

PEWC FINALS COMPETITION RULES

2026 PEWC FINALS

- **RELEASE OF LIABILITY, INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE PERSONAL INJURY;** This event is conducted by Midwest Pole Bending Association, a Minnesota LLC ("Company"). By making entry as a participant, I hereby understand that no matter how careful the sponsors, officers, directors, or participants may be, my injury or death, as well as that of my horse, or my child is a possibility. Furthermore, I, as a participant (or parent/guardian of a participant) agree to hold harmless the Company, its agents, management, contractors and employees from any expense, cause of action, damage, or claim of damage (including any legal fees) of any kind whatsoever, which I might assert as a result of my (or my child's) injury, death or claim.
- **Midwest Pole Bending Association LLC and Pro Elite World Challenge Inc. and its representatives have the final say on all rulings. (MPBA and PEWC)**
- **NO CELL PHONES IN WARM UP AREA; ONE ASSISTANT PER RIDER; NO UNTACKING OR ENTERING ALLEYWAY BEFORE/AFTER YOUR RUN. ONE WARNING. SECOND WARNING WILL RESULT IN A \$25 FINE.**
- MPBA and PEWC can refuse any entry for any reason. Payment options include cash, venmo, credit/debit card (5% fee or www.fastenter.com fee applies) or personal check. **Personal check minimum \$50.** \$50 fee for returned checks.
- PEWC Finals is open to anyone. No qualification runs required, no nonmember fees are collected.
- Pre Entry deadline is postmark September 18; online pre entry deadline is October 1. A \$35 late fee per rider applies after the deadlines. Once entered, a rider may add classes/horses without any additional office or late fees. The first draw will take place Oct 5. NOTE: Sunday Open 5D draws will be posted at the show.
 - EARLY RUN is for workers, sponsors and vendors.
 - The early run must be designated at time of entry. Workers must volunteer a minimum of two hours = ONE early run. Workers may sign up for more hours to qualify for more early runs.
 - Vendors are \$250. NOTE: One rider/vendor will have early run eligibility all three days. The rider must select early entry at time of original entry.
 - Sponsors are eligible to add early runs at anytime – must be Silver (\$500), Gold (\$1000) or Platinum (\$2500). Text 612-384-6730 or email midwestpolebending@hotmail.com for sponsorship options.
 - Rider sponsors - \$100/rider sponsorship qualifies one rider for early runs all three days. The rider must be sponsored at time of original entry.
 - Saturday Open times can be carried to Sunday.
- No outside shavings. In the event stalls sell out, overnight tie outs may be allowed in designated lots (perimeter fence for safety).
- The Target Time/Average sidepot will use the Friday and Saturday times. A Target Time award will be handed out Sunday morning. The Average sidepot will pay out on a 5D format.
- PEWC Members are eligible for \$10,000 Bonus Sidepot on Saturday and Sunday. Memberships must be purchased by 5 PM Friday. Times pull from the Open 5D classes.
- ALL RUNS COUNT weekend sidepot. Pay one \$50 fee per horse. The OPEN run from Friday-Saturday-Sunday will be used to calculate a single payout. \$1000 added.
- Sidepot entries will be posted. Any corrections to the side pot entries must be made before the end of that race. Once results are posted they are considered final. If you are missed in a sidepot you paid for, your entry fee will be refunded. Please make sure you are listed in the sidepots you are entered: Average/Target Time (Friday/Saturday), Youth/Senior/Adult (Friday/Saturday/Sunday), All Runs Count (weekend), ActivateQi (Saturday), and PEWC Members only (Saturday/Sunday). Youth Mega \$5000 added (Saturday). No late fees to add sidepots. No refunds on sidepots.
- Pee Wee riders may not compete in the Open barrel classes. They may compete in open pole bending.
- No horses may be tied to trailers in the electrical camping lanes. **Violation is \$25 fine.**
- Refunds for vet-outs received by noon October 1. Vet outs receive 100% refund less office fee. *Does not include slot races or R & J Classic Futurity and Maturity.
- Draw out deadline noon October 1. 70% refund of entry fees less office fee. *Does not include slot races or R & J Classic Futurity and Maturity.
- Selling spots/Horse/rider substitutions for Pee Wee and Open will be allowed at no charge up to noon October 1. \$20 fee for horse/rider changes received after Oct 1. Horse/Rider changes allowed 1 hour prior to the start of the Friday and Saturday Open Race. No changes after 8 PM Saturday for Sunday runs. ALL CHANGES must be paid for in the show office

prior to the run. The NEW RIDER will pay the office fee to the show office (if not already entered on another horse) and the change fee. There will be a change form in the show office. *exception may be made for Sunday substitutions in the event of horse/rider injury.

- Exhibition time limited to one minute. Exceeding the one minute will forfeit any additional exhibitions. Forward motion must be maintained or the rider will be asked to exit the arena immediately and forfeit any additional exhibitions for the day. Riders are asked to avoid excessive circling.
- Dogs in the arena must be on a leash. Damage to vendor merchandise must be reimbursed by the handler at time of incident. Please monitor dogs and clean up as needed in seating and vendor areas.
- Late entries will be run at the end of each class. Late entries accepted through last rider in each class.
- Riders will receive 3 calls at the gate. After 3 calls, the ride will be considered a scratch. Time Limit 2 minutes from first call to enter the arena.
- Controlled access will be maintained for warm up areas. The number will be announced at the show.
- No schooling is allowed in the arena during the jackpot classes. Riders will be fined \$25 for circling a barrel an extra time. We want to ensure the ground is as fair as possible for every rider.
- You may circle once in the arena prior to the start of your run. You will be fined \$25 for additional circling.
- Rider must maintain forward motion after they cross the timeline.
- Western dress code required – long sleeved. Collars/buttons not required. Hats/helmets recommended. No ball caps or non-western hats. \$20 fine for lost hats in the arena (optional donation to the fundraiser).
- 5D Open Classes and Youth sidepots will be on the half second split (winner, ½, ½, ½, 1/2). Youth is 18 and under as of January 1.
- Adult and Senior sidepots will be paid on the 3D split (winner, full, full). Adult 19-44; Senior 45+ day of show. ActivateQi will pay two holes per 4D; half second splits.
- Pee Wee classes will be 3D, three second split
- Pole Bending Open will be paid on a 3D full second split (winner, full, full).
- Tipped barrels result in a no-time for barrel classes. Tipped poles are a 5 second penalty per pole.
- Contestants must have a current negative coggins test on-site and available upon request.
- All reruns will be the decision of the Arena Director. Rerun will be on fresh drag. Arena Director's decisions are FINAL. In the case of a timer malfunction rider will be offered a re-run. No re-rides will be given for individual equipment or tack malfunction.
- There is a "buy back" option for open pole bending and barrels. Riders have the option to enter a second time each day with a new entry fee and will run at the end of the class. The buy back option will be open through the last rider each day. Riders can add sidepots to their buyback entry. The office must be notified of the buy back prior to last rider. The buyback will NOT include NIH/TOC incentives, or Futurity/Maturity.
- Riders must compete in the order of the draw. Riders running out of turn will be disqualified. Horses may be ridden by more than one competitor.
- We will drag every 5 riders with big drags every 50 riders for barrels and poles. Pee Wee drags will be determined at the show based on the number of riders. Changes to this plan may be made at producer's discretion at the show.
- Vendor booths are available for rent through PEWC/MPBA. **All vendors including farriers, chiropractors, massage therapist, etc must pay a vendor fee prior to offering any services on the premises.** Anyone offering services who has not paid a sponsor/vendor fee will be fined \$100 in addition to the booth fee. Vendors must complete a vendor/sponsor form for approval. All efforts will be made to avoid duplicate services and products and/or conflict with PEWC/MPBA sponsors. PEWC and MPBA are not responsible for vendor products and display materials. Vendors are eligible to compete in the "early run" each day. Note: 1 rider/vendor limit.
- A W-9 must be on file to pick up any check. All weekend fees must be paid before picking up checks. Weekend checks will be mailed within five days of the show after audits and W9 verifications are complete.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct to horses, other competitors, workers, vendors, sponsors or to production staff may

result in an immediate dismissal and forfeit of entry fees and any money earned.

- Everyone will be photographed and videoed throughout the weekend. Photos may be purchased at www.albraunworth.com. Videos may be purchased at www.midwestrodeos.com. Any other photographers or videographers taking pictures with the intent to sell will be asked to discontinue. We reserve the right to take photographs and video during the event. By competing with us, you grant to us the absolute and irrevocable right and unrestricted permission to use and publish your image, or likeness, without compensation, for commercial, advertising, editorial, or any other purpose; and in any manner and medium, whether now known or hereafter devised; and to alter and composite the same without restriction and without your inspection or approval. You hereby release and discharge us from and against any and all claims, liabilities, costs, damages and expenses of any kind arising out of or relating to the use by us of your image or likeness.

SLOT RACES

- Barrel Slot race check in will be announced closer to the show date.
- The Pole Bending and Barrel Racing slot races will be held at **rider number 200** on the Open on Saturday. Times from the Pole Bending Slot Race may be carried back to the Open Pole Bending Class. 5 second penalty for tipped poles.
- The Barrel Racing Slot Race runs after pole bending. Slot race times can be carried back to Futurity, Maturity and Open classes. Calcutta schedules will be posted closer to the show date.

R & J CLASSIC FUTURITY & MATURITY STOP #3:

- The R & J Classic & Maturity will take place October 9 and 10 in conjunction with PEWC Finals.
- The 3D Futurity is open to horses that not have reached the age of 6 in the calendar year of futurity. Include a copy of Registration Papers or Veterinarian's affidavit of year of birth and complete description of unregistered horse with your entry form.
- Futurity horse(s) must never have competed in any barrel race prior to the start of their declared futurity year. To do means to forfeit all fees paid and elimination from the futurity. Exhibition or "time only" runs prior to futurity year are allowed.
- The 3D Maturity is open to horses 8 years and younger; any horse "matured" in from competing in prior years; OR any horse from sired from a 2026 nominated Homegrown Stallion Incentive. Include a copy of Registration Papers or Veterinarian's affidavit of year of birth and complete description of unregistered horse with your entry form.
- All riders must be designated when entries are due. Rider changes after that date will be \$20 charge and you must complete and submit Rider Change Form.
- Horses must be checked in prior to running.
- There will be two go-rounds and an average. Total times of the 2 rounds will determine the winners. The 3D Futurity will be paid on a full second split. The 3D Maturity will be paid on a half second split. Award money will be 75% of entry fees along with 100% of added money. 2 go's and an average with each go paying 30% and 40% to the average. Awards are based on the Average. Upon the result of a tie, money will be added together and split evenly for payback. Awards will be given out according to fastest individual time.
- Substitutions will be accepted only due to death, illness or unsoundness of the original nominated horse and or rider. A vet release must accompany the substitution. The substitute horse/rider must meet all requirements. Horse and rider substitutions must be made in the show office at least one hour prior to competition. There will be a \$20.00 fee for substitutions of horse or rider.
- Current coggins is required and dropped off at check in.
- Dress code: long sleeve shirts, cowboy hat or helmet, cowboy boots. .

R & J Classic Futurity and Maturity Race Rules

- A tipped barrel will result in a no time.
- A maximum of three gate calls will be made, after which the horse and rider will be disqualified for that go-round.
- Should the timer fail, you will be given the choice to rerun with a clean drag or at the end of the class.
- First go draw order designates rake breaks and is reversed for the second go. Bottom of ground will receive top of the ground and so forth. Rake breaks will not change for the second go.
- Running out of turn will result in disqualification. Running order will be posted and if you are called out of order you have the option to question this before running.

R & J Classic Futurity and Maturity Fees & Dates

- Futurity entry fee is a one time fee of \$250.00. Postmark due date September 18. Online October 1.
- Maturity entry fee is a one time fee of \$150.00. Postmark due date September 18. Online October 1.
- Late entries will be accepted until check in time with a \$35 late fee – one late fee per rider.
- No refunds for any reason.
- Stalls and camping are to be reserved with the PEWC Finals/Midwest Pole Bending Association.
- Times must be carried over to the Open 5D or rider may choose to do a clean slate for the Open 5D.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

This applies to all contestants that are competing at PEWC Finals, their families or guardians. Guardians can also be trainers or coaches of the rider. PEWC strives to foster a positive environment for competitors and their families. All contestants and their families (including parents, guardians and coaches/trainers) shall abide by these rules when using social media in reference to any event produced by PEWC or MPBA.

1. Be positive and respectful about the event and the producers and host arena owners and staff.
2. Do not post content that would harm PEWC, MPBA, their staff, sponsors, arena owners or contestants.
3. Use good judgement when posting about any PEWC or MPBA events, or on their social media sites. You can create a liability for our contestants, sponsors and arena owners in the future.
4. If you have a question, please send a message to our email: midwestpolebending@hotmail.com or info@proeliteworldchallenge.com

Any misuse, threats, complaints or showing poor judgement by posting negative comments, may result in a membership (if applicable) and/or entry fees and winnings being redacted with no refund and the contestant being barred from any MPBA/PEWC show and future events.

In the event of the need for additional rules, they will be added as needed.