

Barrel and Pole Committee Information 2026-2027



Chairperson: Susan Ogden-McKee

Additional Members: Jean Smith, Lauren Williams, Sherri Mason, Mike McKee, Kelly Baldwin

Event Director: Saylor Grace Walters, Isa Sharkey

1. Mission: to continue to grow and encourage all levels of barrel racers and pole benders.
2. 2-D barrel and poles: 2D rodeo points will be awarded starting with the 11th place run of the rodeo to the top 10 in the 2D. The 3D points will be awarded 0.5 seconds from the 11th place run of the rodeo, awarding points to the top 10 in the 3D. The 4D points will be awarded 1.0 seconds from the 11th place run of the rodeo, awarding points in the top 10 in the 4D. The 5D points will be awarded 1.5 seconds from the 11th place run of the rodeo, awarding points to the top 10 in the 5D. Points are awarded in the same numerical sequence at the top 10 in the rodeo.
3. Top 15 contestants in overall points in the 1D will be eligible to participate in the NTHSRA Year End Finals Rodeo. This is 2 go finals with an average.
4. End of year awards 2D-5D: End of year awards for 2D-5D are based on funds and committee discretion. The top 10 riders in the 2D-5D (Barrel and Poles) will be invited to the NTHSRA Barrel/Pole 2D-5D Invitational Finals Race of the 2026-2027 season. Contestant members must be in good standing to participate and earn any awards. Contestants that forgo entering, will then forfeit their place in the corresponding division for end of year awards. The next contestant in line will be given the opportunity to participate. This will be a single race, the date and time TBD. The barrel/pole final run will determine the top 6 in the division for end year awards in the 2D-5D barrels and poles. The 2D top 10 will compete against each other, no other D person can change Ds based on their run time. The 3D top 10 will complete against each other, and so forth. Payout will be routine payout paying out 1 for every 5 entered in each D, for the run. End of year awards will be determined based on points after the 2D-5D Invitational Finals race. Each contestant will come in with accumulated points. Points for each D will be awarded as normal rodeo points. If there is a tie in year end points prior to the 10th spot, only a total of 10 contestants will be invited. If a tie is the 10th spot, all will receive an invite. Points will be awarded for the race as follows:

1 st - 70 points	6 th - 35 points
2 nd - 63 points	7 th - 28 points
3 rd - 56 points	8 th - 21 points
4 th - 49 points	9 th - 14 points
5 th - 42 points	10 th - 7 points
5. You can only complete in 1 Division. If you are in the top 15 going to NTHSRA Year End Finals, you will not compete in the Barrel/Pole 2D-5D Invitational Finals Race for end of year awards. If you are in the top 10 in two divisions (2D-5D), you will be asked which division (2D-5D) you would like to compete in. You will then be removed from the other division(s) and the 11th person (or next person) will be invited. We will drag/rake per finals guidelines. Barrels will be set on the same pattern as all NTHSRA rodeos per the venue. Poles will be set in the standard pattern used at NTHSRA.
6. The NTHSRA barrels and poles committee will periodically hold single barrel races, single pole races, barrel race series and pole race series. We will check in advance and schedule the arena just as any outside vendor with all proceeds after expenses going to the D Awards account or earmarked for miscellaneous projects that would be beneficial to NTHSRA.
7. This committee will address all concerns and complaints regarding the running of the events of barrels and poles at each rodeo. These complaints will be made known to committee chair first and then discussed among committee to bring forth an action plan to be presented to NTHSRA board members.