



Fieracavalli Verona IBHF Barrel Racing 2009-World Cup

Rules of the Event

Foreword

The International Barrel Horse Federation – IBHF organizes International Barrel Racing Events since many years and has applied in April 2008 for FEI recognition of the Barrel racing as a sport. One major event is the Barrel Racing World Cup organized with Ente Fiere Verona at the Fieracavalli Verona.

FEI, Fieracavalli and IBHF have agreed that the 2009 edition of the World Cup will be held applying rules accepted by FEI and shall be monitored by a steering Committee comprising (hereinafter: “S.C.”)

- 1. **The International Barrel Horse Federation (I.B.H.F)**, Augusta-GA (USA): The Promoter represented by **Mario Iavarone** president of NBHA-Italy and V.President Europe of IBHF*
- 2. **E.A.Fiere di Verona**, viale del lavoro 8, 37135 Verona (Italy): the Organizer represented by **Mr.Armando Diruzza***
- 3. **Federation Equestre Internationale**, Avenue Mon Repos 24 CH 1000, Lausanne 5-Switzerland: FEI, a non profit association within the meaning of Article 60 of the Swiss Civil Code, represented by Mr **Harald Muller** and Mrs.**Nici Kennedy***

The following rules shall apply, as agreed by all Parties.

International Teams Qualification

The International Teams of the 2009 W.C. will be designated by the IBHF, based on the results achieved by the riders in the respective national events (or based on the results of specific qualification events) organized by IBHF-NBHA.

The names will be communicated to the S.C. on September 15, 2009, and the complete list will be published on the IBHF-NBHA and Fieracavalli Web sites and they shall be distributed by FEI to the National Equestrian Federations (NF) of the participating Countries, together with the details of the entry system applied by IBHF.

It is advisable that for future editions IBHF can agree with each NF protocols detailing the minimum requirements and the qualification rules to be applied (e.g. some NF might wish to run directly the qualification, whereas some others might be wishing to just monitor the IBHF qualification procedures).

The following Countries have been invited by IBHF, based on previous participation records:



Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Czech, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Panama, Uruguay, Spain, Switzerland, Venezuela, USA.

Obligations of the Organizer

The Organizer undertakes to conduct the event in strict compliance to this *“Rules of the Event”*.

Accommodation of the Teams

The Organizer shall provide accommodation free of charge to the riders and Team Managers participating to the *“Fieracavalli Verona IBHF Barrel Racing World Cup”*, from the day prior to the first competition until the day of the last competition.

Horses

The competition will be organized on borrowed horses, provided by the IBHF and allocated by draw. There will be 14-18 horses in total with horses competing no more than twice in any one day. Horses in Barrel Racing competitions are normally 8-12 yrs old - in this competition all will be over 6 yrs old.

Upon their arrival the horses shall be inspected by the Organizer's officially appointed Veterinary and by the Italian Public Health Organization (ASL) Veterinary, to ascertain that they are fit and their sanitary passports are in order.

The decision as to where the horses will be stabled will be taken in consultation with FEI appointed Supervisor: The stables will conform with FEI regulations i.e. 3mx3m minimum.

IBHF Horse welfare Director shall inspect them before each competition, in consultation with the FEI appointed supervisor: the decision as to whether there will be a Horse dope testing in strict accordance with FEI rules, will be taken in consultation with the FEI appointed supervisor and FEI appointed Veterinary. This would not preclude the possibility that any number of horses would be kept from starting in the competition. A Horse Inspection would require some education of the IBHF Managers and the riders in order that they know how to present the horses and that both horse and rider be sufficiently 'groomed'.

Assistance to the International Teams

The Promoter shall provide assistance and to the International Teams, by establishing a dedicated desk, to provide coordination and information regarding the programs of the event and other programs of FieraCavalli, local transport and other logistics arrangements available.



Meeting Rooms and Facilities

The Organizer shall provide a quiet room for approximately 15 people on the site of the event where the meeting of the *Fieracavalli Verona IBHF Barrel Racing World Cup* Group can be held during the event, from the day prior to the first competition until the day of the last competition.

Media and Television Coverage

The Organizer shall make available to the press and the public all relevant information for each *Fieracavalli Verona IBHF Barrel Racing World Cup* competitions, including timing and working orders, well in advance of the start of each competition. The “*Fieracavalli Verona IBHF Barrel Racing World Cup* logo must be integrated in all the information made available by the Organizer.

During the *Fieracavalli Verona IBHF Barrel Racing World Cup*, the Organizer shall be responsible for transmitting the results to the wire services, news agencies and newspapers.

FEI logo will be allowed with the qualifying statement: Event Monitored by FEI.

Internet live broadcasting

The Organizer shall provide internet live coverage of the “*Fieracavalli Verona IBHF Barrel Racing World Cup*”

Awards

The Organizer shall make available the following awards:

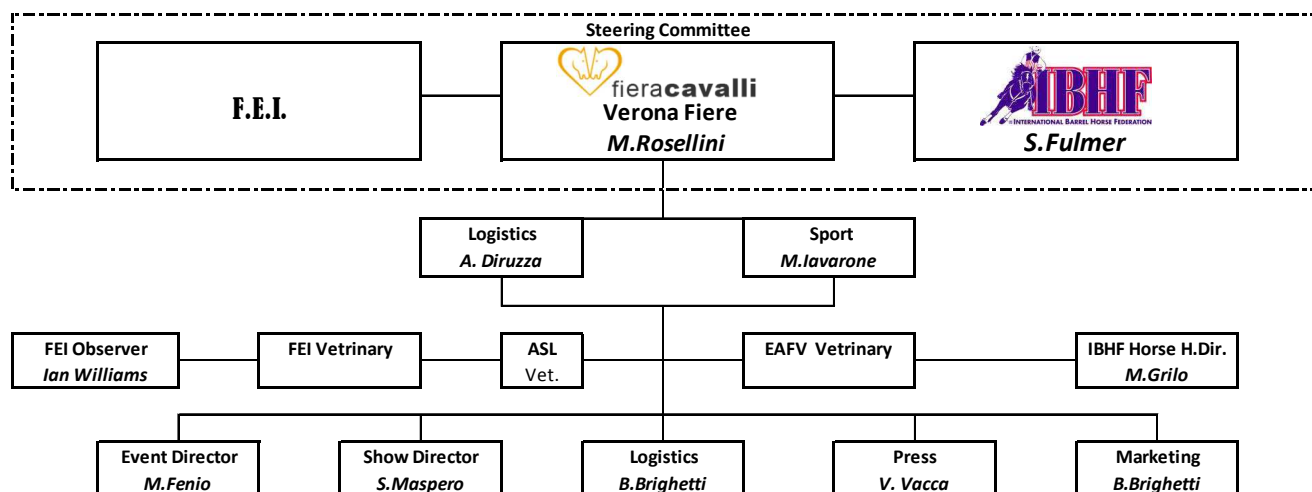
- World Cup and Champion Buckle (3): for the Champion Team
- Participation Certificates for all Team Members and Managers
- Participation Certificates for all horses

Code of Conduct

FEI code of conduct shall apply

Horse Welfare Code

FEI Horse Welfare Code and Vets Regulations shall apply



Competition Format

Barrel Racing

- Barrel race is a timed event using three identical barrels set in a cloverleaf pattern. (The *Fieracavalli Verona IBHF Barrel Racing World Cup* will use 55-gallon metal barrels with closed ends, empty. They must not have any weights in them which will make it less likely for them to be knocked over.)
- The starting gate or gates must remain the same throughout the entire event. A contestant may request that the gate be closed after they enter the arena. If an arena has more than one gate at the end where riders enter the arena, riders may be given a choice of starting gates as long as the choice is extended to all riders.
- The start/finish line and the barrel positions should be permanently marked and must remain the same throughout the entire event.
- The pattern at the show must meet the following conditions: 1) a minimum of 15 feet between each of the first two barrels and the side fence, 2) a minimum of 30 feet between the third barrel and the back fence and 3) a minimum of 30 feet between the time line and the first barrel.

Barrel Pattern

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Ground Conditions

- The ground conditions within the arena must remain consistent throughout the event. The ground around the barrels must be reworked and levelled after each 10 or fewer contestants have competed. An amount less than 10 may be set by the District Director.
- The preferred method of working the ground is with a ground tool pulled by some type of motor vehicle. Hand raking is not acceptable.
- Any time a contestant crosses the starting line, time will begin.
- A contestant will be given a "no time" for missing the pattern.
- A contestant will be disqualified for running out of turn. It is the contestant's responsibility to know his/her draw position.



- k) A contestant will be given a "5 second penalty" for knocking over a barrel. A "5 second penalty" will also be given if a barrel is knocked over and it sets up again on either end. Touching a barrel, including keeping it from falling, is permitted without penalty.
- l) A contestant will be given a no time if the horse or rider falls during the run in such a manner as to break the pattern, or if the rider falls off the horse.
- m) If a barrel is moved off its marker during competition, the barrel must be reset prior to the next competitor's run.
- n) Only one horse may be in the arena at any time during competition.
- o) Reruns shall be granted if the timer fails to work properly or if the barrels are not placed properly on their markers. Any penalty incurred on the original run shall not be applied against the rerun; however, any penalty occurring on the rerun shall result in a _ no time
- p) Contestants who are given a no-time, either for missing the pattern or knocking down a barrel, may complete the pattern. However, show management may, at its discretion, ask a rider who is taking excessive time to train to leave the arena immediately.
- q) The Judge has the right to disqualify any uncontrolled horse which does not begin performance within three minutes of the time the rider has been called. This rule does not apply to competitors who have not checked in with gate personnel.

Dress Code

- r) Appropriate western attire. This includes a long-sleeved western shirt, a cowboy hat and cowboy boots (no "heels down" or like type shoes are permitted). Shirt sleeves must be rolled down and buttoned or snapped. Shirt tails must be tucked in. In the interest of safety, contestants may wear appropriate riding safety helmets.

Protests & Complaints

- s) Persons who believe a rule violation or infraction has occurred may file a written protest with the *Fieracavalli Verona IBHF Barrel Racing World Cup* Steering Committee. The written protest must be accompanied by a €50 protest fee. The protest must be made within 1 hour from the of the incident which is being protested. If the protest proves to be valid, the \$50 protest fee will be returned to the person filing the protest. If the protest proves to be invalid, the protest fee will be returned to the Promoter.. This is the ONLY manner in which a protest or complaint will be accepted. (NOTE: This rule does not prevent the Judge from correcting obvious problems brought to their attention, without the submission of a written protest fee).

Competition rules of the Fieracavalli Verona IBHF Barrel Racing World Cup

1. Riders shall be aged 14 and over (NBHA Teen and Open classes) and they will compete in one single class
2. Horses shall be over 6 year old
3. Each team will have 2 riders (substitution with a reserve is allowed for any good reason, to be approved by the Event Director)
4. Each rider will ride every day (once a day), competitors changing horses for each run, not allowed to ride twice the same horse.
5. Each horse will compete two runs each day
6. Competition days are Friday, Saturday and Sunday: detailed time schedule shall be agreed upon with the Meydan FEI Nations Cup and timely advised.
7. Competitors will change horses, assigned by draw, for each run. There will be a total of three runs with one drop score
8. The best two scores of each rider are added to those of his team mate to give the team performance; the winner will be the team with the total cumulative lowest time for the 4 best rides, so that each team may toss out the one (1) lowest score of each of their riders
9. A knocked over barrel will result in a 5 second penalty



10. Before competition begins, horses will be numbered and the coach from each team will draw a number to see which horses their team rides. (Example: if Italy draws Group 1 that is the working order and the horses they will ride). The Groups of two horses each will be preselected by a committee comprising the Show Director and appointed representatives of IBHF and Ente Fiere Verona, to insure that Groups are homogeneous and no Group has two horses of higher performance over the average level
11. Groups will enter the arena always with the same sequence (one horse of group 1 than one horse of group 2 and so on)with first riders, than the same sequence for second riders
12. In case of accident or illness, a rider may be substituted
13. In case a horse has to be withdrawn for any reason, another horse will be put in its place and the rotation of riders will not change
14. After the first day the horses are passed down the line to the next riders. (Example: the team who rode horse group 2 on Friday will ride horse group 3 on Saturday and horse group 4 on Sunday. The last team to ride on Friday will move up and ride horse group 1 on Saturday and so forth
15. The riders of each Team shall enter the arena always in the same order (always rider 1 first and rider 2 second), but they will be allowed to chose which horse of the assigned couple they will ride
16. The competition will be judged by three IBHF judges, according to IBHF detailed rule book. The list of approved judges shall be communicated to FEI, before the competition starts, for their approval
17. Bits, saddles and horse equipment will be provided by IBHF together with the horse. Any change shall be allowed only if approved by the Show Director
18. Spurs are not allowed. Whips can be used but its abuse will not be tolerated: whips cannot be used more than four times in a run