

NORTHWEST BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. SANCTIONED EVENTS

1. An event is “sanctioned” if the correct application form has been accepted by the NWBRA, and all required fees are received by the NWBRA when due. The sanctioning of an event shall not be deemed to create any partnership or other business relationship between NWBRA and the Sponsor. NWBRA DOES NOT sponsor, manage, supervise, or provide insurance covering the Sponsor, participants, and/or spectators of a sanctioned event.
2. If an event is sanctioned, the NWBRA shall recognize the points earned by NWBRA members at such event, subject to these Rules and Regulations.
3. Each sanctioned event must be sponsored by an organization, association, or individual (“Sponsor”). The Sponsor need not be a member of the NWBRA.
4. Each Sponsor shall hold NWBRA harmless from any and all liability arising from the sanctioned event.
5. Each Sponsor and sponsored event shall conform to these Rules and Regulations.
6. Any Sponsor not submitting their results within 7 days following the event will, at the discretion of the NWBRA Board of Directors, lose their privilege of sanction and/or fined double the sanction fee (\$50).
7. Sanction fee is \$25.00 per event for the first four (4) barrel races and \$15.00 per event for additional barrel races in a calendar year, along with \$1.00 per run of all entries regardless of membership. The \$1.00 per run also includes those running in the peewee division and any rolled/carried times. There will be no \$1.00 per run for exhibitions. The \$1.00 per run fee will be applied to the award fund for the finals
8. Total results, \$1.00 per run, and times for the entire event must be submitted to the office along with total payout.
9. Sanctions are recommended to be made four (4) weeks in advance of the event so that they can be advertised in the official newsletter of the NWBRA.
10. The Sponsor, in the Sponsor’s sole discretion, will determine the divisions, format and time splits. The divisions, format and time splits must be advertised, posted or announced prior to the first one to compete.
11. It is up to each Sponsor, in the Sponsor’s sole discretion, to determine entry fee and payout for all divisions.
12. At the Board of Directors discretion the sanction fee and the \$1.00 per run may be lowered or waived for memorial or benefit barrel races.

II. MEMBERSHIP

1. A membership must be purchased and then four (4) events must be competed in thereafter to qualify for the Finals. Memberships expire December 31st of the current year.
2. Nonmembers may compete at NWBRA sanctioned events. There may be a \$10.00 NONMEMBER fee assessed at the discretion of the event’s Sponsor. The nonmember fee will be split between the Sponsor and the finals awards account. Nonmembers cannot qualify for the Finals
3. It is the responsibility for each competitor to be aware of the rules and regulations.

4. A NWBRA member with an open membership (in good standings) may compete at any sanctioned event (regardless of location) to accumulate the four (4) required runs to qualify for the Finals.
5. A person may only purchase one membership (Open Membership or a Peewee Membership). A member that qualifies for the Peewee age division may either purchase a Peewee membership or an Open Membership. If they purchase the Open Membership they may compete in the Open and Youth Division and NOT the Peewee Division at the Finals. If they purchase a Peewee Membership they can only compete in the Peewee Division at the Finals.
6. The divisions that a member may compete in are as follows:
 - A. The Peewee age division is 6 and under as of January 1 of the current year. There is no set number of runs they have to make to compete at the finals. The Sponsor has the option to let the Peewee members enter the youth and open divisions.
 - B. The Youth age division is 15 years old and under as of January 1 of the current year.
 - C. The Senior age division is 50 years old as of January 1 of the current year. Those members that qualified to compete in the senior division of 45 years old at the finals prior to 2005, but are not of the age of 50 are grandfathered to continue to compete in the senior division.
 - D. The Open division is open to all members that have an Open Membership.
7. Membership fee includes a newsletter subscription per household. The remainder of the fee will go towards office expenses (insurance, postage, paper supplies, etc.), Finals expenses, awards and added monies.

III. FINES/DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Abusive language and/or abuse to a horse will not be tolerated. Anyone using abusive language or abusing a horse will, in the sole discretion of the Sponsor or arena director, be subject to a \$50.00 fine and possible disqualification from that event.
2. Conduct by NWBRA Members that would be detrimental to the reputation of the NWBRA will also be dealt with in the same manner, but will be determined by the Board of Directors. If the fine is not paid and further action is needed then there would be a suspension, by revoking their membership and being put on the suspension list. The second offense there will be a \$100 fine and put on the suspension list for 2 years. The third offense will be a permanent suspension.
3. Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol can result in suspension and/or loss of NWBRA membership or disqualification during the competitive year.
4. Misidentifying a horse in any division will disqualify the contestant for that event.
5. A competitor must be disqualified before payoffs are made.
6. Any grievance in regards to disqualification must be brought to the attention of the Sponsor or arena director before prize money is paid out.
7. All judgments by the Sponsor or arena director at the events are final.
8. Any fines must be paid before the contestant can enter in another event.
9. Non sufficient fund checks: The member and/or Sponsor will be allowed 30 days to make that check good. The check will then be turned over to the collection agency or local authority. The member will immediately be suspended until the check is made good. The member will then be required to pay cash only. If a service charge is assessed a member will be required to pay a \$25 fine to be added to the Finals fund.
10. Any mishandling of funds or issuing fraudulent checks by Sponsors/secretaries will be handled the same as the above rule or dealt with by the board of directors.

11. The Sponsor or arena director, in the sole discretion of the Sponsor or arena director, may disqualify any participant, whether such participant is a NWBRA member or non-member, if such Sponsor or arena director believes the participation of such participant to be dangerous to other participants, animals, or the venue.

IV. ENTRIES, DIVISIONS & PAYOUTS

1. One person may enter more than one horse with entry fees being paid on each horse.
2. A contestant may ride any horse, regardless of ownership: however, a horse may not be shown by more than one person in a class, EXCEPT members of the owner's immediate family who resides in the same household, (husband, wife, children, and grandchildren, etc). In no case will the same horse be run more than twice (2) in the same class. (The intent is to focus on one horse families that do not have the financial means to purchase more horses.)
3. The Sponsor, in the Sponsor's sole discretion, will determine the divisions, format and time splits. The format and time splits must be advertised, posted or announced prior to the first one to compete.
4. It is up to each Sponsor, in the Sponsor's sole discretion to determine entry fee and payout for all divisions.
5. Examples of pay schedule, format and time splits are as follows:

4D FORMAT

1D: 35% 2D: 30% 3D: 20% 4D: 15%

3D FORMAT:

1D: 40% 2D: 35% 3D: 25%

PLACES:

1 = 100%
 2 = 60% 40%
 3 = 40% 35% 25%
 4 = 40% 30% 20% 10%
 5 = 30% 25% 20% 15% 10%
 6 = 28% 22% 18% 14% 10% 8%
 7 = 26% 20% 15% 12% 10% 9% 8%
 8 = 24% 18% 15% 12% 10% 8% 7% 6%
 9 = 22% 16% 14% 12% 10% 8% 7% 6% 5%
 10 = 20% 15% 13% 11% 10% 8% 6.5% 6% 5.5% 5%

LAST PLACE PAID IN THE LAST DIVISION SHOULD BE AT LEAST CLOSE TO THE AMOUNT OF THE ENTRY FEE.

EXAMPLE: $20 \times 18\% = \$360 \times 20\% = \72.00 (to event Sponsor)
 $\$360 - \$72 = \$288$ (to payout)

EXAMPLES:

4D: 1/2, 1/2, 1/2, second splits
 1D=Fastest Time 2D=FT+.5 Sec. 3D=FT+1.0 Sec. 4D=FT+1.5 Sec.
 13.45 13.95 14.45 14.95

4D: ½, ½, full second splits			
1D=Fastest Time	2D=FT+.5 Sec.	3D=FT+1.0 Sec.	4D=FT+2.0 Sec
13.45	13.95	14.45	15.45

3D: full, full, second splits		
1D=Fastest Time	2D=FT+1.0 Sec.	3D=FT+2.0 Sec
13.45	14.45	15.45

3D: ¾, ¾, second splits		
1D=Fastest Time	2D=FT+.75 Sec.	3D=FT+.75 Sec.
13.45	14.20	14.95

6. Should there be any unqualified places that money can be divided evenly among those placing in all the divisions.
7. The payout can be rounded down to the nearest \$ (dollar).

V. GENERAL, BARREL PATTERN, AND TIMING

1. A dress code of western attire may be implemented by the Sponsor. Western attire means long sleeve shirts, western boots, and western hats.
2. The start and finish line of the barrel pattern must be permanently marked for the entire event.
3. In and out gates will be consistent throughout the event, unless changes are needed for safety.
4. If a barrel is touched or moved during a run it must be checked and reset before the next contestant runs,
5. A NWBRA barrel race is a timed event using three identical 50 gallon closed end barrels set in a clover leaf pattern.
6. The regulation barrel pattern for the sanctioned barrel races shall be dictated by the size of the arena. The maximum barrel pattern is 90 feet between the 1st and 2nd barrel with 105 feet from the 2nd and 3rd barrel, also the 1st and 3rd barrel. The score line shall be a maximum of 60 feet with the stopping distance of a minimum of 45 feet on a closed gate and 30 feet on a safe open center gate. With these patterns the barrels must be a minimum of 15 feet of the fences, chutes, and walls.
7. Any time a contestant crosses the start line, the time will begin.
8. Touching of a barrel is permitted as long as the barrel does not touch the ground.
9. If the electric eye fails to start, that person may opt to take their run immediately or at the end of the race, with as close to the same ground conditions as possible. It is recommended that two eyes be used at an event where a large number of runs are being made, if possible.
10. Reruns shall be granted if there is a complete failure in timing or if the barrels are improperly placed on their markers.
11. No prior penalties shall apply in these cases. A horse shall not be worked on the markers before the official run. This would result in disqualification.
AN EXHIBITION OR TIME ONLY ON THE BARREL MARKERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
12. Failure to follow the standard barrel pattern will result in the contestant being disqualified.
 - A. Making an extra loop any where in the clover leaf pattern, once over the start line.
 - B. Falling off the horse before crossing the finish line.
 - C. Turning a barrel twice.
 - D. Crossing the finish line before the pattern is completed.
 - E. Crossing the line after finishing the pattern and restarting the time.

VI. ELECTRIC EYE

1. All timing of events will be done by electric eye to the thousands.

VII. FINALS

1. Any eligible member may take more than one horse to the Finals with entry fees paid on each horse.
2. A contestant with an open membership must be in good standing and have competed at four (4) sanctioned events as a member to qualify for the Finals.
3. A contestant with a peewee membership must be in good standing and does not have to compete at a set number of sanctioned events to qualify for the finals.
4. A contestant who does not enter the arena in three (3) gate calls will be disqualified. Gate calls will be 30 seconds apart. The alley is not considered part of the arena.
5. A minimum of 70% of entry fees must be paid back in prize money.
6. Format, splits and payout schedule for the Finals depends on the final vote of the board of directors. This must be posted at the Finals at the time determined by the Board of Directors.
7. Dress code of western attire will be in effect for the Finals.
8. 4D Format will be used for the Open Division, 3D Format for the Youth and Senior Division until the numbers increase and warrant a 4D format.
9. Persons competing in both Open as well as the Senior and Youth divisions must make their run for each class. No rolling of times.
10. Peewee contestant may have one and only one adult (other than officials, barrel setters, etc.) in the arena while they are competing.
11. In all other divisions no one can be in the arena with a contestant while they are competing. (This does not include officials, barrel setters, etc.)
12. Members with a Peewee membership can only compete in the Peewee Division.
13. Members that qualify for the Peewee age division and have an Open Membership can only compete in the Youth and Open Division.
14. One circle with forward motion is allowed after entering the arena or the contestant will be disqualified.
15. Any other rules for the Finals, determined by the Board of Directors, must be advertised prior to the Finals or posted at the Finals.

REMEMBER THAT THE REASON FOR THE ASSOCIATION IS TO KEEP YOUR MONEY RIGHT HERE IN THE NORTHWEST TO BE PAID BACK TO YOU THE MEMBERS.