

BIG SKY BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION
BY-LAWS

THE PURPOSE OF THE BIG SKY BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS THE ASSOCIATION OR BSBRA) IS TO PROMOTE BARREL RACING AND COMPETITION AT AN AMATUER LEVEL IN A SAFE AND PRUDENT MANNER, WITH RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER AND THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS AS OUTLINED IN ATRICLE III, PARAGRAPH II WILL BE OBSERVED. THE YEAR WILL BE ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS STARTING JANUARY 1ST AND ENDING DECEMBER 31ST.

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO READ THE BY-LAWS CAREFULLY. IGNORANCE OF THE RULES OR FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND THEM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN EXCUSE.

MEMBERS MUST SIGN A RELEASE FORM. ANY PERSON 18 YEARS OLD OR UNDER MUST HAVE A PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE. THIS RELEASE WAIVES ALL CLAIMS AGAINST ARENA OWNERS, THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS MEMBERS FOR INJURIES TO YOURSELF, STOCK, AND/OR DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY. EACH PARTICIPANT BY ACT OF THEIR ENTRY WAIVES ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE MANAGEMENT AND BSBRA FOR INJURIES HE OR SHE OR THEIR PROPERTY MAY SUSTAIN.

ARTICLE 1 – MEMBERSHIP

- A. DEFINITION - Membership is open to all ages and sexes. Any person who pays membership dues is an active member.

NON-MEMBER: a rider who does not wish to pay the membership dues and donation but wishes to compete solely in the barrel races. A non-member will pay an additional \$10.00 non-member fee per jackpot. This fee will not go into the payout. A non-member will not accumulate points for year end awards.

- B. DUES- An annual fee of \$15.00 per person or \$30.00 per family will be paid for membership. Dues are to be paid **TWO WEEKS** before the first jackpot and not the day of the first jackpot. A late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed to previous members who have not paid their membership two weeks before the first jackpot. New members and/or person(s) if absent for a year or more will be exempt from the late fee until the following year.

DONATIONS- Each single member will get or pay a \$25.00 cash donation for the club. Family membership will get or pay a \$40.00 cash donation for the club. If a single membership is paid, a single donation amount is required (example: if a family pays for two single memberships, they must get two single donations of \$25.00 each, as opposed to the family donation amount of \$40.00). If the donation is not turned in two weeks before the first jackpot, the member may run as jackpot entry only or in time only's, until the donation is turned in. If the donation is turned in at a jackpot, points will be earned starting at the next jackpot. New members must have donations turned in within a month of their first jackpot. (FAMILY STATUS WOULD CONSIST OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 21 LIVING IN SAME HOUSEHOLD).

- C. **OFFICERS**- THE OFFICERS THAT WILL BE ELECTED ARE:

PRESIDENT- conducts all meetings, and oversees all association's business.

VICE- PRESIDENT- assists President and secretary, conducts meetings in the absence of President, coordinates and is chairman of the awards donation committee.

SECRETARY- collects forms, releases, issues membership and records meeting minutes. Coordinates sign-up at barrel races and events.

TREASURER- collects monies for membership, timer monies, monies from special events, and deposits. Records transactions and maintains checking account. Treasurer will submit to club officers a year-end financial statement within 30 days of clubs final barrel race.

POINT DIRECTOR(S)- calculates and maintains placing of points. Assists secretary when needed at special events.

ARENA DIRECTORS- Ensure that barrels are set up properly. Directors will enlist the assistance of club members for rakers, timers, clearing the arena and helpers.

Members elected to office will have their membership dues & donation paid for the current year they are serving as an officer/director.

- D. VOTING – Each paid member is entitled to one vote. The parent of a child may vote for their child.

ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

Monthly meetings will be held the first **WEDNESDAY** of each month, January to April and as the need arises throughout the season. January meetings will be held the 2nd **WENESDAY** of the month due to the New Year holiday. The location of meetings will be decided on at the previous meeting. Members will be notified of any changes regarding meetings.

ARTICLE III – BARREL RACING

- A. Jackpots will start at 7:00PM **SHARP!!** You must be entered **and paid before 6:30 p.m. or rider will not be allowed to run.** The arena will be cleared at 6:45p.m. The \$2 dollar runs will be ran from 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- B. 55 gallon barrels with both ends in, will be used at each barrel race, whenever possible.
- C. Barrels will be raked:
 - **after the \$2 runs**
 - **between each division (PeeWee, Youth, Open)**
 - **Open and Youth classes-after 5- 10 runs depending on the number of entries and the arena conditions. This will be announced at the start of the Pee Wee class. Barrels will not be raked for the Pee Wee class.**
- D. Barrels will be measured and marked at all jackpots.

E. BARREL RACING REGULATIONS:

1. JACKPOT ENTRY FEES

CLASS	ENTRY	OFFICE/ARENA FEE (per contestant)
OPEN	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00
YOUTH 9-14	\$ 6.00	\$ 2.00
PEE WEE 8 & UNDER	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.00
\$2.00 DOLLAR RUNS		\$ 2.00
TIME ONLY (open to any & all riders)		\$ 5.00/run or 3/\$12
NON-MEMBER FEE	\$10.00 (this fee is not included in payout)	

- 2. Once an entry fee is paid, no money will be refunded.

3. Classes will be run as follows: PEEWEE, YOUTH, OPEN for the first half of the barrel races and PEEWEE, OPEN, YOUTH for the remainder.
4. Jackpotters: Will pay an additional \$10.00 over entry per run. Jackpotters will not accumulate points. The additional \$10.00 fee will be added to the BSBRA treasury account and will not be included in the payout.
5. Non-Members: Any person who is not a paid member may run for time only.
6. Timing – The electric eye will be used to time the jackpots. There will not be any back up timers. Time will be in the thousandths whenever possible. If timer fails, you have an option of a re-run.
7. There will be a random draw done for position you will run.
8. Horse and rider pair may enter only once per class, per jackpot.
9. Any single horse cannot be competed on more than four times per jackpot.
10. When a date has been set to run at a specified arena, the jackpot will be held at that arena (even in inclement weather) unless notified a day ahead of time.
11. Arena/Barrel Racing Ground Rules:
 - A. Respect individual arena rules and arena owner's property.
 - B. Clean up grounds after barrel race.
 - C. Foul language and/or unbecoming behavior of members and/or non-members will not be tolerated.
 - D. DUE TO INSURANCE - The use of alcohol or drugs will not be allowed by members or non-members. If you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you will be required to leave.
 - E. Offending members and/or non-members (C. and/or D.) will be asked to leave. Second violation will be grounds for revocation of or indefinite suspension of membership.
 - F. No laser pointers will be allowed.
 - G. **SAFETY SHOULD ALWAYS BE UTMOST IN THE MINDS OF EVERYONE PRESENT!!!**

ARTICLE IV – DIVISIONS

1. OPEN- Any horse and/or rider.
2. YOUTH – Any child 9-14 YEARS of age as of the first of January of the barrel racing season may compete in this class.
3. PEE WEE- Any child 8 & UNDER as of the first of January of the barrel racing season may compete in this class with or without the assistance of a parent. Parent must be in charge of horse and rider.

ARTICLE V – POINTS

- A. In the Open and Youth, points are awarded to the horse and rider.
- B. In the PeeWee, **no points are awarded. All Pee Wee members will receive a year end award if they participate in 50% of that years barrel races.**
- C. The Open class will be run in a 4-D format. Division (D's) in Open & Youth classes are determined by time brackets, not by order of finish.
1-D = Fastest time in the class and those who place in this division.

2-D = Fastest time in the class plus one half second (added to 1-D time) and those who place in this division.

3-D = Fastest time in the class plus one and one half seconds (added to 1-D time) and those who place in this division.

4-D = Fastest time in the class plus two and one half seconds (added to 1-D time) and those who place in this division.

The Youth class will run in a 3-D format.

1-D = Fastest time in the class and those who place in this division.

2-D = Fastest time in the class plus one second (added to 1-D time) and those who place in this division.

3-D = Fastest time in the class plus two seconds (added to 1-D time) and those who place in this division.

Pee Wee class will be run in a jackpot format.

D. One point will be awarded to a person who knocks over a barrel or barrels in the "D" they would have placed in without the penalty.

E. JACKPOT POINTS

1st Place = 6 Points

2nd Place = 5 Points

3rd Place = 4 Points

4th Place = 3 Points

5th Place = 2 Points

Qual. Run = 1 Point

No points will be awarded if the pattern is broken.

F. TIES

1. In case of a tie, the points will be added and divided equally example: if there is a tie for first place, the points for first and second place will be added $\langle 6+5=11 \rangle$ and divided by 2, each person will receive 5.5 points.

2. Tie for year end placing(s): The first tie breaker awards the higher placing to the person who has ridden in the most jackpots. The second tie breaker awards the higher placing to the person with the most monies won. The person who loses the tie breaker will be awarded the next placing down.

G. Year end accumulation of points for awards will follow horse and rider regardless of which division "D" they are earned in, (weekly placings/payout at individual barrel races utilize the 4-D format.)

H. **Pee Wee, Youth and Open members must compete in 50% of sanctioned races to qualify for year end awards.**

CHANGES TO BY-LAWS-there will not be any changes of these by-laws after the April meeting so as to have the by-laws printed and ready for the first jackpot. Any amendments or revisions suggested for the by-laws must be submitted in written format to an officer.