

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 amateur level in a safe and prudent manner, with respect for each other and the property of others as outlined in Article III, Section E, Subsection 11 will be observed. The year will be on a calendar year basis starting January 1 and ending December 31.

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 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.

An arena fee of \$10.00 will be assessed to non-members wishing to use the arena before and after the barrel race.

B. **MEMBERSHIP DUES-** An annual fee of \$40.00 per person or \$70.00 per family will be paid for membership. Dues are to be postmarked **TWO WEEKS** before the first jackpot and not the day of the first jackpot. A \$10.00 late fee will be assessed to 1-year previous members.

Points will be earned at the time that membership fees are paid.

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. Ensure that barrels are setup properly. Enlist the assistance of club members for rakers, timers, clearing the arena and helpers.

VICE- PRESIDENT- assists President and secretary, conducts meetings in the absence of President, coordinates and is chair of the awards 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. At a minimum, points will be posted at the last barrel race of each month.

Members elected to office will have their membership dues 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 WEDNESDAY** 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 5:30-6:45 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

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>ARENA FEE</u> <i>(per run)</i>	<u>OFFICE FEE</u> <i>(per contestant)</i>
<u>OPEN</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>YOUTH 9-14</u>	<u>\$6.00</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>
<u>\$2.00 DOLLAR RUNS</u>			<u>\$2.00</u>

NON-MEMBER FEE \$10.00 (this fee is not included in payout)

PEE WEE 8 & UNDER will not be run in a jackpot format. The entry is \$5.00 per run. Each contestant will receive \$1.00 along with a treat at the out gate at each barrel race.

- 2) Once an entry fee is paid, no money will be refunded.
- 3) Classes will be run as follows: PEEWEE, YOUTH, OPEN.
- 4) A tipped barrel or broken pattern will result in a no time.
- 5) Jackpotters: Will pay an additional \$10.00 over entry per rider. 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.
- 6) Non-Members: Any person who is not a paid member may run for time only.
- 7) 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.
- 8) There will be a random draw done for position you will run.
- 9) Horse and rider combination may enter only once per class, per jackpot.
- 10) Any single horse cannot be competed on more than four times per jackpot.
- 11) 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 and witnessed by a BSBRA board member, you will be asked 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

- A. OPEN- Any horse and/or rider.
- B. YOUTH – Any child 9-14 YEARS of age as of the first of January of the barrel racing season may compete in this class.

- C. 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 combination.

Jane Doe on Horse 1 = combination 1

Jane Doe on Horse 2 = combination 2

- 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 second (added to 1-D time) and those who place in this division.

4-D = Fastest time in the class plus two 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.

- D. Jackpot Points

Each horse & rider combination entered will receive 1 point for participation.

A non-member will not accumulate points for year-end awards. Points will roll to the next placing member.

Place	1D	2D	3D	4D
1 st place	6 pts	6 pts	6 pts	6 pts
2 nd place	5 pts	5 pts	5 pts	5 pts
3 rd place	4 pts	4 pts	4 pts	4 pts
4 th place	3 pts	3 pts	3 pts	3 pts
5 th place	2 pts	2 pts	2 pts	2 pts

E. 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 $<6+5=11>$ and divided by 2, each person will receive 5.5 points.
2. Tie for year-end placing(s): The first tiebreaker awards the higher placing to the person who has ridden in the most jackpots. The second tiebreaker awards the higher placing to the person with the most monies won. The person who loses the tiebreaker will be awarded the next placing down.

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

G. Pee Wee, Youth and Open horse/rider combination must compete in 50% of sanctioned races to qualify for year-end awards.

H. Payout Schedules (rounded to the nearest \$):

1) **Pee Wee**

No places will be paid. Each contestant will receive \$1.00 along with a treat at the out gate at each barrel race.

2) **Youth**

Entry Fees divided per Division as follows:

Youth – 3D – 50% 1D; 30% 2D; 20% 3D

Places paid per Division:

1-12 riders – pays 2 places (60%, 40%)

13-20 riders – pays 3 places (50%, 30%, 20%)

21-40 riders –pays 4 places (40%, 30%, 20%, 10%)

41-50 riders - pays 5 places (30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%)

3) **Open**

Entry Fees divided per Division as follows:

Open – 4D – 40% 1D; 30% 2D; 20% 3D; 10% 4D

Places paid per Division:

1-12 riders – pays 1 place (100%)

13-20 riders – pays 2 places (60%, 40%)

21-40 riders – pays 3 places (50%, 30%, 20%)

41-50 riders – pays 4 places (40%, 30%, 20%, 10%)

51-60 riders – pays 5 places (30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%)

60+ riders – pays 6 places (28%, 22%, 18%, 14%, 10%, 8%)

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.