

## **2025 TODAYS HORSE WEST FEST RULES:**

### **GENERAL RULES:**

- Western Attire Required – Long Sleeve Shirts & Cowboy Hats
- A W9 is required with every entry no matter the AGE of the contestant and no checks will be issued without one on file.
- There is a non refundable \$25 office charge PER RIDER for those entering, except the 4D Peewee Class, which is excluded.
- No Buying & Selling Spots Allowed
- Tipped Barrels will result in a NO TIME as well as any broken pattern. Must keep forward motion.
- NO CIRCLING in the arena – doing so will result in a NO TIME – must keep forward motion coming through the GATE.
- You will get 3 calls before getting turned out.
- There will only be 5 riders Allowed in the Holding Pen at a Time, if weather is bad we will allow up to 10 riders in the Holding Pen.
- We will Drag every 5 runners in all Classes with Big Drags every 50. The only class with different drags will be the 4D Peewee Class on Saturday the 20th. Drags will be every 10 runners for that particular class.
- If you have a horse with GATE issues – there will be a 2 MINUTE time limit to get your horse in the gate before getting Turned out.
- Selling Exhibitions are allowed, but will take place between buyer and seller only – names will not be changed on the sheet so be ready to go when original buyers name is called off at the show.
- All Show results will be posted online at [www.todayshorse.net](http://www.todayshorse.net) - this is also where you can find all of the entry forms and exhibition links.

### **STALLING & HOOKUP INFO:**

- All stalls and hookups will be first come first serve. They will be unlocked and ready for you when you arrive. Once you pick your stalls and hookups out, please text your barn number, stall numbers, and hookup numbers to Dee at 605-545-4369 or come let them know at the office when you come to settle up. We will be doing morning, Noon and Night checks. You can stall and park by whoever you want, as long as it is not already taken. If you move people's horses you will be disqualified. A 30 day current health is REQUIRED to stall at the Central States Fairgrounds. Stalls are pre bedded and are \$35 per night and hookups are \$45 per night. Please be courteous when it comes to parking, space is limited. You can also park on the East side of the building if you are DAY

**PARKING.** You can camp on the fairgrounds with your generator at NO COST. If you do not sign up for stalls ahead of time, you will be charged more at the show. The price will increase to \$40 a night if we have to go unlock something for you. Reserve your stalls with your entries, this helps us be organized and have everything ready when you arrive.

#### **REFUNDS, DRAW-OUTS & ENTRY INFO:**

- All refunds, including vet releases and draw outs, will be issued the Tuesday after the show along with Sunday's checks. Full refunds will be issued minus the \$25 office charge, as long as they comply with the draw out deadline.
- DRAW OUT DEADLINE for all reasons other than a VET RELEASE will be Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 by NOON MST – all draw outs must be emailed to [thmpromoting@gmail.com](mailto:thmpromoting@gmail.com) or a refund will not be issued. (No texts, Facebook messages, calls, etc. allowed) If you draw out after this date no REFUNDS will be issued, unless you have a VET RELEASE, DOCTOR RELEASE or a good reason at my discretion.
- Draws will be posted Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 by 5pm on [www.todayshorse.net](http://www.todayshorse.net)
- PRE- ENTRY DEADLINE is Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> via the JOTFORM by 7pm MST. The only jotform that will stay open after this date and time will be the Credit card form, and you will be issued a \$20 LATE FEE per Rider per day. Late entries will be added to the end of the pre-draw.
- If you late enter multiple horses, and we have open spots to fill in the pre-draw from scratches, we will ask your permission to fill those holes to better space you out, but there is a chance you could be back-to-back when you late enter, so be prepared.
- LATE Entries will be accepted up until the LAST runner goes in EACH class, except the Peewee Slot Race, 4D Peewee Race and the Whip N Spur Slot Race.

#### **CLASS RULES:**

- The 4D Peewee Class is a 2 Second Split between D's with a 100% payback. There is a \$10 entry fee with No Office Charge - Age limit is 8 & under as of January 1. Entry deadline is Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm MST via the Jotform or sign up on site.
- The Cruising for A Cure Peewee Slot Race is a 5D with 1 second splits & an equal payout among the D's – 80% payback - \$50 entry fee. The age limit is 10 & Under as of January 1 and entries will close once they reach 100 runners. Entry forms can be found on the Cruising For A Cure Facebook page. NO late entries accepted. Buying and selling spots is allowed in this class only. NO REFUNDS. Peeweess that are 8 & Under can carry their Slot Race time into the 4D West Fest Peewee class, and need to designate that on their entry form. Those running in the Peewee Slot Race can also carry to the Saturday Open, but will need to fill out a West Fest entry form via Jotform and pay for the appropriate

classes. Your time will automatically be carried to the Open from the Slot Race unless otherwise designated.

- The Remi the Rockstar Youth Race has \$2000 added and is a 4D with 1 second splits – 80% payback - \$50 entry fee. Age limit is 17 & Under as of January 1. If your child enters this class and the Sunday open, they will run in the REMI RACE, and their time will automatically carry to the open class. They will NOT run TWICE. If you are 17 & Under running in Section 1 Go 2 on Friday, you can carry your time to the Sunday Remi Race.
- Whip N Spur Slot Race has \$2500 added and is a 3D with 0.625 second splits – 80% payback - \$250 entry fee. Futurity and Derby contestants as well as OPEN runners that run on Friday, September 19th can carry their time into the Friday night Slot Race or you can choose to ACTUALLY RUN in the Slot Race. Make sure you designate this correctly on your entry form. ENTRY DEADLINE is 5pm on Friday September 19th.
- Senior Sidepot is a 3D with 0.75 second splits and the age limit is 50 & Over. \$25 entry fee per go round.
- 2D Futurity is a Full second split futurity open to 4 & 5 year old horses, with 27.5% paid out in each round and 45% paid out in the average. There is \$6500 added with 100% of the added money paid back. The entry fee is \$300. 80% payback of the entry fees, with 60% paid out in the 1D and 40% paid out in the 2D. The number of holes we pay in each D will depend on entry numbers and how many land in each D.
- 2D Derby is a 3/4 second split derby open to horses 8 & Under, with 27.5% paid out in each round and 45% paid out in the average. There is \$3500 added with 100% of the added money paid back. The entry fee is \$200. 80% payback of the entry fees, with 60% paid out in the 1D and 40% paid out in the 2D. The number of holes we pay in each D will depend on entry numbers and how many land in each D.
- Open 5D has \$15,000 added - \$7500 both Sat & Sun — \$100 entry fee per day – 80% payback - the Open is not paid out as an average - but buckles will be given to the Open Average winners in each D.
- CARRY OVERS – The Futurity and Derby contestants as well as the Thursday and Friday Open runners times from Thursday will carry to Saturday and times from Friday will carry to Sunday's open races. Friday times can carry into the Friday night slot race, but no times can be carried out of the slot race. All times are carried forward not backwards.

#### **AWARDS AND CHECKS:**

- Awards will not be mailed unless you want to pay for the shipping – please be present or designate someone to pick them up if at all possible. We are Always willing to make arrangements for pickup in Rapid City as well.
- If you win the TRIFECTA Horse trailer you will be able to make arrangements to come back and pick it up if need be.

- Futurity and Derby checks will be available for pickup from both rounds and the average at the award(s) ceremonies. Saturday open checks will be available for pickup at the Office by 10AM Sunday September 21st. Saturday peewee checks will be available for pickup about 10 minutes after completion of the race. Sunday checks will be mailed Tuesday the 23rd as long as we have a W9 on file. All W9's can be emailed to [todayshorsemag@gmail.com](mailto:todayshorsemag@gmail.com)

#### **INCENTIVE & SANCTION RULES INFORMATION:**

- The Diamond Classic \$10000 ADDED - \$10,000 added - you will not be eligible for the incentive money unless you enter on their website [www.thediamondclassic.com](http://www.thediamondclassic.com) - you can designate one or both of your runs in this incentive by paying the appropriate entry fees. Payout Checks will be issued by the Diamond Classic and mailed by October 15th, only if a W9 is on file with them. These will be paid out as a 4D to owner & Slot Holder.
- Future Fortunes - \$10000 ADDED – Saturday September 20th – No Entry fee – Must fill out Bonus Money entry form online at [https://www.jotform.com/app/future\\_fortunes\\_inc/bonus-money-form](https://www.jotform.com/app/future_fortunes_inc/bonus-money-form) - make sure the Future Fortunes box is checked on your entry form. A list will be posted at the show of Future Fortunes horses – make sure you double check this list. Bonus money is paid out 60% to the Owner – 20% to the Breeder/Nominator & 20% to Stallion Nominator.
- Future Fortunes Fast 5 Team Race - \$10,500 Added - Saturday September 20th - No Entry Fee - Must fill out the Fast 5 Entry form [jotform at https://futurefortunesinc.jotform.com/233415177191152](https://futurefortunesinc.jotform.com/233415177191152) - You must have Five (5) different riders per team with one (1) being 50+ years old. The Same Horse/Rider combo can only participate on ONE team. (Rider can compete on as many teams as he/she has eligible horses entered.) Fastest combined times from each team determines winners. A hit barrel results in a no-time for the team. Future Fortunes' horses ONLY to be run in conjunction with the FF's Bonus Money Side Pot. A Bonus Money Entry Form MUST be submitted for each team member's horse by NOON (CST) the day of the event. All Teams must be entered before the first horse runs in their event. If you need to make a rider/horse change, please submit a Future Fortunes' Fast 5 Rider/Horse Change Form before Open/Roll Over Event begins. Must submit a Fast Five Entry Form with complete information, including horse's registered name. If only one or two teams have qualified runs, we will go to total times plus penalties. Submit a Team Photo to [futurefortunesinc@gmail.com](mailto:futurefortunesinc@gmail.com) and get 100 or more LIKES/LOVES on FB by NOON CST the day before the event to be in the random draw which will be held the day of the event. \$500 to winning team!
- WPRA Approved Badlands & Prairie Circuit – All cards and permits accepted. This is a divisional race and 1D Money each day of the Open will count towards the divisional standings and the Futurity & Derby is also approved.
- PESI - \$3500 Added – \$1250 will be Paid out on the Futurity Average - \$1250 on the Derby Average and \$1000 added Saturday the 20th of the Open. This incentive will

handle results and payouts. There is no entry fee, but your horse must be paid in and eligible for this incentive.

- West Fest Fall Extravaganza Lottery – Each year \$1000 will be added to the West Fest Fall Extravaganza Lottery Barrel Incentive. \$500 towards the Futurity and \$500 towards the Derby. It includes eligible graduates starting from the Fall Extravaganza first held in Rapid City starting in 2017. The accumulated incentive money set aside towards each event will be awarded to the current owner of the Fall Extravaganza Lottery eligible graduate that achieves the title of West Fest Futurity Barrel Champion or West Fest Derby Champion. If an eligible horse does not win, the money rolls to the following year and continues to accumulate.
- Bonus Race Qualifier – We will have single show qualifiers each day, Saturday the 20th & Sunday the 21st. We will be able to award a certain number of qualifiers in each D each day to the Bonus Race World Finals. The number of qualifiers will depend on final entry numbers.
- Select Stallion Stakes \$7500 Added – No Entry Fee and you do not have to enter on their end – Paid out as a 4D on the Open Saturday September 20th – Checks will be issued by SSS only if a W9 is on file with them – results will be posted on their website [www.selectstallionstakes.com](http://www.selectstallionstakes.com)

#### **CALCUTTA INFO:**

- The Whip N Spur 3D Slot Race Calcutta will take place Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with the event starting at 7pm. We will sell these competitors in groups. There will be carryover times from earlier in the day from the open, futurity and derby that we will mix in with those that will run that night. The number of groups we sell will be based upon entry numbers. It will be a 75% payback with 25% going back to the Prairie Center in Sioux Falls. We will pay out on whoever purchases the top 2 in each D in the Calcutta. For example: You could buy a group that has the top 1D time and the 2nd fastest 3D time - winning you two checks. You do not have to buy the fastest person there to win. You can win a check off the 2D and 3D times as well. Making it truly all a matter of luck. 50% of the winnings will be paid out to the 1D, 30% to the 2D and 20% to the 3D.