

Key Hole Race – Bismarck Horse Club

1. This is a timed event. Timing will begin as soon as the horse's nose reaches the starting line and will be stopped when the horse's nose passes over the finish line.
2. The contestant is allowed a running start and shall begin the run between the 1st set of poles. The contestant can approach the barrel from either the left or right side. It is acceptable for the contestant to run either of the two Key Hole Race patterns depicted below.
3. The start and finish line is 21 feet from the 1st set of poles. The 2nd set of poles are an additional 10 ft from the 1st set of poles. The barrel is an additional 18 ft from the 2nd set of poles. The barrel shall be centered between the poles. The total pattern from the start/finish line to the center of the barrel shall be 49 ft.
4. Each pole or barrel knocked over will add a 5-second penalty. Failure to follow course is a disqualification. A contestant may touch a pole or barrel with his or her hand in the Key Hole Race.

Optional Key Hole Patterns

