

# Melissa's Good Timin Jackpots (MGTJ) 2024 Rules and Policies



## ARTICLE I –

- A. The purpose of the Melissa's Good Timin Jackpot is to promote Drama Free barrel racing event in a fun, family atmosphere; promote sportsmanship; and fellowship doing the sport we love. To be able to have young rider's participate in a non worrying, able to learn organization.

## ARTICLE II

### A. MEMBERSHIP

1. Annual Membership is \$35.00 (Thirty-five dollars). The \$35 is to help with awards, arena rentals, insurance, tractor expense; and/or other expenses. It is nonrefundable.
2. MGTJ year is from January - December
4. There will be 6 shows for the year. There is a 3 -show attendance requirement, for all, in order to stay in standings.

### B. DRESS CODE

- A. Jeans (pants) and shirts covering the stomach are required. No low cut shirts. Keep it respectful. Boots required. No flip flops, sandals, tennis shoes, shorts, halter tops, spaghetti straps, etc. Helmets, of course, are allowed.

## ARTICLE III

### A. GENERAL RULES

#### 1. Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES!!

- a. If anyone is caught with an alcoholic beverage, he/she will be told to leave and will not get a refund, will forfeit any winnings and/or points. If caught 2 times, membership is lost with points. If person is nonmember, he/she will not be allowed to participate in any more MGTJ shows for one year.
- b. No foul language or abusive behavior allowed. May result in suspension of the MGTJ.
- c. There is an open door policy; however, do not come in ranting and raving. We all are responsible, mature adults and unprofessional behavior is not tolerated. I love putting on barrel races and want to continue.
- d. No abusing of horses, in any way, is tolerated (or any animal, that is, at the show).
- e. At the shows, please pick up your garbage. The president, person running concession stand, tractor driver, and/or other personnel is not your mother or maid. Clean up after yourself.
- f. In the event of a timer malfunction, the contestant will be granted a rerun. Any penalties will be disregarded from timer malfunction run. Rerun to be at riders discretion before the completion of said class and/or other class begins.
- g. The Melissa's Good Timin Jackpots - The Florida Equine Athlete Barrel Racing Association - Florida Equine Athlete - Melissa Greer - Melissa Greer, PhD, Lie Blanton; Winding Trails Ranch; helpers, members, arena hosts, employees, and/or families are NOT responsible for any damages, illness, or death to a horse, rider, or spectator. **WARNING: Under Florida Law, an Equine Activity Sponsor or Equine Professional is not Liable for an injury to, or death of, a participant in Equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of Equine activities. Posted as Notification as required by Section 91 Law 93-169 Equine Zero Liability Statue.**

- h. Keep dogs on a leash.
- i. Please keep an eye on all children. They are not allowed in the arena, alleyway, or any working area where they may get hurt.
- j. The term MGTJ means Melissa's Good Timin Jackpot. It is the responsibility of the member to keep his or her address, phone number (with area code), and email current with office records. Email is the main source of communication.
- l. No playing, loud talking, etc is allowed in the announcer's stand; especially, during the show. Only one other person, besides myself, allowed in office when show is going on.
- n. **There is no riding around the arena during exhibitions.** Only one exhibitor working the pattern is allowed and keep in forward motion. Can circle barrels 1 time only. So, if you need to exhibition, please come on time to get it done. NO RIDING IN ARENA WHEN TRACTOR IS IN USE, IN THE ARENA.
- o. If a contestant needs to pull out of the show, this must be done 15 minutes before the show starts; otherwise, no refund is given. Payouts are already being calculated and done for a speedy show.
- p. Entry fees are cash only with cash payouts; a contestant can prepay online before deadline announced by credit, debit card, paypal, or venmo. There is a small payment fee included when paying online with card;
- q. A horse, in the open, youth, senior can be ridden, no more, than twice in events (excluding pee wee); with different riders. If horse is ridden more than twice, the run will be disqualified and no monies returned.

#### **ARTICLE IV:**

#### **A. CLASSES**

##### 1. Open Barrels Class

- a. Open to any age - Male or Female
- b. Class is in 4D format – Calculated as 1D – fastest time; 2D time - .5 sec from 1D fastest time; 3D - 1 second split off 1D fastest time; 4D - 2 seconds from 1D fastest time
- c. Points are on the rider only.
- d. If two horses are ridden, by the same rider, qualify in the same division, the fastest time will be the one that earns the points. For example, Laura Lou runs 2 horses called "Can't get it Together" and "Wa-La". "Can't Get it Together" got it together that night and ran a 15.000 and "Wa-La" ran a 15.003 which qualified both horses in the 1D. "Can't get it Together" will receive points "Wa-LA" will not receive points.
- e. No time will be given for a barrel knocked down.

##### 2. Youth Barrels

- a. Riders must be 17 years and younger
- b. Class is 2D format with one second split between divisions.
- c. Points are on the rider only . .
- d, If two horses are ridden, by the same rider, qualify in the same division, the fastest time will be the one that earns the points. For example, Laura Lou runs 2 horses called "Can't get it Together" and "Wa-La". "Can't Get it Together" got it together that night and ran a 15.000 and "Wa-La" ran a 15.003 which qualified both horses in the 1D. "Can't get it Together" will receive points "Wa-LA" will not receive points.

- e. No time will be given for a barrel knocked down
- f. Times can be carried over (rolled over) from the Open to Youth. However, if you knock down a barrel, it is carried over to the Youth for a no time.

## Article VI.

### A. SHOW FINALS REQUIREMENTS

1. 6 shows will be held during the year - 3 of the shows must be participated in for points to hold, this includes Pee Wee
2. At the last show, points will be calculated to determine if any ties. If there is a tie for a certain place THE FOLLOWING WILL DETERMINE winner for that spot: 1) Rider's show participation count 2) if the person had volunteer hours such as helped in the arena with barrel setting, exhibition gate, etc, those hours will be noted and the one with the most helpful hrs, will get the position. If still need tiebreaker, the ones tied will get together and agree to either a coin toss and/or runoff at the last show to determine that placing.

### B. AWARDS

1. Open 4D Champions in each division will be awarded a buckle
2. Open 4D Reserve champions in each division will be awarded Trophy Stirrups
3. Open 4D - 3rd place in each division will be awarded a Halter
4. Pee Wee Champions will be awarded a Trophy
5. Youth 2D Champions in each division will be awarded trophy buckles
6. Youth 2D Reserve Champions in each division will be awarded a Halter
7. Senior 1D Champion will win a buckle
8. Senior 2D Champions will win a buckle

## ARTICLE VII

### A. COMPETITION RULES

1. A rider will receive a no time for a barrel knocked down.
2. No time will be given for a broken pattern.
3. Reruns will be given for a timer malfunction. No prior penalty will apply to the rerun.

### B. ENTRY FEES:

1. Exhibitions - \$4 each
2. Pee Wee Barrels is \$5 for all – This is for beginners only and to get them use to the environment and learn the sport. All get ribbons Everyone wins. As stated, it is for a learning environment for beginners. If, for some reason, ribbons were not able to be obtained, the entry fee is \$5 and \$5 will be given back to winners.
3. Open Classes are \$35 for all - Breakdown \$30 EF + \$5 to go toward added
4. Youth classes are \$25 for all
5. Senior classes are \$25 for all

### C. POINTS TO BE GIVEN FOR THE DESIGNATED MGTJ BUCKLE SERIES

1. To try and help better the point system and prevent a lot of ties, points will be given to the top 6 in each division, in each class and will be given as such: 1. 25 pts; 2. 20 pts ; 3. 15; 4. 10; 5. 5 pts;

## C. PAYOUT

### Open Payout

1. Payout is based on the member's Open entry fee of \$ 30 minus \$9.00 is withheld from the \$30 balance to cover administrative fees. Payout is from the \$21 remaining balance. This equals to a 70% payout. The \$5 from the \$35 total EF goes toward added. If have additional sponsored added money, it is at 100%;
2. For classes with 4D format, the percentage for each division is as follows: 1D = 35% 2D = 30% 3D = 20% 4D = 15%
3. For classes with 2D format = 1D 60% 2D – 40%
4. Percentage payouts in each class will depend on the number of entries:

Less than 1-20 - 100% for 1<sup>st</sup> place in each division

21-40 entries = 2 places paid in each division - % is 60/40

41-60 entries = 3 places paid in each division = % is 50/30/20

61-80 entries = 4 places paid in each division = % is 40/30/20/10

81-100 entries = 5 places paid in each division = % is 30/25/20/15/10

101 -+ entries = 6 places paid in each division = % is 28/22/18/14/10/8

3. At the show, if there are no "winners" in a specific division, the money in that division will be split between the others. For example, scenario, there are 1D winners, no qualifiers in 2D, and winners in the 4D, then the money gets split between 1D, 3D, and 4D and dispursed equally to the winners.

4. If only one winner in a division, he or she will win the whole division pot. For example, there is only 1 winner in the 1D and it called for 3 winners. That winner will get the 2nd and 3rd place winnings for that specific division in the 1D.

**For youth, payout is based on \$17 (\$25 EF - \$7.50 adm). This calculates to a 70% payout.**

### **Youth & Senior Payout schedule:**

5 or less entries only 1st place wins in each division

6 - 20 entries - 2 places paid in each division - 60/40

21-40 entries - 3 places paid in each division - 50/30/20

41-75 entries - 4 places paid in each division - 40/30/20/10

## ARTICLE X

### A. COMMUNICATION/MEETINGS

1. Communication is, mostly, done through the regular email system. Please keep your email updated.
2. There is an open door policy; but it is to be done in a civilized manner. No harassment or bad attitudes will be tolerated. This organization is to be a fun, family atmosphere for everyone to enjoy.
3. If person comes up yelling and being in an uncivilized manner, person will be told to leave and will not be allowed to compete at an MGTJ event.