

Middletown Days

Cowboy Team Races

- 3 riders/team
- 8 team max, \$100 per team
- 2 divisions: Jr (13 & under) and Sr (14 & over) * Age as of the day of race
- 4 Events: 1) Barrels
 - 2) Single Stake
 - 3) Speed Barrels
 - 4) Baton Race
- For the first 3 events, riders will designate an order for their team to ride.
- For the first 3 events, teams will compete head to head with another team (no times).
- A judge in the arena will signal the start by dropping a flag. Riders cannot cross the start line until the flag has been dropped.
- A judge in the arena will determine the winner by which horse's nose crosses the finish line first.
- A random draw will determine the bracket for head to head races.
- After the first round, the losing team will be eliminated for the remainder of that event.
- The remaining 4 teams will race to complete the bracket, placing 1st - 4th and earning points accordingly. 1st Place = 8pts, 2nd Place = 6pts, 3rd Place = 4pts, 4th Place = 2pts
- For each round a new rider from the team must race (based on designated order) * This means one rider cannot run the same event twice.
- For the 4th event (Baton Race) - all 3 riders will be involved. This event will be timed with one team only in the arena at a time. Points for this event will be awarded based on time from 1st - 8th place. 1st = 8pts, 2nd = 7pts
- The team with the highest points after all 4 events will be declared the Drag Race Champions.
- For the first 3 events, when the 2 competitors enter the arena, they will Ro-Sham-Bo. Winner gets to choose which side of the arena they run on.
- For barrels, the winner of Ro-Sham-Bo will get to choose the pattern direction OR the side of the arena. The loser will choose the other.
- Any barrel or pole knocked over will result in a disqualification for that rider.
- If barrels or poles are knocked over by both riders, the barrel/pole that hits the ground first will determine the rider who is disqualified (determined by the judge in the arena).
- It is not required, but highly encouraged that teams wear the same color t-shirt.

Awards:

- Jackets will be awarded to each team member of the winning team in both divisions.
- Vests will be awarded to each team member of the 2nd place team in both divisions.

With this format as it is presented there will be a total of:

24 Youth Riders & 24 Senior Riders (8 teams of 3 in each division)

16 barrel runs (8 in each division)

16 Single Stake Runs (8 in each division)

16 Speed Barrel Runs (8 in each division)

16 Baton Races (8 in each division)

* 3 riders/team ensures that as long as you make it past the first round, each rider on the team will race in that event.

* Teams who get a sponsor - the sponsor will be announced as their team name