

# **2026 Hanover Ag Spring Twist Off Bulls & Barrels**

## **Barrel Racing Rules & Information**

**QUALIFIER: Thursday, June 4, 2026**

**PERFORMANCE: Friday, June 5, 2026**

Location: Hanover Ag Exhibition Park, Grunthal, Manitoba

### ***How it works:***

The 2026 Hanover Ag Spring Twist Off in Grunthal will feature a 10 barrel racer showdown during the bullriding performance who will qualify to compete through the Twist Off Barrel Racing Qualifier.

The Qualifier is an open entry barrel race that will be run 'D'-style with a payout. The top 10 fastest barrel racers from the qualifier will move on to the bullriding performance with \$1000 in prize money to be won. The top 2 will return at the end of the performance for a run-off for an additional \$500.

The High Paced event combines bullriding and barrel racing for a fast paced, adrenaline rush of entertainment in an intimate setting with seats packed with fans!

### ***Qualification:***

The qualifier for the top 10 spots to compete in the performance, will be held Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. It will be a 'D'-style race and is open to all barrel racers – no membership required.

The goal of the qualifier is to have the Top 10 be 10 individual riders to move on to the performance. Therefore:

- An individual may only qualify once for the performance. If an individual places in the top 10 in the qualifier more than once, they will be considered qualified on their highest placing horse.
- If an individual places a 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the top 10 in the qualifier (or further subsequent placings should they be running multiple horses), that qualification will be forfeited and rolled to the next placing.
- Contestants must compete in the performance on the horse they qualified on.

The qualifier will be a 3D barrel race unless there are 50 or more entries, then it will become a 4D. Anyone can enter the qualifier. It is an open race only – no age categories.

1 run only. Payout will be based on the number of entries and placings per D.

## ***Entries:***

Entries for the Qualifier will be done exclusively online with cash paid at the event prior to the Qualifier. There are no entry fees for the top 10.

### **Entry Fee: \$40**

- \$5 from each entry withheld for administration

***Entries Open until 7 pm CST, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Online entry form at  
Crossfirebullriding.com***

## ***Performance:***

The qualifying barrel racers will participate in the opening ceremonies along with the bullriders.

The top 10 from the Qualifier will run at the beginning of the performance for a chance to win \$1000 split 60/30/10 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placings. The top 2 from there will run again at the end of the performance for a 'winner takes all' \$500 cheque!

## ***Event Considerations:***

- The top 10 qualifiers will be expected to be present and participate in the grand entry during the performance and be dressed in full western attire.
- The performance is a thoroughly planned and executed event. The top 10 qualifiers are expected to participate in the event as planned by the organizers and will be directed on what to do by the event staff, arena director and/or the barrel racing director.
- Any of the top 10 qualifiers may be requested to participate in interviews, including on-camera interviews during the performance.
- This is a high energy event with many moving parts. We ask that the top 10 qualifiers be ready when needed so the event runs as smoothly as possible and we encourage the qualifiers to show their excitement and personality for the crowd throughout the experience.

## ***Competition Rules:***

- The pattern is run in a cloverleaf, either to the left or right barrel first. The pattern will be set best suited to arena conditions. Keep in mind, the pattern will be smaller than standard races due to the bullriding setup but will be set appropriately for safety.
- The barrel race will be timed by electric eye with manual backup. The manual backup time will be used in the event of a timer malfunction. No reruns will be given in the case of a timer malfunction.
- In the qualifier, knocking a barrel will result in a no time. In the bullriding performance, a knocked barrel will result in a 5 second penalty.
- In the qualifier, the arena will be raked by quad at intervals deemed appropriate for arena conditions

and announced at the event. In the performance, hand rakers will rake the barrels between each run.

- Full western attire is required for the performance. Western attire is defined as western boots and jeans, cuffs and collar western shirt and cowboy hat or helmet.
- There will be no penalty for losing your hat.
- Circling in the arena prior to starting a run will not be permitted.
- Contestants must complete their runs at competition caliber. Contestants may only pull up for safety or injury concerns.
- A contestant's run will be disqualified for going off (breaking) pattern.
- A "leader" horse may not enter through the gate when helping a contestant get into the arena.
- The "3 call rule" will be enforced. Contestants must enter the arena within 60 seconds of being called and will be given 3 calls. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> call, a contestant will be rolled and no re-runs will be permitted.

### ***Additional Event Information, Rules & Regulations***

#### **OFFICE HOURS, DRAW SELECTION & PAYOUTS**

Entries are accepted online ONLY at [Crossfirebullriding.com](http://Crossfirebullriding.com) and entries must be received by **7 pm CST, Thursday, June 4, 2026**. All contestants must complete the online entry form in order to sign the waiver.

Office hours will be posted prior to the event. Entry fee payments to be made in **cash only**. All settlements on entry fees must be completed by 7 pm at the office, prior to the qualifier.

Qualifier draw will be made by random selection. The top 10 and top 2 will run from slowest to fastest during the performance.

***We will not guarantee exact spots in the draw or number of horses between multiple entries but we will do our best to accommodate sufficient space between riders with multiple entries based on the total number of entries.***

***Payout for the qualifier*** will be done in cash approximately 30 minutes following the race. The number of entries and number of placings per D will determine the payout structure.

***Payout for the performance*** will be completed and presented by Crossfire Bullriding following the performance.

Qualifier payouts must be collected in person at the event when they have been made available. Any unclaimed payouts will be forfeited. We will not send any unclaimed winnings to contestants after the event. No exceptions. If you cannot claim your payout in person at the event, you may have someone claim it on your behalf. We are not responsible for any payouts given to another person on your behalf once they have left our possession.

## **EVENT LOCATION**

Hanover Ag Exhibition Park  
153 Southwood Drive, Grunthal, Manitoba  
The location is available on Google Maps.

## **PARKING**

Barrel racing contestants will enter the Ag grounds through the Oak Avenue Entrance. Parking for trailers will be the grassy area between and behind the soccer fields.

## **WAIVER & LIABILITY**

All contestants must agree to the event's terms and conditions and waiver agreement included on the online entry form. The terms and conditions, hold harmless agreement and liability waiver for this event are binding. If you do not agree to and sign, you will not be permitted to compete.

## **MISCONDUCT**

Any of the following actions may result in suspension or disqualification from this event.

**The Rocking W Barrel Racing Productions and Crossfire Bullriding event organizers will not tolerate any form of misconduct and the consequence for any of the following may result in disqualification from this event. Including the following but not limited to:**

- Using **abusive, racist or offensive language** in any capacity by any individual competing in or attending this event.
- **Attempting to threaten, bribe, influence or harass** any Rocking W Barrel Racing Productions or Crossfire Bullriding official or volunteer, Hanover Ag board member or volunteer, sponsor, contestant, family of contestant or community member.
- **Abuse of a horse in any way** is strictly prohibited! Reasonable use of tack and equipment, whips, crops, over-under's and spurs is allowed but any **excessive** use will be addressed accordingly and can result in disqualification at the event producer's discretion.
- **Competing under the influence** of drugs or alcohol will not be tolerated.
- Any other conduct that is not in the best interests of the event, Rocking W Barrel Racing Productions, Crossfire Bullriding, Hanover Ag, sponsors, competitors, their horses and spectators or community members.

## **QUESTIONS?**

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