



Dash for Cash, Fair Book Rule Guide

Department
Horse Department

Class Title

Dash for Cash

Entry Fee

\$35.00 per horse registered entry

\$16.00 General Gate Admission required for all registrants and spectators

Gate admission must be paid at the entrance gate. Every entrant and spectator must purchase a general gate admission band, including individuals competing in the Broken B Rodeo or any other event taking place on the fairgrounds.

Prize Money

Prize money will be paid to the **top five final placings only**. Prize amounts shall be posted by the Fair prior to the close of entries.

1. Purpose of Class

Dash for Cash is a timed speed event. Each horse and rider shall start behind the designated start/finish line, run directly to a single barrel, turn completely around that barrel, and return across the same start/finish line. The lowest valid time wins.

2. Eligibility

1. This class is open to horse-and-rider combinations properly entered with the Fair.
2. **Minimum rider age: 13 years old as of the day of the Fair event.**
3. A rider may enter more than one horse, but each horse-and-rider combination requires a separate entry and separate \$35.00 entry fee.
4. A horse may be entered only once in this class.
 - a. Two riders may not participate on the same horse.
5. The Fair reserves the right to refuse any entry that does not meet health, safety, paperwork, or conduct requirements.

3. Required Rider Attire and Equipment

1. All riders must wear an **approved equestrian helmet** with harness fastened whenever mounted on the fairgrounds for this class.
2. Riders must wear boots with a heel, long pants, and a shirt.
3. Tack must be in safe working order.
4. The judge or show management may excuse any entry deemed unsafe.

4. Required Horse Paperwork, Must Be Presented at Check-In

No horse will be allowed on the fairgrounds or permitted to compete unless all required paperwork is present and acceptable at check-in. New York's fair regulations state that animals not meeting fair and import requirements shall not be allowed on the grounds.

A. Horses originating in New York State

For **New York-origin horses**:

1. **No CVI is required** for fair admission.
2. A **current negative Equine Infectious Anemia, EIA, Coggins test** is required for all horses **6 months of age or older**. The horse must be accompanied by the valid negative EIA test record.
3. The EIA test record must contain a **complete description and identification** of the horse. Names, tattoos, and microchips, if any, must be recorded. Descriptions such as **"Bay, no markings" are not acceptable**.
4. **Rabies vaccination is required** for horses **4 months of age or older** on the date of admission, and the vaccine must have been administered within the **past 12 months**.
5. Acceptable proof of rabies vaccination must be a **signed written statement from the veterinarian** or a **valid CVI listing the vaccination**, and the proof must include the product used and date of administration. A clinic invoice alone is not sufficient.

B. Horses originating outside New York State

For **out-of-state horses**:

1. A valid **interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, CVI, health certificate** is required. Extended Equine CVIs are accepted by New York for importation, and interstate fair paperwork must be available as a paper copy at check-in.
2. The interstate CVI is valid for **30 days from the date of inspection**. During the New York fair season, valid CVIs may be reused for qualifying fairs if the initial fair entry was within 30 days and the paperwork was dated and initialed by New York Agriculture and Markets officials as required.
3. A **current negative EIA, Coggins test** is required for all horses **6 months of age or older**, with the test conducted within **12 months prior to entry**.
4. The EIA record must include a **complete horse description and identification**. Descriptions such as **"Bay, no markings" are not acceptable**.
5. **Rabies vaccination is required** for horses **4 months of age or older** on the date of admission, with vaccination within the **past 12 months** and acceptable proof available.
6. Out-of-state horses must meet both **New York import requirements** and **New York fair requirements**.

C. Fair check-in authority

1. Any horse showing signs of infectious, contagious, or communicable disease shall be denied admission or removed from the grounds.
2. Paperwork may not be altered except by the issuing veterinarian.

3. Any animal subject to inspection must be presented without wraps, sheets, coats, or other coverings for inspection.

5. Course Description

1. The course shall consist of one barrel and one clearly marked start/finish line.
2. The barrel location shall be established by show management before the class begins.
3. The rider may turn the barrel to the left or to the right.
4. The horse must go completely around the barrel before crossing the finish line.
5. Once the first horse starts the class, the barrel position and course setup shall remain unchanged unless show management determines a safety or fairness issue requires adjustment.

6. Class Format

A. Preliminary Round

1. All properly entered horse-and-rider combinations shall receive **one preliminary timed run**.
2. The preliminary round may be run in groups of up to three horses at a time.
3. If multiple horses run at the same time, **each horse shall be timed individually**.
4. Preliminary times shall be ranked from fastest to slowest.
5. The **five fastest eligible horse-and-rider combinations** from the preliminary round shall advance to the final.

B. Final Round

1. Finalists shall run **one at a time only**.
2. Each finalist shall receive **one final run**.
3. Final placings, first through fifth, shall be based solely on **final-round times**.
4. Preliminary-round times are used only to determine qualification for the final and alternate order.

7. Multiple Horses Entered by the Same Rider

1. A rider may enter and qualify more than one horse in the preliminary round.
2. **A rider may compete on only one horse in the final.**
 - a. If the same rider qualifies more than one horse for the final, that rider must declare to the show secretary which one qualified horse they will ride in the final **before the final draw is posted, or before the first final-run if no posted draw is used**.
 - b. Once declared, that final-round horse selection is final.
3. Any additional horse or horses qualified by that same rider shall be **scratched from the final**.
4. A scratched qualified horse **may not be transferred to another rider for the final**.
5. Any vacated final position shall be filled by the **next-fastest eligible horse-and-rider combination** from the preliminary standings.

6. Qualification to the final belongs to the original horse-and-rider combination that earned the time, subject to the one-horse-per-rider final rule.

8. Alternates

1. Alternates shall be ranked in order of fastest preliminary time among those not initially placed in the top five.
2. If a finalist scratches, fails to report, is disqualified before starting the final, or is removed because the rider selected another horse for the final, the next eligible alternate shall move up.
3. Once the first final horse has crossed the start line, no further substitutions shall be made except in the event of verified official or timing error at the sole discretion of show management.

9. Timing

1. Electronic timing shall govern when available.
 - a. If electronic timing fails on a run, show management may grant an immediate rerun.
2. The official time starts when the horse's nose crosses the start line.
3. The official time stops when the horse's nose crosses the finish line on the return.
4. The official time as recorded by the Fair is final, except in the case of verified timer malfunction or clerical error.

10. Order of Go

1. Preliminary order of go shall be by order of registration, day of event.
2. Final order of go shall be reverse order of preliminary ranking unless otherwise announced before the final begins.
3. Any rider not present and ready when called may be scratched.

11. No Time, Disqualification, and Removal

A run shall be ruled **no time** or **disqualified** for any of the following:

1. Knocking over the barrel.
2. Breaking the pattern.
3. Failing to go completely around the barrel.
4. Going off course.
5. Crossing the finish line before completing the pattern.
6. Rider falling or becoming separated from the horse during the timed run.
7. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
8. Unsafe horsemanship or unsafe equipment.
9. Failure to comply with fair personnel, ring steward, judge, or starter.

In addition, any horse that is unsafe, unmanageable, or shows signs of illness may be excused from the class or removed from the grounds by management or animal-health officials. New York fair regulations authorize denial of entry or removal for animals showing signs of infectious or communicable disease.

12. Reruns

1. Reruns shall be granted only for verified timer malfunction, official interference, or course obstruction not caused by the rider.
2. A request for rerun must be made immediately and before the next run begins.
 - a. If a rerun is granted, the rerun time shall stand.

13. Ties

1. Ties for the last qualifying place into the final shall be broken by a runoff.
2. Ties in the final for any placing shall be broken by a runoff.
 - a. If a runoff is not possible due to safety, weather, or time constraints, ties shall be broken by preliminary-round time.

14. Payouts

1. Payouts shall be made to the **top five final placings only**.
2. No payout shall be made based on preliminary-round times alone.
3. A finalist who does not start the final is not eligible for a payout.
4. Prize money shall be issued only after all results are declared official.

15. Entry Fee, Scratches, and Refunds

1. The entry fee is **\$35.00 per horse-and-rider combination**.
2. Entry fees are non-refundable after the close of entries unless the Fair announces otherwise.
3. No entry shall be considered complete until the entry form, fee, and required horse paperwork have been received and accepted.

16. Authority and Finality

1. The judge, timer, show management, fair veterinarian, and New York State animal health inspectors each have authority within their official roles.
2. Decisions concerning disease risk, admission to grounds, removal from grounds, safety, timing malfunction, and rule enforcement are final.
3. No protest shall be entertained on matters of judgment. Only verified clerical or recording errors may be corrected.

17. Exhibitor Checklist, What Must Be Brought to the Fair

For every horse

- Entry form
- **\$35 entry fee**
- Horse owner and rider contact information
- Rider signed Insurance Waiver
- Emergency contact information
- Current negative **EIA, Coggins** for horses 6 months and older
- Acceptable proof of **rabies vaccination** for horses 4 months and older
- Horse must match paperwork description exactly

Additional requirement for out-of-state horses

- Valid **interstate CVI** issued within 30 days of entry, with paper copy available at check-in