



Barrel Racing Qualifier Guidelines

Sanctioning Body

THE AMERICAN qualifiers are sanctioned by Better Barrel Races or BBR. BBR has grown from its original 1,800 members in 2003 to over 16,000 members today. BBR now sanctions more than 2,000 independently produced events in seven designated regions across the United States. Since 2003, BBR events have awarded more than \$94 Million in cash purses, making BBR the largest and richest divisional barrel race association in the world.



All information regarding RFD-TV's The American Qualifier Barrel Races can be found at www.BetterBarrelRaces.com

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Qualifiers

There will be a minimum of 25 qualifying events nationwide this season. The number of finalists moving forward to the Semi-Finals from each qualification event will be dependent on the number of entries received.

1-5...1 qualifier
6-10...2 qualifiers
11-29...5 qualifiers
30-109...10 qualifiers
110-120...11 qualifiers
121-130...12 qualifiers
131-140...13 qualifiers

One qualifier will be added for every ten entries above 140, so on and so forth.

Following are some key points that sum up the qualifiers:

- \$500 entry fee
- May enter as many of the qualifier events as you want.
- May enter each qualifier 2 times (may not ride the same horse 2 times in one race)
- Each qualifier is one run (per entry).
- ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ONLINE – NO EMAIL, NO FAX, NO MAIL IN, NO ON SITE ENTRIES!
- Of the \$500 entry fee, 25% is paid at the qualifier race, 25% will be carried over to the Semi-Finals, and 50% will be carried over to THE AMERICAN.
- Contestants may qualify twice for the Semi-Finals, however a contestant may NOT qualify more than once on the same horse.

Semi-Finals

The Semi-Finals will consist of all qualifying contestants from the qualifier events, plus any exemption that may be chosen by THE AMERICAN management. Semi-Finals Qualifier contestants will run one slack run. The top 30 times from slack will proceed to the Semi-Finals ShootOut Round where they may be split into one or more performances. In addition to the top 30 from the slack, RFD-TV may offer a 'Buyback' round in which contestants (for a fee), can buy their slack run back and have another chance at qualifying for the ShootOut round. The number advancing from the 'Buyback' round will be announced during sign ups, and those will advance to the ShootOut Round.

The Semi-Finals ShootOut round will be run as rodeo performances with contestants split evenly among the performances. After those individuals run in the performances, along with the possible RFD-TV Exemption Match or Exemption contestant, the top 5 or 10 times (depending on the total number of participating contestants who entered a qualification race) and the possible Exemption Match winner, or Exemption contestant, will advance to THE AMERICAN.

The pay-out at the Semi-Finals will come from 25% (\$125) of the \$500 entry fee that contestants paid at the qualification races. Semi-Finals payout (places and percentages) will be determined and published by The American at the Semi-Finals.

Exemptions

The American reserves the right to invite additional contestants as exemptions to The American.

The exemption contestants may be required to pay an exemption entry fee to be determined by The American.

THE AMERICAN

THE AMERICAN will consist of the top 10 barrel racers in the world based on an American Management selection criteria, free of entry fees, as well as, the Exemption Match winner and the contestants that qualified through the Qualification races / Semi-Finals, with that number being determined by the total number of participants at the qualification races. All competitors will make one long round run, with the

top 8 from the long round moving on to an elimination round. The top 4, based on an average of their first two runs, will move on to the ShootOut round where the Champion and Reserve Champion will be determined in a clean slate finals.

The Champion will win \$100,000 and the Reserve Champion will win \$25,000. In the case that the Champion came from the Semi-Finals, they will join the group of other event champions qualifying through the Semi-Finals to split the \$1 Million bonus prize.

Entry Information can be found on the BBR web site www.BetterBarrelRaces.com.

The American Semi-Finals & American Rodeo Dates – Location - Venue

Date	Location	Venue	Event
TBD	Fort Worth, TX	Cowtown Coliseum	American Rodeo Semi-Finals
TBD	Arlington, TX	AT&T Stadium	American Rodeo

Rules

- R1) All BBR competition rules apply, unless otherwise noted by The American.
- R2) All American Qualification race contestants must be a current BBR member.
- R3) No age or gender specification or limitations.
- R4) Each American Qualification Race will be run as a designated race within the schedule of the host event. Roll overs from the American Qualification Race to the added money open jackpot are required.
- R5) BBR will manage all entries online- Absolutely NO mail in, NO fax in, NO email and/or NO on site entries will be allowed or accepted.
- R6) Books will close the Monday prior to the event date at 5pm central.
LATE ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN UP TO ONE HOUR AFTER THE BOOKS CLOSE FOR A \$200 LATE FEE. Those wishing to enter late MUST call 817-307-0405 prior to 6pm central and request a late entry form. The late entry form must be filled out completely, including the \$200 late fee and returned to us within 30 minutes. There are no exceptions to the entry deadline, nor the late fee.
- R7) There will be a 72 hour turn out with no refund on the Qualifier portion of entry fee (\$125 stays in the qualifier purse as does the main race entry fee/\$375 Semi-Finals and American portion to be refunded to contestant). Turn outs must be emailed to: american@betterbarrelraces.com
- R8) A horse may not be ridden by two contestants, or twice by the same contestant, at one Qualification Race, the Semi-Finals or THE AMERICAN, regardless of the relationship of the contestants.
- R9) Semi-Finals & THE AMERICAN qualification is on the Rider, not the horse. All earnings will be paid to the Rider.

- R10) The EXEMPTION CONTESTANTS, may compete in a qualification race in an attempt secure a 2nd Semi-Finals Qualification. In doing so they may not compete at the Qualification race on the same horse that carried them to their association championship title.
- R11) Any contestant who has earned a Semi-Finals qualification prior and is one of the Top 10 in the world that is chosen by THE AMERICAN committee to compete at The American, will forfeit their Semi-Finals Qualification.
- R12) A contestant cannot qualify to the Semi-Finals more than once on the same horse.
- R13) If a contestant declines a top 10 invitation, they are not eligible to compete in any event of THE AMERICAN.
- R14) All contestants must wear “rodeo attire” at every AMERICAN event (Qualification race, Semi-Finals and THE AMERICAN).
- R15) Tie breakers will be at the discretion of the BBR at the Qualification Race. At the Semi Finals and The American, tie breakers will be explained at the time of check in by The American management.
- R16) In the event of a timer malfunction, contestant will be allowed a rerun on a fresh drag. Any penalties incurred during a completed run, will be applied to the rerun.

Any rules that are not addressed or are in conflict, will be resolved by the decision of THE AMERICAN management.

THE AMERICAN management has final decision and reserves the right to change or modify the above guidelines.