual run. These photos/videos are the property of Double Nickel Ranch/Epic West Media/Jknight Media, and decisions made by Double Nickel Ranch/Epic West Media/JKnight Media as a result of viewing photos and/or videos are final.

**8. Vendors**

There shall be no selling of any merchandise or professional service on the arena grounds or at trailers without a vendor booth with Double Nickel Ranch.

**9. Turn Out Rules**

The contestant will have 60 seconds to start down the alley way. If there is no advancement towards the alley within 60 seconds the announcer will make a first call, second call, third call announcement. When the announcer says turn-out, the call is final.

**10. Time Begins**

Any time a contestant crosses the starting line, the time will begin.

**11. No Time**

A "No Time" will be given to the contestant for the following reasons:

• If the contestant "circles" their horse after entering the arena. (Definition of the Arena is past the plane of the alley)

• If the contestant breaks or misses the barrel pattern.

• If the contestant runs out of turn. It is the contestant's responsibility to know their draw position.

• If a contestant knocks over a barrel. A "no time" will also be given if a barrel is knocked over and it sets up again on either end. Touching a barrel, including keeping it from falling, is permitted without penalty.

• If the contestant's horse or rider falls during the run in such a manner as to break the pattern or if the rider falls off the horse after entering past the plane of the alley

• Unable to get the horse in the arena within a 60-second time limit.

• If a horse stops forward motion.

**12. Re-Runs**

Re-runs shall be granted if the official and backup timers fail to work correctly unless a barrel has been turned over, resulting in a no-time. If the barrels are not placed properly on their markers, a re-run shall also be granted without any penalties being applied; however, any penalty occurring on the re-run shall result in no time. If a rider feels that they have been fouled or compromised in any way, it is the rider's responsibility to pull up and declare the foul to the announcer.

**13. Tie for Prizes**

If any contestants’ times are tied, the prize money will be split equally. Ties for prizes will be broke with a coin toss. Whoever wins the coin toss takes the highest prize, whoever loses will take the second prize.

**14. Payout Requirements**

All payouts go to the rider. Your social security number must be on file to receive your money, which you must provide before checks will be issued. Checks must be cashed/deposited within 90 days, or all monies will be forfeited.

**15. Disqualifications**

Any act deemed prejudicial to the best interests of Double Nickel Ranch may result in the contestant’s disqualification, with no refund of entry fees. The contestant may also be placed on the "ineligible" list for future Double Nickel Ranch events. These acts may include but are not limited to the following:

• Using abusive or intemperate language or attempting to threaten, bribe, influence, or harass any contestant, spectator, staff member, or Arena Personnel. Also, any remarks made with the intent to cast aspersions on the character or integrity of a Double Nickel Ranch staff member or management member.

• Moving or attempting to move markers at any time.

• Use of electronic and/or remotely controlled devices to alter the outcome of a run.

• Abuse of a horse in any way, either on the ground or in the saddle. No Whipping a horse from the ground by a bystander.

• Abuse of an animal in the show arena and/or evidence that an act of abuse has occurred prior to or during the exhibition of a horse in competition

• Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

• Misidentifying a horse in any Double Nickel Ranch Barrel Race class.

• Misidentifying a rider in any Double Nickel Ramch Barrel Race class.

• Other conduct that is not in the best interest of Double Nickel Ranch or its contestants.

• Failure to make good on a returned check to Double Nickel Ranch or any other association with a cooperative agreement with Double Nickel Ranch on the returned checks.

• Double Nickel Ranch, at their sole discretion, shall have the authority to disqualify or deny entry to any horse they deem dangerous to the rider or to other individuals, animals, or property.

**16. Safety**

Safety is a prime objective in this barrel race. If you have a horse that could be dangerous to yourself, other contestants, or other horses, DO NOT come to this barrel race. Any horse or contestant deemed dangerous by the Double Nickel Ranch will be disqualified, and entry fees will not be refunded.

**17. Rules**

The Double Nickel Ranch reserves the right to create any new rule or modify any existing rule to better the sport of this barrel race. All announcements at the show supersede printed material.

**18. Postponement of Event**

Double Nickel Ranch reserves the right to postpone any barrel race due to a natural or manmade disaster. We do not like to put these conditions on any event but feel it is unfair if only a small percentage of barrel racers can attend. Any monies collected will be refunded. If any event is postponed, we will reschedule it for a future date. No postponement or cancellation will be made due to a lack of entries.