

NATIONAL POLE BENDING ASSOCIATION LOCAL QUALIFYING SHOW APPLICATION

The National Pole Bending Association is accepting applications from individuals or associations to sponsor local qualifying shows in the United States for the June 1 current year to May 31 of the following year qualifying period. By attending two local qualifying shows an exhibitor who is an NPBA member will qualify to attend the NPBA National Championship show.

In order to receive approval from NPBA for a local qualifying show for the qualifying year, a sponsor needs to apply to NPBA two months prior to the local qualifying show is proposed to be held (your Regional Director can approve a shorter application period). To be approved by an NPBA Regional Director, a local qualifying show proposal must meet the following requirements:

1. The sponsor must agree to abide by the rules of NPBA attached as Exhibit A.
2. A local qualifying show must include an open 3D pole bending. NPBA recommends but does not require that you include a youth (18 and under) 3D pole bending. A local qualifying show may include other classes (barrels etc), including pole bending classes restricted in other ways (by breed, other age classifications etc), but such classes will not be NPBA approved.
3. **Exhibitors running in the NPBA local qualifying show classes are not required to have a current NPBA membership but NPBA membership will be required if an exhibitor wants the show to count as one of his or her two qualifying shows. This change was required because we need membership information (address etc) in order to send entry information for the National Championship Show.**
4. The sponsor will pay \$2 per entry in NPBA approved classes to NPBA.
5. The sponsor must pay out all guaranteed added money and at least 70% of the entry fees using the NPBA 3D payout formula with one second splits.
6. **No local qualifying show will be approved by a Regional Director, without Board of Director approval, on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday if there is already a local qualified show approved on the same weekend in the same state within 100 miles or an approved Regional Qualifying Show in the same or adjoining state on the same weekend.**

If approved as a local qualifying show, you will be required to supply the local qualifying show results (horse name, exhibitor name and address, times and payouts by go round, average etc) to your Regional Director within 15 days of the end of the show and the \$2 per entry in NPBA approved classes to the NPBA main office within 15 days of the end of the show. In addition, all advertising, flyers, entry forms etc and your website (if any) will be required to include the following “Approved by the National Pole Bending Association-WWW.POLEBENDING.ORG”.

The form of local qualifying show application is attached. If you have any questions on the application or the local qualifying show program you can go to www.polebending.org or contact your Regional Director.

NPBA Rules For Local Qualifying Shows

1. An NPBA approved local qualifying show must use the pole bending pattern commonly referred to as “Washington Poles” as more particularly described in the American Quarter Horse Association Handbook.
2. Electric timers are required.
3. Poles and pole bases must be on the NPBA approved list.
4. A downed pole will count as a five second penalty not a disqualification.
5. NPBA approved classes must be open to horses of all breeds, whether or not registered with a breed association. Recording of registration numbers of all horses running in NPBA classes is encouraged, however, so that the horse’s earning can be recorded.
6. The NPBA dress code is recommended, but not required, for all local qualifying shows. NPBA dress code is as follows: Jeans, long sleeve western shirt, boots, **cowboy hat or helmet**; no ball caps.
7. If a youth class is included, a youth is anyone 18 and under as of January 1 of the current year.
8. The sponsor will pay \$2 per entry in NPBA approved classes to the NPBA main office.
9. The sponsor must pay out all guaranteed added money (if any) and at least 70% of the entry fees using the NPBA 3D payout formula (attached) with one second splits.
10. Sponsor must supply the local qualifying show results in the format attached to the Regional Director within 15 days of the show.
11. Sponsor must send the \$2 per entry in NPBA approved classes to the NPBA main office within **15** days of the end of the show.
12. All advertising, flyers, entry forms etc and your website (if any) will include the following “Approved by the National Pole Bending Association-
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Name of Sponsor: _____

Proposed location of the Local Qualifying Show: _____

Proposed date of the Local Qualifying Show: _____

Classes to be included in the Local Qualifying Show:

	Entry Fee	Added Money
Open 3D (required):	_____	_____
Youth 3D (recommended):	_____	_____

Please confirm that the show will comply with all NPBA rules. _____

Please confirm that you will pay \$2 per entry in NPBA approved classes to NPBA at 6998 S. Co Rd. 300 E., Winslow, In. 47598 within 15 days of the show. _____

Please confirm that you will supply the results on attached sheet to the NPBA Regional Director for your region within 15 days of the show. _____

Will you record the registration numbers of horses in NPBA classes so that the horse's earnings can be recorded? _____ (Optional but recommended)

Will the NPBA dress code (jeans, western style shirt, boots, cowboy hat or helmet; no baseball caps) apply? _____ (Optional but recommended)

Please confirm that "Approved by the National Pole Bending Association WWW.POLEBENDING.ORG" will be included in all advertising, flyers, entry forms etc and on your website, if any,: _____

Submitted by: _____

On behalf of: _____

Sponsoring organization

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

RETURN TO your NPBA Regional Director