

Flag Racing – Peewee, Junior and Senior

A. Objective—To race through the course mounted horseback. Deposit a flag in the first bucket retrieve a flag from the second bucket and cross the finish line.

B. Rules:

1. There will be a (thirty) 30-second time limit for this event.

2. Equipment—(Two) 2 (five) 5 gallon buckets set on (fifty- five) 55-gallon barrels. The beans (Or whatever you choose to fill bucket with) must be (four) 4 inches from the top of both buckets. The flag must be at least (sixteen) 16 inches long. On the retrieving bucket, the top of the flag must protrude above the rim of the bucket a minimum of (five) 5 inches.

3. Contestants MUST run a continuous forward motion "horseshoe" pattern only. They may NOT circle back. This will be considered a broken pattern resulting in No Time.

4. Barrels with buckets on top should be set as close as possible to the following dimensions. (One hundred) 100 feet from start/finish line and (forty) 40 feet to (seventy-five) 75 feet apart, arena permitting. There shall be a minimum of (twenty) 20 feet from either barrel to arena fence or wall. When arena allows.

5. The contestant may run the course either direction, from left to right or right to left. In either case, the bucket on the first barrel he comes to shall not have a flag in it. The bucket on the second barrel he comes to shall have a flag set in the center of the bucket.

6. The contestant is given a flag just prior to or when he enters the arena. He then races across the start/finish line toward the first barrel. As he passes the first barrel, he places the flag into the first bucket. He then crosses over to the second barrel and takes the flag out of the second bucket and races back across the start/finish line. He must carry the flag in his hand. Carrying the flag any other place but in his hand carries a (five) 5-second penalty.

7. No two contestants may ride the same horse while competing in the same class.

C. Disqualification: A contestant will be disqualified for any of the following:

1. Knocking over a barrel or turning bucket over.

2. Failure to keep the flag in the first bucket. A dropped flag (on the ground) or a missed flag in a bucket is a "no time".

3. Crossing the finish line without the flag from the second bucket.

4. Using the flag as a whip on the horse.

5. Anytime a contestant dismounts to retrieve flag from ground after he has crossed starting line.

6. All penalties and disqualifications will be documented by the line judge.