

BRITISH COLUMBIA BARREL RACERS ASSOCIATION RULES AND BYLAWS

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***All members are required to read these rules carefully,
failure to understand the rules will not be accepted as an excuse.***

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Final's Venue and Dates will be in place by January 31st of the race season at www.bcbra.com

1. MEMBERSHIP

AGE CATEGORIES (as so stated in Bylaws)

OPEN category is open to all riders of any age.

JUNIOR category is open to any rider 15 years of age or younger as of January 1st of the current membership year.

SENIOR category is open to any rider 50 years of age or older as of January 1st of the current membership year.

PEEWEE category is open to any rider 10 years of age or younger as of January 1st of the current membership year.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE:

Basic Memberships (Open, Junior, Senior) - \$55.00

Double Dip Memberships - \$30.00 (Junior or Senior wishing to compete in open category in addition to basic)

Peewee Membership - \$25.00

Additional Horse Membership - \$30 (Open, Junior, Senior), \$15 (Peewee) (*payable on finals entry form only*)

UPGRADES: Peewee Category Only. Peewee category does not allow peewees to run in any other category while holding a peewee card. However, peewees may upgrade to the junior category &/or open category anytime during the year by paying the additional fees. (\$30 per junior, \$30 per open). **Junior and/or Open race credits will be accumulated from the date of upgrade once the additional fees have been received. Written notice to the Membership Director is required. Upon purchase of the Junior and/or Open card, that peewee cannot change division for the remainder of the season. All race credits earned as a peewee are lost and cannot be reinstated.**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS are now an online submission. This is the only acceptable process.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF MEMBERSHIP, depending on method of payment, may take up to 14 days from the date of receiving application by the Membership Director. Qualifications will be counted only from the date that membership in good standing is established.

Application forms and the distribution of race attendance cards (including cards for additional horses) will be administered by the Membership Director only.

Application for memberships for the current season must be received and paid for no later than the race cut-off date for the current year.

ADDITIONAL HORSE(S) - requirement of 6 race credits for each extra horse (4 per horse for peewee), with an additional fee of \$30.00 per horse for Open, Junior & Senior and \$15 for Peewee with finals entries. The member can print off as many cards as required for additional horses.

2. **MEMBERSHIP CARD, ID NUMBER AND ATTENDANCE CARDS**

Each member will receive a race attendance card for each membership category they are eligible to run in.

This card also represents their Membership card.

The card will have member's name, number, category and effective date of race credits.

It is mandatory to show proof of membership at jackpots.

The attendance portion must be properly completed with date, facility and arena managers initial or stamp.

Members mailing in applications should receive their Membership/Attendance cards within 2 weeks after the membership is received at the BCBRA office. It is the responsibility of the member to contact the office if membership/attendance card is not received within this time.

Members with an email address will receive their attendance card via their email address.

Every member is responsible for retaining & having their race card updated only by the race manager and/or designate. A \$50 fee will apply per card, if card is lost, needs to be replaced, or needs updating of race credits missed.

3. **CARRY OVER** (also referred to as Double Dipping)

Carry over (double dipping) is an option available to junior and senior age categories in which they can purchase and compete in the open membership in addition to their basic age specific category.

To carry over (double dip) they must pay entry and approval fees for both race categories, but they will only make their run in the Open category. That time and any penalties will be carried over to their Junior/Senior category.

The option to carry over (double dip) must be declared at the time of entry, otherwise they must run in both races.

Junior/Senior must have Open AND Junior/Senior Membership in order to Carry-Over (see #1. Membership)

4. NEWSLETTER

BCBRA Website contains all the required information.

5. RETURNED CHEQUES/FINES

There is a \$25 service charge on all returned cheques from the bank.

If a cheque is not replaced with a certified cheque or money order within 21 days after the date of notification by the BCBRA, no points or qualifiers will be issued to said member.

Said member will also be placed on the "ineligible" list.

Ineligible individuals will not be allowed to run at BCBRA approved race (where BCBRA is primary), or attend the Finals until said debt (service charges included) have been paid in full. (Arena operators can collect the debt - allowing the rider to enter - and send it in with their recap results.)

A list of the ineligible riders is posted on the BCBRA Website. Names will remain on the list until debt has been paid in full.

6. FINALS QUALIFICATIONS

Member must be in good standing with the BCBRA.

Member must participate in a minimum of 6 BCBRA 4-D approved races in the qualification year in each category they are eligible to compete in at the Finals (Open, Junior &/or Senior). Peewees must participate in 4 BCBRA Peewee approved races.

For each additional horse one wishes to ride in the Finals, one must have received 6 race credits per horse (4 for peewee). A member may ride any number of different horses at the qualifying races.

Members may enter races in any region to qualify for the Finals.

Every member is responsible for retaining & having their race card updated only by the race manager and/or designate. A \$50 fee will apply per card, if card is lost, needs to be replaced, or needs updating of race credits missed.

Each member entering the finals must provide a sponsorship of \$50 for Open, Junior, or Senior, and \$20 for Peewees. Cash form only.

7. GENERAL RULES

Good sportsmanship expected at all times!

No member of the BCBRA shall, at any time, organize a BCBRA Clinic without the approval of the Board of Directors, nor shall anyone speak, write or appear on behalf of the Board or the Association, without the Board's permission.

Any non-member, by signing into a race and paying the \$5 insurance fee they are subject to and shall be obligated to follow the bylaws, rules and regulations of the BCBRA

Infractions of rules will result in the following protocol for members and non-members:

- 1) First infraction – verbal and written notice by an Arena Manager or Director of the Association
- 2) Second infraction - \$50.00 fine and must be paid before entering their next BCBRA race where BCBRA is primary
- 3) Third infraction – suspension or expulsion of membership for the current year including Finals if qualified

Infractions of the rules include:

Conduct or speech of any kind that is detrimental to the best interests of the BCBRA;

Being under the influence of alcohol in the arena;

Altercations or quarreling at any time during an approved event;

Failure to follow the BCBRA Rules & Regulations.

Any protest/appeal must be submitted in writing to the Secretary within 30 days along with a certified cheque or money order in the amount of \$25.00. This will be refunded only if the protest/appeal is successful.

The BCBRA fine for not paying entry fees is \$25.00.

The BCBRA fine for turning out of a performance is \$50.00 plus entry fee.

- Turnout fine will be in effect for added money races only, and the race entries have to be closed prior to the race day, and shall be at the discretion of the Arena Manager.

There will be no drawing out after positions are drawn without a Doctor's release or a Veterinarian's Certificate. A

contestant may not compete at another approved race within five (5) clear days. Only three (3) Veterinarian and/or doctor releases can be submitted in one (1) year. Contestant may also turn out on a Visible Injury Release

A contestant may ride any horse regardless of ownership.

A horse may not be ridden by more than one person in a category UNLESS ALL the following conditions are met: Both contestants are members of the owner's immediate family, who reside in the same household (husband, wife, children, and grandchildren under 12 years.);

NEITHER CONTESTANT IS RIDING ANY OTHER HORSE IN THAT CATEGORY;

In no case will the same horse be run more than twice in the same category.

Dress Code: Long sleeved shirts with collar and cuffs, western hats and boots are required unless arena director advertises differently in the newsletter &/or website. This also applies to the finals.

A penalty of \$5.00 will be imposed if you do not follow dress code when entering the arena to compete.

Blue jeans are permissible.

A contestant will be disqualified for not being ready to run when called.

Ill-mannered horses will be disqualified at the Judge(s) discretion.

A running or standing start can be used depending on the arena conditions, but in no case may a contestant cause any unnecessary delay in starting the race.

Arena gates are to be left open for all contestants or closed for all contestants during a race. The decision is to be made before the race starts by the majority of the contestants and/or the Arena Director depending on the arena conditions.

A contestant may, from a riding position, hold a barrel from falling.

A contestant may hang onto the saddle or use both hands on the reins if he/she so desires.

Once barrel markers have been placed, no practicing is allowed on the course marked. For purposes of practicing, barrels must be placed at least 15 feet away from the markers.

All contesting horses shall be entirely free from effects of stimulants or hypnotics. Contestants will be subject to suspension if found abusing this rule.

Slack at the finals are to be same day and must be rodeo related, with the exception to extenuating circumstances.

8. APPROVALS & GENERAL

For a barrel race to be sanctioned by the BCBRA it must be submitted to and approved by the Circuit Secretary.

All individuals wishing to host a BCBRA sanctioned race (primary & secondary), must be a member in good standing in the current year with the BCBRA.

All approvals must be submitted by completing the online form on the website.

It is the responsibility of the race promoter to verify the race has been approved and its' format and dates are accurate.

Verification can be done by checking the race calendar on the website within one week of submission.

Membership application forms, along with the distribution of race attendance cards, will ONLY be handled by the Membership Director. Race managers are not to accept any applications at races.

Rules and age Categories: When BCBRA is primary approval, all BCBRA rules, and age categories must be followed.

Anyone wishing to run a B.C.B.R.A. approved race may do so if 7 days notice is given (and not just tentatively) to the B.C.B.R.A. Circuit Secretary before the opening date of the race concerned.

Any rebooking and/or amendments of a race and/or its format requires a 1 week (7 days) minimum.

Any and all BCBRA approved races are to be non-restricted to number of entries.

In the event of double headers, that being 2 separate races with each race having its own separate entry fees, and run on the same day, competitors will not be allowed the option to carry their times from the first race run to the second

race.

The Board of Directors has the right to reject any approval request it feels is detrimental to the Association.

Arena Managers have the right to refuse entry of any non-members at their race(s).

An ineligible list is posted on our website @ www.bcbra.com. Those on the ineligible list may compete once they have satisfied this debt (cash only accepted) Race managers can collect this debt on behalf of the BCBRA association.

All BCBRA approved races must be listed in the BCBRA Website to count for race qualification.

All BCBRA approved races are not restricted to holding all race categories.

There must be a minimum of one (1) contestant entered in a category in order for it to count as a race qualifier.

If there is to be ADDED MONEY, the exact amount of the added purse must be confirmed and advertised.

The BCBRA Peewee race runs first, before any other barrel race. Then Open, Junior, and Senior.

Exception: BCBRA Finals

Arena operators will be responsible for maintaining good ground conditions, taking entries and doing payouts.

Arena operators wanting to use a two-run option must have the race advertised as such. Two run option – each rider has the option to make two runs (order of go remains the same) for one entry fee. The best time is taken as run time for the category. Riders must declare at entry time if she/he wishes to take 2-run option.

Upon applying for an approval with the BCBRA being primary, the arena operator agrees to the following:

Follow the BCBRA Rules and Regulations;

Safe ground/arena conditions. Ground must remain consistent throughout the jackpot.

Ground raking is a must, and will be no more than every 5 riders.

Reworking/raking rotation should be determined by the Arena Operator.

BCBRA electric timer to be used where ever possible.

All sanctioned single day races are to pay out monies won on the same day, directly after race finishes.

Race producers will have the option to determine whether schooling during competition is allowed.

Time only are to be at the arena manager's discretion as to when and if allowed to run.

Horses must run in the order they are drawn at any sanctioned or co-sanctioned BCBRA Races

Race approvals held after finals cut-off, but before finals, count towards the next season, and only if the member has the next year's membership in place.

9. CO-APPROVALS

HOSTING A CO-APPROVAL RACE:

All individuals wishing to host a BCBRA co-approved sanctioned race must be a member in good standing in the current year with the BCBRA.

The BCBRA will co-approve races being held by other associations if requested. Co-approval request must be completed on the online web form.

Must be advertised in our Newsletter and on the Website.

Where the BCBRA is secondary, a (finals surcharge) of \$3.00 per BCBRA member per category entered will be charged by the BCBRA. (ie. BCBRA members enters on 2 horses in the Open and Senior, that would be \$12) regardless if the race is being used as a finals qualifier or not.

COMPETING IN A CO-APPROVED RACE WHERE BCBRA IS SECONDARY:

BRN4D (where BCBRA is secondary) Co-approved Junior and Senior Races – although Junior and Senior age requirements differ from the BCBRA, these races will count as race credits for our Junior and Senior members.

10. RACE RESULTS

Within 48 hours after race date, arena operator must mail in the following to the bookkeeper (BCBRA treasurer):

Completed Entry Form, Timesheets, Payout Calculation Sheet, recap sheet accompanied by all sanctioning fees, timer fees, etc. (No cash, please send cheque, money order, email) Cheque, money order, or email will be your only proof the results have been sent. The BCBRA assumes no responsibility if you send cash, and the race information is not received. You will be responsible for resubmitting the results and monies due the BCBRA.

If complete race results are not received within 14 days after the race, the arena operator can be fined \$25.00 and you may not receive approval to host another BCBRA race, until all outstanding forms and monies are received.

If race results are received incomplete, they will be returned to the race manager and can be subject to a \$25 fine.

LATE SEASON RACES ONLY- All race results including monies must be received PRIOR to the finals to insure all members are qualified to enter the finals.

11. REGULATION COURSE

45 gallon, metal, closed-ended barrels to be used.

When arena conditions are suitable the following distances should be used:

- 1) Regulation Barrel distances are 90 Feet between barrel #1 and #2 and 105 feet from barrels 1 & 2 to barrel #3, with a 40 foot score line. With this pattern the barrels must be a minimum of 20 feet off the fence (15 feet off the fence for indoor patterns). Minimum stopping distance 45 feet with a closed gate;
- 2) In smaller arenas, barrel 3 should be no closer than 25' from the end of the arena and should be set not more than 15' longer than the distance between barrels 1 and 2;
- 3) or, 60 feet from barrel #1 to barrel #2, and 125 feet from barrels #1 & #2 to Barrel #3, with a 40 foot score line and a minimum stopping distance of 45 feet with a closed gate.

The barrels and starting line must be permanently marked for each go-round.

If a timer is used, permanent timer markers must be in place. If any distances should be changed or barrel measurements lost during a go-round, then split moneys must be paid.

Barrels must be set to run in and out equally for left handed or right handed barrel racers, where safe and possible.

Compulsory run in and out must be posted in the Office and Judges must be notified. Riders may be disqualified if this rule is not complied with.

Whenever split go-rounds are run, barrel distances must be measured with a measuring tape before each go-round.

When the barrels are being marked, a Judge should be present to witness the figures used and recorded. Barrel measurements are to be turned in to the Show Secretary and used the next day. The paper is to be signed by the girls marking the barrels and the Judge where possible.

12. TIMING THE BARREL RACE

A five (5) second penalty will be assessed for each barrel knocked over. Knocked down barrels will be considered a no time run. The rider's time will be announced and recorded but no moneys will be paid on said run. Beside the rider's time a (+5) will be recorded.

Horses are to be timed on the nose both at the start and finish of the race.

The contestant must complete the race on the horse in order to have time count.

Once the official racing time begins, re-runs are not allowed except for the following and at the Judge's &/or Arena Manager's discretion:

- (1) Time is missed due to the electric timer and the flagman not being ready, official time will be taken again.
- (2) Mechanical (timer) failure but, **WILL CARRY FORWARD ALL PENALTIES**
- (3) Obvious interference during a run.
- (4) Adjustment to equipment or a non-electric error after the official race has begun (**WILL NOT CARRY FORWARD ANY PENALTIES**)

Re-runs to be made at the end of the rake or at the end of the go-round whichever the rider chooses.

Judges shall watch to see that no one walks in front of the electric eye and shall further make sure that each barrel racer completes the racing pattern properly. Once the eye has been broken the time has been started.

An electric timer must be used whenever available. Times recorded and paid to 1/1000th of a second (i.e.: one day races), if timer is not moved throughout the entire go. Otherwise, times are to be to the one-one hundredth (1/100) of a second.

All barrel races are required to be timed with no less than two watches in 100ths of a second when the electric timer is not used. Manual time must be recorded, averaged and paid off in hundredths.

13. 4D FORMAT

The pay out is based on a four-division format. The 4-D pay out format is divided into the following divisions:

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| 1st Division = Fastest (Penalty Free) Time, | 2nd Division = Fastest time + .5 seconds, |
| 3rd Division = Fastest time + 1 second, | 4th Division = Fastest time + 2 seconds. |

(E.g. 16.0; 16.5; 17.0; 18.0 respectively.)

(If barrels 1 and 2 have less than 60 feet in between, arena operator may opt for 1/2-second splits between all divisions.

The 4th division is the only division affected by this change.)

The pattern size and/or time bracket used must be posted or announced prior to starting the race

14. FEES

BCBRA does not govern or dictate arena fees, timer fees (with the exception of the BCBRA timer which is \$2 per run including double headers), and entry fees. These fees are all at the discretion of the arena manager.

All entry fees including arena fees and office fees are to be posted with the approval in the newsletter publication and Website.

Junior and Senior entry fee should be nominal.

Open entry fee is usually \$20.00, but is at the arena operator's discretion.

Entry fees should be in proportion to the money added.

NON MEMBERS INSURANCE FEE of \$5 will be charged to those that are not a current member of the BCBRA association. This fee is charged to the rider only, not the number of horses that are entered. This fee is not charged to current members during the time of the cross over of race seasons. Members will not receive race credits unless the new race season's membership has been purchased.

BCBRA (where BCBRA is primary) an approval fee of \$3 is charged per horse & rider. Non-members would also pay an additional \$5 insurance fee (per rider only)

Usage of the BCBRA electronic timer carries a charge of \$2.00 per run. An inventory checklist will be contained in each timer box and Arena Management and/or Circuit Secretary will be required to confirm contents on arrival and sending timer to next approval

15. PAY OUT (Open, Junior, Senior)

Payout for "cash-only" races must be completed immediately following the race. That is the basis of why races are cash only entry.

On all approved Open, Junior & Senior races, a \$3.00 approval fee will be charged per entry.

NO MONEY PAID TO KNOCKED BARRELS.

Total purse shall be divided - 30% is to be paid to Div. 1, 27% to Div. 2, 23% to Div. 3 and 20% to Div. 4.

If times breakdown where one division has no riders in it, then the payout must be: 43%, 33%, 24%

If times breakdown where two divisions have no riders in it, then the payout must be: 60%, 40%

If times breakdown where three divisions have no riders in it, then the payout must be: 100%

Last place money in the 4th Division is to be no less than entry fee plus \$3.00 approval fee, if 5 riders or less payout may be less.

Entry Fee is defined as the amount of money added to the payout, including approval fee. (ie:\$20 to payout, \$3 approval fee (\$23 is referred to as the entry fee)

Payout Percentages per division:

1 placing	1.00																			
2 placings	.60	.40																		
3 placings	.43	.33	.24																	
4 placings	.38	.28	.20	.14																
5 placings	.33	.27	.20	.13	.07															
6 placings	.32	.25	.18	.12	.07	.06														
7 placings	.30	.24	.17	.11	.07	.06	.05													
8 placings	.29	.22	.17	.10	.07	.055	.05	.045												
9 placings	.28	.21	.16	.095	.065	.055	.05	.045	.04											
10 placings	.265	.20	.15	.095	.065	.055	.05	.045	.04	.035										
11 placings	.25	.19	.15	.09	.065	.055	.05	.045	.04	.035	.03									
12 placings	.24	.19	.14	.09	.06	.055	.05	.045	.04	.035	.03	.025								
13 placings	.24	.18	.14	.08	.06	.055	.05	.045	.04	.035	.03	.025	.02							
14 placings	.235	.175	.135	.08	.06	.055	.05	.045	.04	.035	.03	.025	.02	.015						

16. PEEWEES FORMAT & PAYOUT

On all approved races, a \$3.00 approval fee will be charged per entry.

Payout is the same as used for the Open, Junior & Senior Divisions.

Race splits will be at the discretion of the race producer.

17. LATE FEES

A one time late charge can be charged at races. (Suggestion only; \$10, but at arena manager's discretion)

Pre enter and help keep the office work to a minimum and avoid paying this charge.

If a contestant is entering more than one horse, only one late fee will be charged.

Contestants can sign up only for themselves.

All pre-entries and late fees must be advertised in advance in the BCBRA newsletter and Website.

18. **BAD WEATHER MONTHS**, and at uncovered arenas - always call ahead to make sure the race has not been cancelled. **RACES CAN ONLY BE CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER OR EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.** Arena managers must inform the circuit secretary and website manager who will then ensure this information is updated on the website. Arena managers should also make every effort to inform all members who have entered early.

19. **ARENA RULES (MANAGEMENT & COMPETITORS)**

Arena operators may have specific ground rules when racing in their arena over and above BCBRA ground rules.

Always make sure to call ahead or read their entry forms carefully.

Make sure all rules are completely understood before entering. All other general rules pertaining to the sport of barrel racing apply.

ALL PEEWEES MUST WEAR HELMETS APPROVED FOR HORSE COMPETITIONS.

20. **ANIMAL ABUSE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**

Excessive use of the bat or whip, or whipping the horse in front of the cinch.

Other forms of abuse.

At discretion of the Arena Manager.