



MIDWEST RACEHORSE ROUNDUP

Presented in conjunction with:
North Dakota Horse Park and the North Dakota Horse Park Foundation

August 16-18, 2024 | North Dakota Horse Park - Fargo, North Dakota

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Terminology

MRR - The Midwest Racehorse Roundup

Competitor - The rider of a horse entered in the competition

Retired Racehorse - A horse that has raced, or had a published work, at any racetrack in the United States or Canada.

Overview

The Midwest Racehorse Roundup is a 2 day event with 5 disciplines hosted at the North Dakota Horse Park in Fargo, ND. The event is designed to showcase the versatility of the retired racehorse and is open to any retired racehorse that has raced or had a published work anywhere in the United States or Canada.

The event is open to any breed, the only requirement being that they are retired racehorses. All breeds compete in the same classes and divisions. Special Awards are available which may have more eligibility requirements.

All official communications will be through email, and on the Midwest Racehorse Roundup Facebook page. All communications will also be published to the MRR website, midwestracehoseroundup.com. All official communications will come from office@midwestracehoseroundup.com

Divisions

The event offers 2 divisions in each discipline. Horses are automatically placed in a division based upon their racing history. Horses may **not** compete in both divisions.

Green Division

The green division is open to horses that have actively raced, or have had a published work in 2022, 2023, or 2024.

Open Division

The open division is open to all horses, regardless of when their last race or published work was.

Schedule

Registration Opens	March 1st	Competitors may begin registering their horse(s) for the event.
Registration Closes	July 15th	Regular registration closes. Entries are first come first serve, once the maximum number is reached all other registrations will be placed on a waitlist.
Late Registration Opens \$75 Late Fee Applies	July 16th	Late registration will be based upon availability. Once the event is full, registrations will be placed on a waitlist.
Out of State Health Certificates	July 17th	Out of State Health Certificates may be issued after this date.
Late Registration Closes	August 1st	No more registrations will be accepted after this date.
Waitlist Notifications	August 5th	Waitlisted registrations will be notified of their acceptance by this date.
Preliminary Schedule Released	August 5th	The preliminary schedule will be released to all competitors.
Final Schedule Released	August 12th	The final schedule will be released publicly. Scratches after this date will remain on the schedule.
Check-In and Vet-In	August 16th	All horses must check-in and pass a vet check to be eligible to compete.

Fees

\$25 registration fee per horse and rider combo.

Discipline Fees: \$30/discipline

Stalls: \$40/night. Check-in after Noon on Friday, August 16th. Includes 2 bags of shavings. Additional bags of shavings available for \$10/bag. No outside shavings. Stalls do not need to be cleaned at the end of the weekend.

Tack Stalls: Limited Availability, \$120 for the weekend.

Change Fee: Changes of horse, rider, or discipline(s) after August 1st will be assessed a \$25 change fee.

Electrical Hookups: There are limited electrical hookups available for the weekend. Contact the office to book.

Refunds

100% before June 1st

75% before July 1st

50% before August 1st

No refunds after August 1st.

Eligibility

Riders

As this is a multi-discipline, multi-breed event, there are no split divisions for riders. All riders will compete alongside each other regardless of age or professional status. Riders must be 12 years of age or older. All riders under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an individual over the age of 18.

Horses

Any horse that has a published work, or official start at any racetrack in the United States or Canada is eligible to compete. Eligibility will be verified before registration is accepted. Horses must be registered under their breed registry name.

All horses must have a valid coggins issued within the last 12 months, and show proof of EHV-1 vaccine within the last 6 months, but must have been administered before August 1st. Horses attending from outside North Dakota must have a valid health certificate issued within 30 days of the event.

All horses' records will be verified before registrations are accepted.

Registration

Registration opens March 1st, 2024. Registration will only be available online at midwestracehorseroundup.com. All fees are due at time of registration. Registration is not considered complete until payment has been received. Competitors may register with up to 3 horses each, and a separate registration must be completed for each horse.

Each horse may only be ridden by one rider.

A registration is not considered complete until payment has been made, and all waivers have been signed online.

Waitlist

The event is limited to 115 horses. Registrations after this limit has been reached will be placed on a first come, first serve waitlist. Waitlist registrations will be notified via email, and contacted via email if a competition spot becomes available.

Code of Conduct

All riders are considered ambassadors of their sport and of their horses. Riders are expected to behave in a respectful, appropriate manner at all times, and be good stewards for their horses. Any rider displaying inappropriate behavior, including but not limited to, violence against their horse or others, profanity, neglect of the horse, failure to follow rules, theft, disrespect toward judges, fellow competitors, the venue, or horse, will be immediately asked to leave the venue and all fees will be forfeited.

Competition

Check In

All riders are required to check in by Friday, August 16th at 6pm. Upon initial check in riders will receive a vetting card and stall card for each horse.

Vet-In

All horses **must pass** a vet-in on Friday, August 16th to be eligible to compete. Upon arrival at the event all horses may not be ridden until they have cleared the vetting process. Horses will receive their bridle numbers once their vet-in is complete.

The vet-in will consist of a general wellness check including heart rate, temperature, respiratory rate and a body score exam. Horses must have a body score of 4 or higher to be eligible to compete. Horses will also be observed at the walk and trot, any horse showing visible lameness will not be allowed to compete. Horses should be presented in a halter and lead, they must be presentably clean and may not be wearing any wraps or blankets. Hoof boots and bell boots are permitted.

Out of state horses must present a health certificate issued within 30 days of competition at the vet-in. All horses must present valid coggins issued within 12 months of competition. All horses must provide proof of EHV vaccine within 12 months of competition. Failure to provide all these documents will result in the horse not being allowed to compete.

Return your completed vetting card to the office to receive your bridle numbers.

Bridle Numbers

Every competing horse will be issued their bridle number once they pass the vet-in. Horses must wear their bridle number at all times when outside of their stall. Horses may wear their bridle numbers on their halter, bridle, or breastcollar.

Schedule

The schedule will be posted in advance and will not change after initial posting. Riders must be present and ready to compete at their scheduled ride time. Ring stewards will make 3 calls, after which the rider will be disqualified if not ready at the gate.

Schooling

Schooling will be available every morning in all competition rings. Schooling will also be available during the lunch break. Schooling must otherwise only be conducted in designated schooling rings. The schooling ring steward has the right to ask riders to leave at any time to allow space for other riders to warm up. Trail obstacles can **not** be schooled at any time. Horses must wear their bridle numbers during schooling.

Barrel racing schooling will be available for 1 hour prior to the first run. Every rider will be permitted 1 exhibition run before competition on Saturday, and 1 exhibition run before competition on Sunday.

Arenas

Competition will take place in either the in-field track outdoor arena, on the track with fencing, or in the indoor arena. Arenas will be selected based upon conditions.

Protests and Complaints

All protests and complaints must be submitted within 30 minutes of the scores being posted in the related discipline. Protests and Complaints must be submitted in writing to office@midwestracehorseroundup.com. Stewards' and other officials' decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

Judges

Dressage: Karen Lee

Showmanship, Trail & Pleasure: Jean Kessler

Judges may not judge a rider for whom they have served as coach, trainer, employer, or employee 30 days preceding the commencement of competition.

Scores are given between 0-10 for each movement or obstacle. Half points may be given. Common Impression Scores or Cumulative scores are given 0-10 for every ride. Rideability, confidence, willingness, and softness is considered for all horses in all disciplines.

Barrel Racing is based solely on time.

Dressage Scores are based solely on the dressage score sheet.

Scoresheets will be available at the office for riders to collect at the conclusion of competition on Sunday.

Injury & Liability

Riders agree to hold harmless the Midwest Racehorse Roundup, ND Horse Park, ND Horse Park Foundation, its staff, directors, sponsors, and volunteers for damages resulting in their participation in the event. Riders acknowledge that they are competing at their own risk, and are required to sign a liability waiver before competing.

Disciplines

Attire and Equipment

Attire and Equipment rules may vary for each discipline. The following requirements apply unless otherwise specified by the discipline rules.

English Attire consists of an ASTM approved helmet which must be securely buckled under the chin. Riders are expected to wear their helmet at all times while mounted. Appropriate riding attire is considered a white collared shirt, a show jacket, and breeches. We follow USDF rules on attire. Appropriate footwear is tall boots, or paddock boots with half chaps. Spurs are optional.

Western Attire consists of an ASTM approved helmet or western hat, rider preference. Riders under the age of 18 must wear a helmet. Appropriate riding attire is considered a long sleeve button up shirt and jeans. Appropriate footwear is western boots. Chaps and spurs are optional.

All horses may be ridden in snaffle bits, regardless of age. Hackamores and other bitless bridles are permitted for all disciplines. No twisted bits are permitted. Any shanked bit must be used with an appropriate leather or nylon curb strap. Gag bits are only permitted for barrel racing.

Horses may wear protective boots, wraps, ear bonnets, and hoof boots for all disciplines.

Spurs may not be over 2.5" in length and spur rowels may not exceed 1" in diameter. Roweled spurs are not permitted.

Barrel Racing

Each horse will run twice, once each day. Barrel Racing will be the last event of the day both days. A knocked barrel will result in the horse receiving the slowest time of the round +5 seconds. Final placings are determined by adding the times of the two runs together. Times are recorded with 3 decimal places. Drag every 5 runs.

Riders must ride in Western tack. Only flat bats are permitted. Tie downs are permitted, but must be constructed of leather, nylon, or cotton. No equipment may consist of metal, twisted wire, rawhide, or rope. Rope reins are permitted.

The division winner will be determined by the overall lowest combined time.

Competitive Trail

The Competitive Trail will be ridden on Sunday. The course will consist of 8-10 obstacles and each obstacle will be scored 0-10. Riders may be awarded points for attempting the obstacle, even if the obstacle is not completed. Trail may be ridden in English or Western tack, and riders must match their attire appropriately. Horses ridden in Western attire tack with a shanked bit must be ridden one-handed. The course will be available for walking **without** horses for 1 hour prior to event start.

Each obstacle may be attempted three times. The judge will blow a whistle indicating the rider must move on to the next obstacle.

The division winner will be determined by the highest score.

Dressage

Dressage will be ridden on a regulation size 20x60m dressage court, outside in a sand arena. Dressage will be ridden on Saturday. All horses will ride USEF Training Level Test 2 2023. Horses may be ridden in English or Western tack, and riders must match their attire appropriately. All riders may carry a dressage whip regardless of attire.

Each movement is scored 0-10 and the total is divided by the maximum points available to give a percentage score out of 100. Scores are rounded to 2 decimal places.

The division winner will be determined by the overall highest score.

Showmanship

The Showmanship pattern is designed to show the partnership between horse and handler, and display the horse's ability to be a good citizen. Showmanship will run on Saturday. Horses may be shown in a leather halter, or Western Halter. Chains may **not** be used. Handlers presenting horses in a leather halter must wear appropriate English attire, including a helmet, gloves, and tall boots. Handlers presenting a horse in a Western Halter must wear a Western hat and western boots.

Handlers may be asked to walk through or around cones, pick up feet, set their horse up for inspection, spray with water and/or lunge their horse. Handlers will be given a score of 0-10 per movement, and an overall impression score.

The division winner will be determined by the highest score.

Pleasure

Pleasure can be ridden in either English or Western tack, and riders must match their attire appropriately. Riders must indicate on their registration which type of tack they plan on riding in. Pleasure will be ridden on Sunday morning. Initial rounds will be ridden in groups of 8-10 horses, starting with separated English or Western. The top 2 in each group will be brought back to the next round, with the final rounds consisting of mixed English and Western. Horses will be judged based upon the tack they are wearing.

The division winner will be determined by the judges' placings in the final round.

Prizes and Points

Each discipline will be awarded prizes and points per division. Points are only given to horses competing in multiple disciplines.

Green Division	Open Division
<p>Prizes: 1st - \$500 + Ribbon 2nd - \$300 + Ribbon 3rd - \$200 + Ribbon 4th - Ribbon 5th - Ribbon 6th - Ribbon</p> <p>Points: 1st - 10 points 2nd - 9 points 3rd - 8 points 4th - 7 points 5th - 6 points 6th - 5 points 7th - 4 points 8th - 3 points 9th - 2 points 10th - 1 point</p>	<p>Prizes: 1st - \$500 + Ribbon 2nd - \$300 + Ribbon 3rd - \$200 + Ribbon 4th - Ribbon 5th - Ribbon 6th - Ribbon</p> <p>Points: 1st - 10 points 2nd - 9 points 3rd - 8 points 4th - 7 points 5th - 6 points 6th - 5 points 7th - 4 points 8th - 3 points 9th - 2 points 10th - 1 point</p>

Top Horse

A top horse will be selected in each division. This horse is the horse that has received the most points overall and must have competed in all 5 disciplines. The Top Horse will receive \$500, a sash, and a prize.

Special Awards

Special Awards are awarded per their criteria. A final list of special awards will be published on the MRR website by August 1st, 2024. Horse eligibility will be determined by the show office and displayed on your final entry. Special Awards are awarded based on a horse's overall points, and awarded to the eligible horse with the most points.