

## THE DIAMOND CLASSIC MAIN EVENT RACE RULES

### BARREL RACE

- Event Entries begin February 1st and will stay open until April 1st or until all sections fill up whichever comes first. Waiting period will begin on April 1st through April 15th. *A late fee of double the entry fee will be assessed on all registrations during this period.*
- All pending payments must be completed by March 15th or entries will be canceled.**
- Barrel race is a timed event, using brightly colored 55 gallon steel drums, with both ends of the barrel enclosed.
- No rubber or plastic barrels are used.
- One horse in the arena during the barrel race without exception.
- Starting gate or gates will remain the same throughout the entirety of futurity, derby and open go-rounds.
- The start and finish line and the position of the barrels must be permanently marked for the entirety of futurity, derby and open go-rounds.
- It is the contestant's responsibility to ensure that the correct number is visibly displayed on the left side of the saddle pad for the horse competing, this includes exhibitions. If the horse competing has the wrong number on it, it is a "no time" for that run. If the contestant fails to compete on the correct horse but has the correct number called by the announcer for that draw, it is a "no time" for that run. Contestants will still be eligible for the remaining round of competition.
- The horse must enter the arena in forward motion and continue in forward motion. He may be required to run in and out of the arena only when an acceptable centrally located gate or gates safely permits. Horses cannot make a circle in the arena prior to the timer.
- A contestant cannot train or circle during competition. No more than one circle on each barrel while competing.
- No stopping or whipping a horse in the alley upon completion of the run. The alley belongs to the next contestant.
- Any time a contestant crosses the starting line, time will begin.
- Contestant will be assessed a five second penalty for knocking over a barrel. Touching a barrel is permitted.
- Should a barrel be knocked over and it sets up on the opposite end, the five second penalty will be assessed.
- During competition if a barrel is moved off marker, the judge must oversee re-setting the downed barrel correctly.
- Assistance in the alley way is allowed (horseback or on foot), but contestants & assistants assume all risk and liability.
- Must be the same rider in both rounds of the event. Medical emergency will be taken into consideration with a Doctor's affidavit. Horses are ineligible for average winnings.
- Medical emergencies will be taken into consideration with a Doctor's affidavit on a case by case basis. Horses removed are ineligible for average winnings.
- Reruns shall be given if a timer fails to work or if barrels are not placed properly on markers. No penalties will carry over to rerun. Contestants shall be given the choice to rerun immediately or at the end of the class.

### EVENT AGES

- Futurity colt is for ***eligible and nominated TDC horses*** ages 4 or 5 and can not have competed in an event prior to November 15th 2023
- Derby is for ***eligible and nominated TDC horses*** ages 5-8
- Open 4D is open to any ***eligible and nominated horse*** regardless of age
- TC Open is open to ***any horse regardless of age and nomination status***

## **NO TIMES**

### **Contestants will receive a no time within the round for the following reasons:**

- Failure to be ready to compete when your name is called. Announcer will call your name 3 times and if you do not present yourself to compete you will receive a no time.
- Horse refusing to gate. If your horse refuses to enter the alleyway to compete, the alley judge will say '60 second warning' and the announcer will announce '60 second warning'. If the 60 second time limit elapses before your horse attempts to begin the run, it will result in a no time.
- Off pattern. If you do not complete the pattern or go off pattern, will result in a no time.
- Running in a different order than what you have drawn will result in a no time.
- Running with an incorrect pad number will result in a no time.
- Failure to compete on the correct horse. If you have correct draw pad # on but are riding the wrong horse according to the official draw and you run, it will be considered as a no time and you will be disqualified and any winnings forfeited.

## **VET OUT POLICY**

In the event of a vet out, current registered owner/rider must submit a signed affidavit from their veterinarian stating the issue for the vet out. The Diamond Classic will issue a full credit to the owner/riders account that can be used for future events. No cash refunds will be issued.

No Vet Outs will be accepted after April 5th, 2024, no exceptions.

## **SELLING OF PURCHASED SPOTS POLICY**

Selling of spots will not be allowed. If you are unable to attend, a credit will be applied to your account for future The Diamond Classic events.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP/DISQUALIFICATION**

There is zero tolerance for mistreatment of horses at any point during the event, this includes, but not limited to, stall area, warm up arena, holding pen & main arena. Mistreatment includes, but not limited to, excessive jerking, spurring, whipping, slapping, abuse with any device, or any other act intended to cause trauma or injury to a horse. Contestants will be disqualified.

Misconduct or abusive comments spoken to any contestant, spectator, staff member or volunteer will result in immediate contestant disqualification and no refund of any fees. Contestants are also responsible for traveling companions and family members.

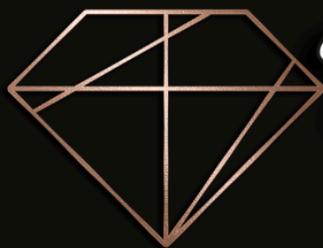
### **CREDITS/REFUNDS/SUBSTITUTIONS/PAYMENT METHODS**

All applicable fees must be paid in full in order to run at the The Diamond Classic Main Event. If you have a paid entry and choose to sell said horse before the race, the entry can be transferred to a new eligible owner for a \$75 administrative change fee. In the event of the death of a paid entry, the owner will be allowed to substitute another NOMINATED eligible horse in its place for a \$75 change fee. There will be no refunds. Payments can be made by check, echeck or credit card.

A Convenience Fee will be charged to all credit card transactions.

\$50 fee for Returned Checks or Declined Credit Cards.

**All decisions made by the The Diamond Classic are final – we reserve the right to refuse entry to any horse or individual. Any rules herewith can be changed, added to, or denied at the discretion of The Diamond Classic, LLC. The Diamond Classic, LLC will have the final word in interpreting or supplementing the rules and conditions of race if the need arises**



# The Diamond Classic

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| 12<br>FRIDAY                             | 9 am: Diamond Classic staff set up<br>4 pm: Office opens, and stall check in   |
| 13<br>SATURDAY<br>↖ average on both days | 9 am: Office Opens<br>11 am: Diamond Classic "Warm Up" Race 1 - With \$2500 Added<br><br>1 hour - open arena - after the warm up race concludes  |
| 14<br>SUNDAY<br>↗                        | 9 am: Office Opens<br>11 am: Diamond Classic "Warm Up" Race 2 - With \$2500 Added<br><br>1 hour - open arena - after the warm up race concludes  |
| 15<br>MONDAY                             | 9 am: Diamond Classic staff set up<br>11 am: Office opens for: Horses, stalls, and exhibitions<br>1 pm - 4 pm: Exhibitions   |
| 16<br>TUESDAY<br>1ST SECTION<br>1ST GO   | 6 am: Office Opens<br>7 am - 8 am: Exhibitions - Limited to 60 slots<br>9 am: <u>DC Futurity</u><br><u>DC Derby</u> - Immediately to follow Futurity.<br>4 pm: <u>DC OPEN</u> - Will NOT start before 4 pm. If Derby goes past 4 pm, office will have a 30 min. break before starting the DC OPEN.<br>6 pm: <u>Taylor County Open Race 1</u> - \$2500/4D Open & \$5000 AVG with 80% P.B all horses are allowed to compete in TC OPEN<br><br>After the Taylor County Open concludes<br>60 spots for after exhibitions will be available |
| 17<br>WED.                               | 6 am: Office Opens<br>7 am - 8 am: Exhibitions - Limited to 60 slots<br>9 am: <u>DC Futurity REVERSE DRAW ORDER</u><br><u>DC Derby REVERSE DRAW ORDER</u> - Immediately to follow Futurity.<br>4 pm: <u>DC OPEN REVERSE DRAW ORDER</u> - Will NOT start before 4 pm. If  |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2ND SECTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1ST GO</p> | <p>6 am: Office Opens</p> <p>7 am - 8 am: Exhibitions - Limited to 60 slots</p> <p>9 am: <u>DC OPEN</u></p> <p>5 pm: <u>Taylor County Open Race 2</u> - \$2500/4D Open &amp; \$5000 AVG with 80% P.B all horses are allowed to compete in TC OPEN</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">After the Taylor County Open concludes<br/>60 spots for after exhibitions will be available</p>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2ND SECTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2ND GO</p>   | <p>6 am: Office Opens</p> <p>7 am - 8 am: Exhibitions - Limited to 60 slots</p> <p>9 am: <u>DC OPEN REVERSE DRAW ORDER</u></p> <p>5 pm: <u>Taylor County Open Race 2 Second Go REVERSE ORDER</u> - \$2500/4D Open &amp; \$5000 AVG with 80% P.B all horses are allowed to compete in TC OPEN</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">After the Taylor County Open concludes<br/>60 spots for after exhibitions will be available</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3RD SECTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1ST GO</p> | <p>6 am: Office Opens</p> <p>7 am - 8 am: Exhibitions - Limited to 60 slots</p> <p>9 am: <u>DC OPEN</u></p> <p>5 pm: <u>Taylor County Open Race 3</u> - \$2500/4D Open &amp; \$5000 AVG with 80% P.B all horses are allowed to compete in TC OPEN</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">After the Taylor County Open concludes<br/>60 spots for after exhibitions will be available</p>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY</p>  | <p>6 am: Office Opens</p> <p>7 am - 8 am: Exhibitions - Limited to 60 slots</p> <p>9 am: <u>DC OPEN REVERSE DRAW ORDER</u></p>  |

