

NORTH STATE BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION RULES

2023-2024 COMPETITION YEAR

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ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

The North State Barrel Racing Association, hereinafter referred to as NSBRA, has approved the following rules to ensure a continued and orderly transaction of business and to facilitate the purposes for which the NSBRA was established. Founded primarily to promote the sport of barrel racing, the NSBRA Board of Directors (BODs) do hereby jointly and separately vote for, consent to, and authorize the adoption of the following rules accompanied with the Bylaws of this association.

ARTICLE II: MISSION STATEMENT

1. To provide fair levels of competition in the way of different categories so that each member's horse competes with others at his or her own ability level.
2. To encourage the sport of barrel racing in Northern California.
3. To provide its members a final competition with worthy awards at the end of the competitive year.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION

1. The name of the organization shall be North State Barrel Racing Association. Referred to from here on as the NSBRA.
2. The NSBRA is a non-profit organization existing for the purposes of providing and promoting consistent competition of the members of NSBRA.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in this organization shall be open to all who meet eligibility requirements covered in the NSBRA rules.
2. A quorum of the membership is made of the majority of members at a meeting.
3. A failure to vote by a member in good standing shall be an affirmative vote.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

1. Quarterly meetings shall be held on the 2nd Thursday of a month at a location determined by the BODs.
2. For issues beyond the meetings that require the NSBRA BOD's decision, a special BOD meeting, or conference call will be required. Social media will not be used for Board discussions unless the entire BODs have the availability to utilize it and participate in it.
3. Meetings are open to any member/owner/arena operator/rider or interested individuals, except on occasion when closed or special meetings are deemed necessary.
4. The Secretary shall notify the membership of meeting time and place. Notifications will be on the official NSBRA website www.nsbra.com.
5. A summary of the minutes of the general Membership and Board meetings shall be published on the official website.
6. Meeting agenda will be posted to the official NSBRA website at three (3) weeks prior to the next meeting with updates for the agenda being added as needed.
7. All meetings will be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order as a guide.

ARTICLE VI: GOVERNING BODY

1. The governing body of the NSBRA shall be the BODs consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership/Points, Arena, Website, and Publicity Director.
2. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer will be elected for a two (2) year term. All other officers are elected for a one (1) year term.

3. Any BOD may be removed at any time by a 2/3 majority vote of the membership.
4. If a Director cannot perform their duties for any reason, or they miss two consecutive, unexcused, and un-notified board meetings without just cause and or approval from the other directors, they may step down or be asked by a BOD to resign and the nominee with the next highest votes in the election will be asked to fill the position for the balance of the term.
5. Vacancies as a result of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise may be filled by the BODs for the remainder of the term year.
6. The BODs shall have control and management of the affairs of the NSBRA. This shall include enforcement of the official NSBRA rules.
7. A quorum shall be present when a majority of the BODs is present.
8. Each BOD shall have one (1) vote.
9. The BODs may make such rules as deemed necessary to cover its meeting, with the exception of Section 2: 2.9, 2.10, and 2.10.1.
10. It shall be the responsibility of the BODs to organize the Finals. That shall include determining a site, date, and number of awards to be given in addition to the awards described in these rules.
11. NSBRA BODs will decide the current season end date and the next season start date as close to the beginning of the current season as possible and post the information to the official NSBRA website.
12. Directors are expected to be present at and work to help the running of NSBRA races and the Finals.

ARTICLE VII: NSBRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **PRESIDENT:** It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all general membership meetings. The President has the authority to appoint members to various duties as he/she deems necessary. The President must be a member in good standing. It shall also be the duty of the President to assist the Secretary and Treasurer.
2. **VICE PRESIDENT:** It shall be the duty of the Vice President to fill in whenever the President is unable. It may be necessary for the Vice President to call and preside over the monthly meeting if the President is unavailable.
 - a. It shall also be the duty of the Vice President to oversee all publications and advertising. He/she must see to it that deadlines are met and work with the Arena Director to get schedules set in a timely manner.
 - b. He/she must be responsible for the handling of the organization of sponsorships and donations by the public. He/she must work with the Publicity Director to see to it that sponsorships and donations are applied to the awards to where the funds were ascribed. He/she must also see to it that the proper recognition is made to sponsors in various publications. He/she must work with the Secretary and Publicity Director to see that "Thank You's" are mailed in a timely fashion and notice is made on the association website.

3. **SECRETARY:** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the minutes at all general meetings. He/she will be responsible for the keeping of accurate minutes and providing a copy of each meeting minutes to the Website Director and President. In the event that the Secretary is not able to attend a membership meeting it is his/her responsibility to see that someone else records the minutes.
4. **TREASURER:** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep the books of the association, to give a report at all general membership meetings, and to pay all bills upon approval of the President. The Treasurer shall also be the co-signer on the association account along with the President.
 - a. Provide accurate record keeping.
 - b. Provide reports of all transactions on a month-to-month basis.
 - c. Provide a financial statement at all membership meetings.
 - d. Provide a year-end financial statement for viewing at the Finals.
5. **POINTS/MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:** It shall be the duty of the Points/Membership Director to keep current standing of all the points for the NSBRA sanctioned and co-sanctioned races. To provide a current standing update to the NSBRA website as frequently as possible but no more than every three (3) weeks. He/she will assign a membership number to each horse/rider combination. He/she will make sure that all the required horse's information is received before a number will be assigned. He/she will be responsible for posting the membership numbers to the website. He/she is required to receive all membership monies and race sanction/co-sanction monies and present it to the treasurer at each meeting with an accounting of where the money is designated. Example, membership monies and who paid, race monies and the date of the race. He/she must also keep all race recap sheets should any person of BOD request it.
 - a. He/she is responsible for keeping a current list of all members to include address, phone number, and available email addresses.
 - b. He/she shall assist the arena operators in taking new membership applications at the jackpots.
 - c. He/she must keep an accurate accounting of all the membership points and have this available for any member, parent, guardian, or BOD to view if requested.
6. **ARENA DIRECTOR:** It shall be the duty of the Arena Director to work closely with the arena operators in scheduling races and provide arenas with any and all pertinent paperwork for holding races. It shall also be the duty of the Arena Director to work with the Website Director to see to it that all schedules are made in a timely fashion so that they may be available for the required seven (7) day minimum deadline to be posted to the official NSBRA website calendar.
 - a. He/she will see to it that all arena operators wishing to sanction or co-sanction races use the online sanction/co-sanction form available on the official NSBRA website.
 - b. Unsafe arena condition complaints may be made by each rider. If an arena is determined to be unsafe, the NSBRA Arena Director has the power to cancel all future barrel races at the location until the arena is deemed safe by him/her.

7. **PUBLICITY DIRECTOR:** It shall be the duty of the Publicity Director to work with the Vice President in contacting sponsors and raising support and providing necessary information on each sponsor for publication and/or advertising on the official NSBRA website.
8. **WEBSITE DIRECTOR:** It shall be the duty of the Website Director to compile all information to be included in the website information updates. NSBRA meeting minutes, race calendar, etc. The Website Director will work closely with the President and Vice President to ensure that all the information is posted as needed. He/she will also work closely with the Point/Membership Director to ensure that all race results, points by race, and point status are posted to the website by the Points/Membership Director in a timely manner. He/she will also be responsible to post race dates and information to the website calendar upon approval from the Arena Director.

ARTICLE VIII: BYLAW-RULE BOOK AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws and or Rulebook may be changed by a majority vote of the general NSBRA membership at any time, provided Section 2: 2.9, 2.10, and 2.10.1 have been met.

ARTICLE IX: INSURANCE

1. The NSBRA shall maintain at all times a One Million Dollar General Liability Policy. Every arena used for NSBRA purposes shall be provided a certificate of insurance naming said arena as additional insured upon request.
2. All Directors shall be held harmless from any personal exposure for any and all claims that may be lodged against the NSBRA for any damages, injuries, or losses. The NSBRA BODs are volunteers and share no personal economic benefit from said position and therefore shall not have any personal monetary responsibility throughout their term.

SECTION 1: PLACE OF BUSINESS

- 1.1 The place of business for the NSBRA is, Red Bluff, California, or any such other place as designated by the board.
- 1.2 Any member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual may print a copy of the NSBRA rules and bylaws from the website.

SECTION 2: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP RULES

- 2.1 It is the responsibility of each member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual to become familiar with the associations rules and bylaws and to conduct themselves and their horses accordingly. Failure to do so will not be tolerated as an excuse. It is mandatory that every member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual observe good horsemanship. This includes making certain that all tack and equipment is humane, safe and in good repair.
- 2.2 It is mandatory that every member/owner/arena operator/producer/rider or individual observe an attitude of professionalism and good sportsmanship with courtesy to other participants and producers/arena operators. If an NSBRA member is found not conducting themselves accordingly, then the producer/arena operator must contact an NSBRA BOD within 72 hours of the event. The BODs will take the following action:
 - 2.2.1 First Offense: BODs will send the member a letter of warning.
 - 2.2.2 Second Offense: BODs will send the member a letter and charge a fine of \$250. The fine must be paid before earning any future points/credits. No entry into Finals until fine is paid.
 - 2.2.3 Third Offense: BODs will send the member a letter of suspension for the

remainder of the competition year, including the Finals.

- 2.3 Any member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual who is determined by the NSBRA BODs to be guilty of inhumane treatment of any horse will be subject to disciplinary action as stipulated in SECTION 3 of these rules.
- 2.4 Members/owners/arena operators/riders or individuals or families intentionally causing problems which delay the jackpot, thereby not exhibiting good sportsmanship, will be fined and/or suspended as stipulated in Section 3 of these rules for a specified period of time.
- 2.5 An NSBRA membership owner is not bound to participate at NSBRA events, nor is a membership's owner prohibited membership in any other barrel racing or rodeo organization, professional or otherwise, and is in no way restricted by these rules or the bylaws from doing so. An NSBRA membership owner may compete or participate at any rodeo, barrel race, or jackpot and is in no way restricted by these rules from doing so.
- 2.6 NSBRA accepts membership and participation of any individual regardless of that individual's involvement in other barrel racing or rodeo organizations, professional or otherwise, providing no conflict occurs in that organization's rules or bylaws. It is the responsibility of the membership owner or rider to be aware of any aforementioned conflicts.
- 2.7 In reference to Section 2: 2.5 and 2.6 above, the NSBRA sanctions and authorizes barrel races only and no other rodeo events, and in no way may be construed as a professional rodeo organization.
- 2.8 If a particular violation, incident, or infraction occurs by any member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual at any sanctioned NSBRA event and there are no stated rules covering the violation, incident, or infraction committed by the member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual, the NSBRA BODs reserves the right to use any sanctioned barrel racing organization, association or corporation rule book that may apply to the violation, incident, or infraction.
- 2.9 Any Bylaw/rulebook changes must have a motion made at a meeting. No voting will take place on any proposed changes until the following quarterly meeting **AND** until the required posting time has been met.
- 2.10 Any proposed changes to the Bylaws and or rulebook **MUST** be posted to the NSBRA website and the membership must be allowed to vote through a survey system on the internet. This **MUST** be posted to both the website and the survey site for a minimum of twenty-one (21) days prior to the following meeting. At which time the BOD will vote for the changes based on the votes from membership survey.
 - 2.10.1 This rule is intended to provide the information of the proposed changes to the NSBRA membership prior to the change. With the proposed changes posted to the official website for a minimum of twenty-one (21) days, presented to the membership to vote through a survey website, and a concerned member or members may voice their opinion through the survey, or at the following meeting. The BODs can approve or disapprove the motion based on the majority vote of the members from the survey.
- 2.11 The primary organizations publicized rules will take precedence in co-sanctioned races. NSBRA publicized rules will be implemented thereafter, if required.
- 2.12 Sanctioned races shall mean primary races that are produced by an NSBRA member. For example, the NSBRA Board gives authorization to the NSBRA member to produce a race.

- 2.13 Co-sanctioned races shall mean races that are produced by another organization. For example, the NSBRA Board has agreed to co-sanction a race produced by another organization.

SECTION 3: VIOLATION, SUSPENSION AND INELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Any member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual who gives an insufficient fund check as an entry fee or membership fee is subject to a twenty-five (\$25) dollar fine. All NSF checks plus bank charges and fines must be cleared up prior to acquiring any attendance(s) and or points. Failure to cover all NSF checks or other outstanding debt will result in placing the member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual on the ineligible list, which will be published in the designated publication until the matter is cleared up. A second offense is subject to suspension from the NSBRA for the remainder of the competition year. The funds must be paid to be removed from the ineligible list to compete in future competition years. In addition, the ineligible list is also for nonmembers who give NSF checks to the NSBRA or incur debt that is outstanding. Checks are to be made directly to the NSBRA. If anyone should write an NSF check the NSBRA board may require a cash only basis for any future barrel races.
- 3.2 If an NSF check is not cleared up by repaying the amount of the check plus bank charges and fines within ten (10) days of the date the check was returned by the bank, then that member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual will forever forfeit any attendance(s) and or points from that particular race.
- 3.3 The ineligible list shall alert arena operators and other NSBRA members that the member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual and his/her member horse(s) are ineligible to participate at NSBRA sanctioned jackpots, including time onlys, because that member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual has yet to make good or cover an NSF check or determined infraction of these rules. Once the outstanding NSF check or other debt has been cleared, the member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual and their horse(s) shall be removed from the list.
- 3.4 Suspension shall be deemed to mean the member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual and their horse(s) are refused any rights or participation in any and all activities and events relating to the NSBRA for the remainder of the competition year, including the Finals.
- 3.5 Any person found guilty of inhumane treatment of any animal while on the grounds of an NSBRA event may be fined one hundred dollars (\$100) for the first offense and suspended from the NSBRA if found guilty of a second offense. Any accusations of inhumane treatment must be in writing and supported by at least two (2) individuals, this should include the accusing party and one witness.
- 3.6 Any husband, father, mother, relative, or person having a relationship with a member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual whether related or not, interfering or complaining to the BODs, management, an arena director, or their agents, on behalf of said member/owner/arena operator, rider or individual makes said aforementioned responsible and liable. In addition, any of the aforementioned being found guilty of any of the above accusations can be fined up to a maximum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) and possible suspension.
- 3.7 The NSBRA will not tolerate the use of alcohol in excess or drugs while competing at any sanctioned NSBRA events. Nor will the NSBRA tolerate excessive profanity in or around a sanctioned NSBRA event. If any member is found guilty, they can be fined and or suspended from the NSBRA.

- 3.8 Any member who willfully causes trouble inside or outside the ranks of NSBRA by excessively complaining, willfully causing disturbances, unsportsmanlike conduct, or unnecessarily aggravating an NSBRA BOD, can be fined up to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) and or suspended from the association.
- 3.9 Any member who has been found guilty of a major rule infraction or violation, is eligible to come before the NSBRA BODs to appeal that conviction and clear their record. If cleared, and after a period of three (3) years, the member will be eligible to run for BODs.
- 3.10 A member suspended by the NSBRA BODs will not be refunded/reimbursed for membership fees, co sanction fees, or entry fees.

SECTION 4: MEMBERSHIPS

- 4.1 Memberships will only be active upon receipt of a completed NSBRA application. A membership application must be submitted to the membership office for each horse eligible in the appropriate NSBRA category provided. A separate application must be submitted for each horse and additional fees paid.
- 4.2 Each horse will be categorized by lifetime barrel racing earnings (including money won at rodeos, futurities, gymkhanas, and jackpots). Once membered, the horse will remain in that category for the remainder of the competition year. Categories are as follows: Under \$1000, Under \$10000, Open, Junior, and Senior. Junior is determined as age 17 and younger at the time the competition year commences. Senior is determined as age 50 and older at the time the competition year commences.
- 4.3 Each horse/rider combination is limited to joining in one (1) category for the NSBRA competition year. Under no circumstances can a horse/rider combination be in more than one (1) category. No exceptions.
- 4.4 A horse can be a member with more than one rider.
 - 4.4.1 A horse may only run one time at a race and only the member that rides the horse will receive points and attendance. This does not apply to FBR's riding the membered horse.
- 4.5 If a horse is a member with two (2) different riders, only one (1) rider may enter the horse at the Finals.
- 4.6 If a membership owner is found to be providing false information regarding a membered horse, the member and the horse will be suspended for the remainder of the competition year from NSBRA sanctioned events. If the membership owner was provided with false information from the legal/prior owner of the membered horse only the horse will be suspended for the remainder of the competition year from NSBRA sanctioned events.
- 4.7 There is no limit to the number of horses an owner may submit and be accepted for membership to the NSBRA.
- 4.8 Official membership applications are available at the NSBRA place of business, the arena director, at member arenas, and on the website at www.nsbra.com Membership applications **MUST BE FILLED OUT IN FULL** and submitted **ON OR BEFORE** running a race with the appropriate fees (membership and co sanctions if any) and required horse information to be accepted. Incomplete applications will be **HELD** and **POINTS WILL NOT COUNT UNTIL AFTER THE DATE ALL THE INFORMATION IS RECEIVED**. No exceptions. Member will be given attendance credits. Please see rule 6.7 for more information.

- 4.9 Membership applications submitted at jackpots should be filled out completely as possible. Member has ten (10) days from the date of the jackpot to submit all the required information, such as horse papers, birth certificate or driver's license (proof of age). After the ten (10) days the membership will be held as incomplete. No exceptions.
- 4.10 If an Under \$1000 or an Under \$10000 horse membership application is submitted without a specific dollar amount of earnings listed, that horse's earnings will be entered as having won \$999 or \$9999 respectively.
- 4.11 Memberships are fifty dollars (\$50) for each membership horse and rider combination, unless there is a discount otherwise stated on the NSBRA website from the BODs. Any additional horse and rider memberships are subject to the same fees.
- 4.11.1 Memberships are good for the competition year and will expire after the Finals Race. Points Director will email or text membership numbers. Membership numbers are also posted on the website.
- 4.12 An associate membership may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30) and is available for non-participants, arena operators or any person wishing to support the activities of the association. An associate membership also allows riders that do not wish to have a regular membership, entry at NSBRA race and riding privileges.
- 4.13 It is the responsibility of the member owner and or rider to be aware of all NSBRA rules. The NSBRA rules are available to read and print off the website.
- 4.14 It is not mandatory the owner of the horse accepted for membership compete or ride and any authorized or sanctioned NSBRA barrel race.
- 4.15 In cases of ownership change during the membership year, point and race attendance DO NOT transfer with the horse. The new owner is required to pay the fifty dollars (\$50) membership fee and submit the required information along with the membership application. The new owner must enter the appropriate category for which the horse is eligible on the date the new membership application is submitted.
- 4.16 The association has the right to reject or accept any memberships or entries.
- 4.17 There will be no membership refunds issued.
- 4.18 A member may transfer their membership one time during a competition year to a different horse if the original horse membered has not competed in the current membership year.

SECTION 5: LEVELS OF COMPETITION – CATEGORIES

- 5.1 The NSBRA provides five levels of competition referred to as categories
- Under \$1000
 - Under \$10000
 - Open
 - Junior
 - Senior
- 5.2 Categories are based on all of a horse's lifetime earnings in barrel racing including futurities, jackpots, rodeos, gymkhanas, and sanctioned NSBRA barrel races at the time of membership with the exception of Junior and Senior categories. Categories are as follows.
- Under \$1000 - open to all horses having won no more than \$999.
 - Under \$10000 - open to all horses having won no more than \$4999.

- Open - open to all horses.
 - Junior – open to ages 17 years and younger at the start of the competition year.
 - Senior – open to ages 50 years and older at the start of the competition year.
- 5.3 Horse’s earnings and Junior/Senior age are considered as of the first day of the NSBRA competition year.
- 5.4 Each horse/rider in all categories will remain in that category until the end of the competition year at the NSBRA Finals Race (with the exception of FBR’s may transfer with appropriate fees).
- 5.5 It is the intent of these levels of competition to create fair competition among all horses. Even though the NSBRA may not have a complete record of a horse’s winnings, it is expected that all individuals will honor this intent. However, it is the discretion of the arena operator/BODs to challenge said individual. Any reasonable, legitimate challenges of individuals shall be directed to the NSBRA BODs. Winnings will be considered from any and all futurities, rodeos, barrel races, jackpots, and/or gymkhanas. If it is proven that the individual knowingly entered the horse in the wrong category the member and the horse will be suspended for the remainder of the competition year.
- 5.6 If at any time a horse’s membership category is challenged, the NSBRA BODs reserves the right to request additional information in regards to said challenge. Failure to provide this information within ten (10) days of the request will result in forfeiture of points and attendance, as well as possible ineligibility.

SECTION 5.1: JUNIOR/SENIOR CATEGORY

- 5.1.1 A Junior rider is seventeen (17) years and younger as of the first day of the NSBRA competition year. Voting membership is only by a parent or designated guardian until the Junior is of the legal age of eighteen (18).
- 5.1.2 Juniors may not sign their entry forms until they are of the legal age of eighteen (18).
- 5.1.3 A Senior rider is fifty (50) years or older as of the first day of the NSBRA competition year.
- 5.1.4 Juniors and Seniors, once membered as such, will stay in their category for the entire NSBRA competition year.
- 5.1.5 The Junior/Senior rider is required to ride the same horse to qualify for points and attendance, which is documented on the membership application. If for some reason the rider changes horses at any time during the competition year, the rider will be required to purchase a new membership.
- 5.1.6 Any Junior rider ten (10) years old or younger who is riding, either in the arena or anywhere on the arena operator’s premises MUST wear a riding helmet for safety and insurance purposes, whether they are a member or not.

SECTION 5.2: FBR CATEGORY

- 5.2.1 FBR age is ten (10) and under at the start of the NSBRA competition year.
- 5.2.2 FBR membership fee is twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- 5.2.3 FBRs may ride any horse at any time.
- 5.2.4 FBRs must wear a helmet at all times while on a horse anywhere at an NSBRA sanctioned race.
- 5.2.5 FBRs must wear boots and pants while on a horse anywhere at an NSBRA sanctioned race.

- 5.2.6 FBRs will run prior to the start of any NSBRA sanctioned race.
- 5.2.7 A parent or guardian may accompany the FBR into the arena and may or may not assist the FBR throughout the entire pattern.
- 5.2.8 FBRs will not compete for money or points.
- 5.2.9 FBRs do not have to meet the qualifying number of races to attend Finals.
- 5.2.10 FBRs must be a member for at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the Finals or pay a twenty-five dollar (\$25) late membership fee (\$25.00 membership plus \$25.00 late fee).
- 5.2.11 If the FBR competes for money at any barrel racing jackpot, the FBR is no longer allowed to enter the FBR category. They must upgrade to a Junior membership, pay the balance of twenty-five dollars (\$25), and submit the appropriate horse papers to begin earning points and race attendance in their new category.
- 5.2.12 The FBR that chooses to move up to the Junior category will be expected to meet the eligibility of five (5) races if they wish to enter the Finals.
- 5.2.13 Once the FBR moves to the Junior category, all rules in Section 6 apply.
- 5.2.14 Point and attendance will start when the Junior membership is complete. No race attendance as an FBR will transfer.
- 5.2.15 FBRs will pay a \$5 entry fee.

SECTION 6: POINTS

- 6.1 Only NSBRA members shall receive points.
- 6.2 NSBRA members will only receive points and attendance by entering the OPEN race, even though they may be competing in other races (i.e. novice, senior, junior races) this rule applies to all races sanctioned or co-sanctioned.
- 6.3 Regardless of points earned/won, a member/horse must compete at a minimum of five (5) approved jackpots to be eligible to enter Finals.
- 6.4 The accumulation of points for the competition year will commence at the beginning of the competition year and end at the completion of the competition year, prior to the Finals. The start and end dates will be determined by the BODs.
- 6.5 Points shall be awarded to each member/horse combination that races at a NSBRA primary race or that pays a co-sanction at a co-sanctioned race.
- 6.6 When signing up at an NSBRA jackpot, the horse's name must be given as listed on the membership application, and entered on the official NSBRA sign up form. **ALSO, IT IS THE RIDER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE THE HORSE'S MEMBERSHIP NUMBER WHEN SIGNING UP.** If an individual has not yet received a membership card with a membership number, it is the responsibility of the individual to indicate and state at any sanctioned NSBRA event that the membership number is 'Pending' and in which category it is pending (i.e., U1000 Pending).
- 6.7 If the member signs up at a jackpot and does not have the required horse's information to submit with the membership application the information must be sent within ten (10) days of the jackpot. Failure to do so will result in NO POINTS until after the date that the information (Driver's License, Birth Certificate, Horse Papers, or Photos) is received by the Points/Membership Director. Member will be given attendance credits.
- 6.8 For a member to receive points, the member AND the horse that the individual is membered on must make the run together. No one else may ride that horse for points or attendance. NO EXCEPTIONS.

- 6.9 A horse can be a member with more than one rider. However, the horse can only be ran once at a race and only the rider that rides the horse will receive the points at the race entered.
- 6.10 NSBRA co-sanction fee is five dollars (\$5) for each member wanting to have their run count for points and race attendance at a race that NSBRA is an approved co-sanction.
- 6.11 Point standings will be published on the NSBRA website www.nsbra.com.
- 6.12 Inquiries into points issued must be made within sixty (60) days of the date of posting of the 'points by race' results to the website. It is the responsibility of the member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual to correct any errors.
- 6.13 All points, attendance credits and standings shall be deemed correct after sixty (60) days of publication and will not be changed.
- 6.14 At all sanctioned or co-sanctioned NSBRA races, NSBRA points will be awarded regardless of the number of participants.
- 6.15 There are as many points available as there are members in a primary race or members that paid a co-sanction in a co-sanctioned race.
- 6.16 Each member horse/rider combination will receive one (1) point for themselves and one (1) point for every NSBRA member/horse combination that they outrun.
 - 6.16.1 Example, if there are 16 NSBRA riders competing at the race, 1st will receive 16 points, 2nd will receive 15 points and so on until the last point is given.
 - 6.16.1.1 The points awarded/earned at the race will be carried over into the member's respective categories.
 - 6.16.2 All ties shall split points. Example, tie for 1st and 2nd points will be added together and then divided by 2.
 - 6.16.3 Knocked down barrel penalties will be awarded points based on their time plus the penalty and will receive points based on who they outran with penalties.
 - 6.16.4 In no case will the rider with the penalty receive more points than a rider without a penalty.
 - 6.16.5 Off course will be rewarded with one (1) point. If there are more than one (1) off course in the category then the available points will be added together and divided by the number of riders that their run resulted in an off course.
- 6.17 When determining points to be awarded, a non-member (or members who did not pay a co-sanction fee at a co-sanction race) shall be skipped as if it had not run at all and the next placing member horse shall be awarded those points.
- 6.18 A member's disqualification, which results in a 'NO TIME,' will result in a minimum of one (1) point given. For example, a broken cloverleaf pattern would be grounds for an 'Off Course' disqualification and a minimum of one (1) point will be given.

SECTION 7: NSBRA PRIMARY ARENA RULES

- 7.1 NO WARM-UPS, PRACTICE, FBR OR SCHOOLING RUNS WILL BE ALLOWED on the barrel markers in the arena once the pattern is set with markers or barrels.
- 7.2 NO SCHOOLING DURING COMPETITION RUNS WILL BE ALLOWED. CIRCLING THE BARREL MORE THAN ONCE WILL RESULT IN A FIFTY DOLLAR (\$50) FINE.
- 7.3 Once a race is posted and announced, contestants will run in the order posted. If a rider runs out of order, i.e., order of the horse (multiple horses) or draw position that will result in an immediate disqualification.

- 7.4 Horses may only be entered once at any given NSBRA barrel race. Reruns will not be allowed. The only exception is in the event of a timer malfunction, see SECTION 7:7.9.
- 7.4.1 Multiple riders are not allowed to enter a race on the same horse.
- 7.5 Double header races consist of two (2) separate races in a day. With this format a horse may enter each race once at a NSBRA primary sanctioned race.
- 7.6 If the jackpot is timed with an electric eye that records times to the 100s or 1000s ties MUST be broken and paid on the last number the eye records (no rounding).
- 7.8 If using a flagger, said person is not to move from the score line for any reason once the barrel race has begun.
- 7.9 If the electric eye fails during a rider's run and there is no backup watch, the rider has the CHOICE of a re-run at the rider's and arena operator's discretion. If the person chooses not to run, they will receive a refund less any fees. It is the rider's responsibility to immediately notify the arena operator if they request not to re-run.
- 7.10 Members are responsible for downed barrels or retrieving lost articles if the arena operator does not have help available.
- 7.11 In no instance shall any barrel be set closer than 15 feet from a side (1st and 2nd barrel) fence or 25 feet from the back (3rd barrel fence). The score line shall be at least 45 feet from the end of the arena. A REGULATION COURSE SHALL BE SET WHENEVER POSSIBLE. This means barrels one and two must be 90 feet apart and 60 feet from the score line. Barrel three is 105 feet from barrels one and two. The barrel pattern MUST BE MEASURED AND/OR MARKED to ensure barrels one and two are an equal distance from the score line. In the case of a pattern less than standard the 3rd barrel distance will not be more than the distance between the 1st and 2nd barrel plus 15 – 20 feet. Example: 70 feet between the first and second barrel, then no more than 85 – 90 feet from the 2nd to the 3rd barrel. A pattern proportionate to a standard pattern should be the rule. In no cases will the pattern be set larger than a standard pattern, unless approved by the NSBRA BODs.
- 7.12 Barrels shall be placed at the discretion of the arena operator. Barrels must be consistently placed throughout the entire event.
- 7.13 The start/finish line and the position for the barrels must be marked permanently for the entire event.
- 7.14 The cloverleaf pattern is defined as one turn to the left around the barrel and one turn to the right around each of the remaining two barrels, the second barrel being directly across the arena from the first barrel. Barrel racers may also make one right turn and two left turns.
- 7.15 If a horse takes a step backwards or stops forward motion at any time once the eye is broke; it is off pattern and therefore, a No Time.
- 7.16 Barrel racing is a timed event using colored 55-gallon steel drums. Plastic barrels may NOT be used.
- 7.17 Both ends of the barrels must be enclosed and the sides must be solid.
- 7.18 If barrel covers are used, they should be used throughout the entire jackpot.
- 7.19 There is to be only one horse in the arena at a time during a competition barrel race, ONLY exception is gate assistance in which the assisting horse must immediately leave the arena before the contestant's horse crosses the timing eyes.
- 7.20 A parent or guardian may assist a junior into the arena and stay in the arena, behind the timing eyes, in order to assist the junior before and after the completion of the run.

- 7.21 There may be more than one horse in the arena during time onlys at the discretion of the Arena Operator and/or the riders using their time onlys.
- 7.22 The starting gate or gates will remain the same throughout the entire event. If there is a center gate it must be closed until the rider has completed their run and stopped their horse.
- 7.23 Contestants will be assessed a five (5) second penalty for each knocked over barrel. Touching a barrel is permitted.
 - 7.23.1 For the payout at a 4D race, any time with a penalty will not receive a check.
 - 7.23.2 For points you will receive your time plus five (5) seconds for each knocked down barrel.
- 7.24 Should a barrel be knocked over and it sets up on the opposite end, the five second (5) penalty will still be assessed.
- 7.25 Time will begin and stop when the contestant crosses the start/finish line.
- 7.26 The arena operator shall have the right to check on any rider's eligibility at any time as stipulated in Section 5: 5.2 of these rules.
- 7.27 Entries close for jackpot categories at the discretion of the arena operator.
- 7.28 Deleted
- 7.29 An arena will be limited to six (6) jackpots per month. An arena may have one back to back 4D format jackpot per month and it will count for one of the six (6) allowed jackpots.
- 7.30 In the event of a jackpot cancellation, the arena operator must turn in a recap sheet stating it was cancelled and why within ten (10) days.
- 7.31 An advertised jackpot may be cancelled only because of weather or a situation deemed to be an emergency. Every effort must be made to notify barrel racers and the Arena Director or BODs.
- 7.32 If a change of jackpot location occurs, Arena Operator must give directions to the new location. A notice must be posted in a clearly seen position giving directions to the new location, and notification on every available network possible, with the jackpot being held up, allowing for travel of contestants to the new location.
- 7.33 Arena operators, NSBRA primary sanction, shall follow all NSBRA rules or may be subject to a fifty dollar (\$50) fine and/or suspension. If suspension occurs, the arena is liable for the cost of notifying members. Re-approval will be by BOD decision only.
- 7.34 Arena Operators shall make all NSBRA payouts either by cash or by arena operator checks. A contestant's entry fee check may never be used for making the payout at jackpots or to pay NSBRA sanction fees.
- 7.35 If a rider is incorrectly paid at a barrel race, they will be notified in writing of any monies due back to the NSBRA office so that correct payouts may be made. If this money is not repaid within thirty (30) days of notification, the member/owner/rider will be put on the ineligible list until the money is repaid.
- 7.36 Only helpers will be allowed in the holding pen during the FBRs set.

SECTION 8: NSBRA PRIMARY AND CO-SANCTIONED ARENA OPERATORS

- 8.1 Before any NSBRA sanction barrel race or jackpot may be advertised, sanctioned or authorized, the arena operator or those persons managing or organizing said barrel race or jackpot must enter into a contract with the NSBRA a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the event. In addition, the arena must be considered safe and not a hazard to any

- member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual.
- 8.2 Arena operators must pay an annual thirty dollars (\$30) Associate Membership fee, which must be submitted with the contract. IF AN ARENA OPERATOR IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING, THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PURCHASE AN ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN ORDER TO PRODUCE RACES.
- 8.3 All sanctioned NSBRA races MUST be approved and listed on the NSBRA calendar at least seven (7) days prior to the race.
- 8.3.1 If the race is not listed on the official calendar ON THE NSBRA WEBSITE AT LEAST SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE RACE, THE NSBRA BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER POINTS AND/OR ATTENDANCE WILL OR WILL NOT BE GIVEN FOR THE RACE.
- 8.4 No sanctions or co-sanctions will be approved on the same night as the NSBRA general membership meeting. The general membership meeting is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month.
- 8.5 An arena will be limited to six (6) jackpots per month. An arena may have one double header 4D format jackpot per month and it will count for one of the six (6) allowed jackpots.
- 8.5.1 Arena operators/producers may only have three (3) races on the same night of the week in any single month. Example: if an arena operator has a race every Monday night, they may only use three (3) Mondays in any given month.
- 8.6 Arenas with a history of problems with the NSBRA, the arena will be required to post a one hundred dollar (\$100) refundable bond prior to approval. This bond will be refunded upon completion of the contract unless expenses or losses are incurred by the NSBRA relating to that arena. If an outstanding debt is due to the NSBRA, the amount will be deducted out of the arena bond before a refund will be issued.
- 8.7 Arena approval may be withheld for any reason deemed adequate by a majority vote of the BODs.
- 8.8 The NSBRA primary and co-sanctioned arena operator shall pay to NSBRA five dollars (\$5) sanction fee for each rider entered in the race. The five dollars (\$5) sanction fee does not come from the arena producer.
- 8.9 Deleted
- 8.10 Double header races are allowed and consist of two (2) races in one (1) day. Entry fees and sanction fees are collected for each individual race as they are two (2) individual races held in one (1) day.
- 8.11 Arenas may accept membership applications with the required fees and papers. (Required paperwork not given to arena operator MUST BE SUBMITTED AND POSTMARKED WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS). Riders wanting their points to count the day they join MUST submit the application prior to running. The member number on the sign-up would be 'pending' and indicate which category they are joining in, for example, 'U1000 Pending.' The COMPLETE application and fee must be submitted to the NSBRA point office with the jackpot results. APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE ALL REQUIRED PAPERWORK WITH THEIR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR MAIL IT TO THE MEMBERSHIP/POINTS DIRECTOR WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OR APPLICATION WILL BE HELD AND NO POINTS WILL BE ISSUED until after the date the information is received.
- 8.12 All conditions for arenas to put on NSBRA primary 4D races must follow the NSBRA standard and rules.

- 8.13 Entries close for jackpots at the discretion of the arena operator.
- 8.14 NSBRA primary arena operators will use NSBRA payout and entry fee schedule.
- 8.15 Deleted.
- 8.16 Primary arenas must use NSBRA time split for 4D payout and must follow NSBRA payout sheet, unless the arena is a co-sanction.
- 8.17 Time split shall be:
- 1D to the fastest time
 - 2D to fastest time plus 0.500 second
 - 3D to fastest time plus 1.000 second
 - 4D to fastest time plus 2.000 second
- 8.18 The Board must approve any changes to this. No checks will be awarded for runs that include penalties.
- 8.19 The maximum entry fee is forty dollars (\$40) for all no added money jackpots. 70% payout, LESS the five dollars (\$5) NSBRA fee and less the five dollars (\$5) fee to the producer, will go back into the 4D payout.
- 8.20 An arena operator may charge an additional fee if needed. This fee MUST be on the sanction request and published as a fee in addition to the entry fee on the race information on the NSBRA calendar. Failure to announce this fee in addition to the entry fee will result in a 70% payout, LESS the five dollars (\$5) NSBRA fee of the POSTED entry fee and no fees may be retained from the payout.
- 8.21 Deleted.
- 8.22 All NSBRA 4D primary sanctioned races, with points awarded for how NSBRA members place in the race, will payout 70%, LESS the five dollars (\$5) NSBRA fee, as follows:
- 8.22.1 DIVISION PAYOFF PERCENTAGES:
- Division I 30%
 - Division II 27%
 - Division III 23%
 - Division IV 20%
- 8.23 SUGGESTED ENTRY FEES for added money races:
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| ▪ \$100 - \$250 added | \$30 - \$40 entry fee |
| ▪ \$250 - \$500 added | \$35 - \$50 entry fee |
| ▪ \$500 - \$750 added | \$45 - \$60 entry fee |
| ▪ \$750 - \$1000 added | \$55 - \$70 entry fee |
| ▪ \$1000 and Up added | \$70 and Up entry fee |
- 8.24 Should the last place paid not equal the entry fee then the number of places paid will reduce by one until the last place paid is equal to or greater than entry fee as defined in SECTION 8: 8.25.
- 8.25 The number of places paid in each division must allow the last place in the 4th division to receive an amount equal to or greater than the base entry fee (this does not include fees including but not limited to late fees, office fees or arena fees).
- 8.26 All NSBRA Primary jackpots will charge five dollars (\$5) per time only run.
- 8.27 The arena operator shall have the right to check on any rider's eligibility at any time as stipulated in SECTION 5.2 of these rules.

- 8.28 Results, with the times and money won for all contestants must be sent with the sanctioning fees and the NSBRA recap sheet to the NSBRA Points/Membership Director. THIS MUST BE POSTMARKED WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF THE EVENT. Those races posted within ten (10) days of the points cutoff date must email the results, co-sanction list and pay the co-sanction fees by the points cutoff date. No later! Continued failure to do this may result in a fifty dollar (\$50) fine and/or suspending future sanctioned NSBRA events and a deduction of arena bond.
- 8.29 In the event of a jackpot cancellation, the arena operator must turn in a recap sheet stating it was cancelled and why within ten (10) days.
- 8.30 An advertised jackpot may be cancelled only because of weather or a situation deemed to be an emergency. Every effort must be made to notify barrel racers and the Arena Director or BODs.
- 8.31 If a change of jackpot location occurs, Arena Operator must give directions to the new location. A notice must be posted in a clearly seen position giving directions to the new location, and notification on every available network possible, with the jackpot being held up, allowing for travel of contestants to the new location.
- 8.32 If the Arena Operator changes at an arena, the new operator must sign a new contract.
- 8.33 NSBRA primary sanction arena operators shall follow all NSBRA rules or may be subject to a fifty dollar (\$50) fine and/or suspension. If suspension occurs, the arena is liable for the cost of notifying members. Re-approval will be by BODs decision only.
- 8.34 Arena Operators shall make all NSBRA payouts either by cash or by arena operator checks. A contestant's entry fee check may never be used for making the payout at jackpots or to pay NSBRA fees.
- 8.35 If a rider is incorrectly paid at a barrel race, they will be notified in writing of any monies due back to the NSBRA office, so that correct payouts may be made. If this money is not repaid within thirty (30) days of notification, the member/owner/rider will be put on the ineligible list until the money is repaid.
- 8.36 NSBRA co-sanctioning fee is five dollars (\$5) for each member wanting to have their run count for points and race attendance at a race that NSBRA is an approved co-sanction.
- 8.36.1 Co-sanction fees must be paid at the time of entry and are non-refundable. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 8.37 The arena Operator shall collect five dollars (\$5) from any NSBRA member who wishes to receive points and attendance credit. The five dollars (\$5) must be returned along with the complete results of the barrel race (including times and money won for **all** competitors) to the NSBRA Points Director postmarked within ten (10) days of the barrel race. Results must also be emailed to the Points/Membership Director in the same time frame. See rule 8.28 for races posted within ten (10) days of the points cutoff date. Failure to do so may result in suspension and forfeiture of co-approval fee(s) already submitted.
- 8.38 The NSBRA will not allow arena operators to charge a fee on top of the five dollar (\$5) co-sanctioning fee. If this practice is reported to the NSBRA BODs, the NSBRA BODs reserves the right to fine the arena operator and/or refuse future co-sanctioning.
- 8.39 Deleted.

- 8.40 RECAP SHEETS WITH THE TIMES AND MONEY WON MUST BE POSTMARKED WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF THE EVENT. CONTINUED FAILURE TO DO THIS MAY RESULT IN A FIFTY DOLLAR (\$50) FINE AND/OR SUSPENDING FUTURE CO-SANCTIONED NSBRA EVENTS.
- 8.41 There is no co-sanction approval for races that have a limited entry. Example: a race that only allows member to compete.

SECTION 9: YEAR-END FINALS AND YEAR END AWARDS

- 9.1 The NSBRA BODs is responsible for organizing the NSBRA Finals. This includes but not limited to choosing a date, site, awards, and added money.
- 9.2 NSBRA will approve an awards budget at the beginning of the competition year.
- 9.2.1 The awards budget may increase or decrease as the season continues and the financial status allows.
- 9.3 NSBRA will assign an awards committee at the beginning of the NSBRA competition year.
- 9.3.1 It is expected that the awards committee report updates at each meeting on awards or sponsorships.
- 9.4 The NSBRA Finals for the competitive year will be held at a facility to be determined by the BODs.
- 9.5 A designated time and date will be set to pre-enter qualified horses for NSBRA Finals.
- 9.6 The Finals will consist of two go-arounds and an average for category awards. Places paid will be determined by the number of entries and/or added money. Format of the Finals may be changed at the discretion of the BODs.
- 9.7 Finals entry fees will be at least sixty dollars (\$60) per horse in each category.
- 9.8 There will be a fifty dollar (\$50) late fee for entries postmarked or hand delivered after the entry due date.
- 9.8.1 Late entries will run at the end of their respective categories on both days of Finals.
- 9.8.2 There will be drags for the late entries as needed for the five (5) riders in each drag.
- 9.9 FBRs will not have an entry fee but must meet the eligibility requirements. See SECTION 9: 9.10.
- 9.10 Eligibility requirements for the Finals AND/OR year-end awards are as follows:
- Member/horse must have competed in at least five (5) jackpots during the competition year.
 - Required horse's information must be on file with the points/membership director.
 - Members must have paid the fifty dollars (\$50) nomination fee per membered horse (This is the raffle ticket sales).
 - FBRs must have paid the twenty-five dollars (\$25) nomination fee. (This is the raffle ticket sales.)

- These fees will be determined by the year-end financial status, in order to leave a minimum of \$5,000 to carry over for the following year.
 - FBRs MUST be a member at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of Finals or pay a twenty-five dollar (\$25) late fee in addition to membership fee.
 - FBRs DO NOT have to meet a minimum number of races attended.
- 9.11 An electric eye or timer will be used at the Finals and all results recorded to the thousandth of a second. If the electric eye does not work, a re-run will be allowed at the rider's discretion. If the rider does not want a rerun, the entry fee less the office/arena fee will be refunded.
- 9.12 Any ties for Year-end awards will be broken as follows:
- Ties for Year-end champion (1st place in each category) – each will receive the award.
 - Ties for places below Year-end champions (2nd through 10th in each category) will be broken by the member with the least number of races attended.
- 9.13 Any ties for awards at Finals will be broken by a method determined by the BODs.
- 9.14 No more than three (3) calls will be made for the rider to enter the barrel pattern at the Finals.
- 9.15 A dress code will be mandatory at the Finals, consisting of western hat or helmet, long sleeve shirt, western pants (no excessively faded or torn jeans will be allowed), and boots. Juniors ten (10) years old and younger must wear a safety riding helmet. If a helmet is not worn, they will be disqualified.
- 9.16 Contestants will be fined ten dollars (\$10) for losing their hat AT ANY TIME while in the arena.
- 9.17 The office charge, if needed, at the Finals will be determined by the year-end financial standing in order to leave a minimum of \$5,000 to carry-over for the following year.
- 9.18 Year-end and Finals saddles will be given in each category that has a minimum of ten (10) members at the halfway point of the NSBRA season. This is typically around April 1st.
- 9.19 Award placings subject to change with the determination of the participation in the categories during the competition year. The financial status of the NSBRA may also change the number of placings for the Year-end and Finals category winners.
- 9.20 Year-end category awards:
- 9.20.1 Quality saddles for year-end point champions.
- 9.20.2 Awards for 2nd – 10th will be quality awards as chosen by the awards committee.
- 9.20.3 FBR awards must be a minimum of \$25 value.
- 9.20.4 Members are responsible for submitting saddle bids (within said budget) for Year End Saddles. The saddles will be on a survey for members to vote. If no saddle bids are submitted, the NSBRA BODs will choose the Year End saddles.
- 9.21 Finals category average awards:
- 9.21.1 Quality saddles for Finals average category champions.
- 9.21.1.1 Should the financial status be at a level not allowing Finals saddles then the awards committee will choose a quality award that is worthy of a champion placing.
- 9.21.2 Awards for 2nd – 10th will be quality awards chosen by the awards committee.
- 9.22 All category Top ten (10) winners for the year-end must be responsible for picking up

their year-end awards at the Finals if they will not be attending themselves.

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9.24 All members are responsible for picking up any NSBRA prizes from any NSBRA jackpot or jackpot series. Failure to pick up prizes within ten (10) days MAY result in forfeiture.

9.25 **Substitution of Horses:** any membered horse can be substituted one time for medical reason (with a vet release) for the member to be able to enter finals. The substituted horse will maintain the original membered horse's race attendance credits, however, points will not forward to the substituted horse. **THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLY:**

- Substituting a membered horse will cost another membership fee, unless the horse being used as the substitute is already a membered horse for the member that is requesting the substitute.
- The substituted horse will maintain the original membered horse's race attendance credits, however, points will not forward to the substituted horse.
- If the member's original horse has not met the five (5) required races, the substituted horse must make up the difference after the substituted date to equal the five (5) races for finals.
- The substituted horse will not be eligible to run in any categories at finals. It will only be eligible to run in the Open 4D race and be eligible for Open 4D average awards.
- The original membered horse may not compete, once substituted, until the next competition year.