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Important Dates

Sept 9 – Finalist Choice Forms due; minimum Sponsorships due

Sep 30 – Finals Entries due

Oct 28 – Late Entries for Open 5D due; Program ads due; last chance for Extra Mile qualification

2017 Remaining Shows

Sep 9 – SugArena

Sep 30 – Crowley

Oct 14 – SugArena

Finals Schedule

November 11-12, 2017

Saturday

9:30 – 11:00am – Check-in & exhibitions open to all
11:15 am – Free Barrel Clinic

11:50am Flags/Grand Entry

Noon – 1st go round

7:00pm approx – Gumbo social

Sunday

8:50am Flags/Grand Entry

9:00 am 2nd go round

followed by Live Auction and Awards Ceremony

2017 Finals Highlights

ABRA finals will be here before we know it. We are excited to announce that ABRA will have \$1,000 Added Money to the Open 5D for the weekend! Katti Breaux will also be holding a free clinic Saturday November 11, 2017, before show starts. ALL Finalists must check-in by 11:00 am – no late check-ins. Flag presentation will be Saturday and Sunday before each go-round begins. Complete details can be found here and on our website.

Important Dates

September 9, 2017 – **Minimum Sponsorships** due to avoid a \$25 late fee; **Finalist Choice Forms** due

September 30, 2017 – **Finals Entries** due along with any outstanding requirements (Sponsorships & Bayou Classic donation)

October 28, 2017 – **Late Entries due for Open 5D; Finals Program Ads** due; Last chance to qualify for **Extra Mile Awards**

November 11-12, 2017 – **Year-End Finals** including \$1,000 Added Money, Fantastic Awards, Silent & Live Auctions, Free Barrel Clinic and Gumbo Social

Finalist Requirements & Finals Entry

- 1) Participate in a minimum of 8 shows (as a member) by 10/14/17
Bayou Classic can count as 1
- 2) Minimum of \$50 in sponsorships due by 9/9/17 or w/\$25 Late Fee by 9/30/17
- 3) Provide a raffle/auction item for our Bayou Classic (or \$25) by 9/30/17
- 4) Provide a raffle/auction item for the Finals (or \$25) turn in at Finals
- 5) Enter Finals by 9/30/17

A **Finalist Summary** is available at our shows and posted on our website on the [Finals Information](#) page showing members total number of shows, sponsorship requirements, raffle donations and work merits through our last show. Please review and let us know if you see any errors so they can be researched before the deadline to enter finals. **Minimum sponsorships are due by 9/9/17 to avoid a \$25 late fee.** Sponsorship forms are available on our website. We are not offering year-end raffle tickets for finalist qualification this year due to the lack of donated raffle items. Finals Auction donations will be due at check in on Saturday. Donated items should have a minimum value of \$20. One higher valued item is acceptable to cover more than one finalist's requirement. Members donating the top 3 highest bid items will be awarded. **Finals entries will be due by our show 9/30/17 in Crowley – No Exceptions!** Entry forms are available on our website and at our show on 9/9/17.

Links of interest

Results & Standings
Check the results and point standings

ABRA Forms
Sponsorship forms, Entry forms, Rules, Flyer, Horse Information and more!

ABRA Sponsors
Check out the businesses that support our organization

Finals Information
Finalist summary, Finalist Choice Form and complete information

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Extra Mile Awards - Flag Presentation



We have 4 different Extra Mile awards that anyone can earn. Special recognition will be given for each one at the finals. The Flags/Grand Entry is limited to those that have earned Extra Mile status. We encourage everyone to qualify and participate. Flags are not required, but should be supplied if any choose to carry one. Please let [Katti Breaux](#) know if you plan on participating and be ready in the back 15 minutes prior to the start each day. Last chance to qualify for Extra Mile is October 28 when all Finals Ads/Sponsorships are due.

- ❖ **Perfect Attendance Extra Mile** - enter (as a member) all 12 of our regular shows AND at least 1 day of Bayou Classic (13 total)
- ❖ **Sponsorship Extra Mile** - submit at least \$200 in sponsorships
- ❖ **Raffle Donation Extra Mile** – donate 8 or more items for raffles
- ❖ **Worker Extra Mile** – work at least 6 shows (min 1 hr total)

Finalist Choice Forms

Each Finalist has a choice between several items for their main finalist award. We are using an electronic form this year. [Linked here](#) and can be found on our Finals Information page at our website. Form is due by 9/9/17. **Any finalist that has not submitted a form by the deadline will have an option chosen for them.** There are several options for upgrades where a finalist just pays the difference in cost. Any upgrades or extra items purchased must be pre-paid by 9/9/17. Awards not picked up at the finals will not be mailed or held. Please make arrangements if you cannot attend the awards ceremony.

Free Barrel Clinic

Katti Breaux will be holding a short clinic prior to the start of our show on Saturday November 11, 2017 at 11:15 am. All Finalists must check-in from 9:30 – 11:00 am. No late check-ins will be allowed. We encourage everyone to attend.

2018 Competition Year

Our 2018 Schedule is being set now with arena availability limited. If you know of any dates that we should avoid, please advise ASAP. We will try to accommodate, but please understand it's impossible to avoid all conflicts. We should publish our schedule in our Finals Program. We try not to make any changes once it is published.

Our Board of Directors are volunteers that spend countless hours at our shows and behind the scenes keeping up with many things. It has always been a challenge to get good board members willing to serve. An electronic form has been setup for [Board Nominations](#) and [Feedback](#). It can be submitted anonymously. The board will review nominations and put out a ballot for voting at finals if needed. The voting wasn't necessary in recent years, as we haven't had more board members willing to serve than positions available. ABRA is only as good as its members allow it to be. We encourage communication – good or bad. All feedback is reviewed and taken under consideration when establishing our rules and format.