

Saskatchewan Barrel Racing Association Inc.

RULES

(bold font indicates changes for the 2007/2008 competition year)

I. MEMBERSHIPS

Non members may compete as SBRA jackpots until they have earned \$75.00 in the current year. Upon earning \$75.00 they must attain an SBRA membership to compete at any additional jackpots. SBRA attendance will accumulate from the date of membership onward. (This is rule is not to be abused and is the responsibility of district directors to monitor).

If a Non member is competing in an SBRA sanctioned event, the jackpot host must fill in the Non Member Jackpot Form (available on the website) for the non - members. This form MUST be mailed or faxed to the SBRA secretary for insurance purposes immediately after the jackpot. No additional fees required.

It is the responsibility of each competitor to be aware of the rules.

Each member must declare their competition area upon purchase of their membership, so attendance can be recorded by that district, or forwarded to that district if a member competes in another district. Any changes to this information must be made in writing and received by the Provincial Treasurer before any changes will occur.

The PeeWee Division is 8 years and under as of January 1. A \$10.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE is required for PeeWee's.

The Youth 3D Division is 16 years and under as of January 1. If a jackpot is sanctioned for the N.B.H.A., then the age would go up to 18 years to follow their guidelines.

If a Youth member wants to run Open as well as Youth the membership fee for the Open/Youth will be the same as the Open membership fee.

See information on memberships relating to finals under (V. Finals)

The NEW membership dates will be August 1st, 2007 to July 31st 2008. Anyone claiming they didn't know about the change will NOT be given a grace period, considering there are many more jackpots to attend. If we change it for one, we must change it for everyone, and that just simply isn't fair.

Directors will receive a free membership for their year of service on the SBRA Board of Directors.

II. FINES / DISQUALIFICATION

Abusive language and abuse to a horse will not be tolerated. Anyone using abusive language or abusing a horse will be subject to a \$100.00 fine at the discretion of the district directors.

Conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the reputation of the S.B.R.A. will be dealt with by a fine. This is to be determined by the provincial S.B.R.A. executive upon recommendation by that district's directors. If the fine is not paid, and if further action is needed, then there will be a suspension, then membership revoked. This fine should be issued in writing and is set for \$100.00.

Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol can result in suspension from the S.B.R.A. and/or loss of S.B.R.A. attendance or disqualification during the competition year.

Misidentifying a horse in any Division will disqualify the contestant.

A competitor must be disqualified before the next rider starts.

Any grievance in regards to a disqualification must be brought to the attention of the directors before the prize money is awarded.

The Flag Person will be the final judge of a disqualification.

Any person approaching the Flag Person regarding a disqualification or any person, who is abusive or disruptive towards the Flag Person, will be banned from running in the next jackpot.

Any fines must be paid before the contestant enters another competition in any district.

III. ENTRIES, DIVISIONS, POINTS & PAYOUTS

One person may enter more than one horse with the entry fee being paid on each horse in each Division.

It is up to each district to decide if the PeeWee's will pay an entry fee at their jackpots.

Divisions will be defined as follows:

1D = fastest time and those that place in this division

2D = fastest time 'plus one second' and those placing in this division

3D = fastest time 'plus two seconds' and all times below the 3D fast time

Fastest time (1D Open & 1D Youth) = fastest running time without penalties - 'fastest clean run'

Points (if used) /attendance will be based on a horse and rider combination in all Divisions.

A district's total number of jackpots is comprised of all of the jackpots hosted by that district.

Points (if used) are awarded as follows in Barrel Racing and Pole Bending:
1st = 5, 2nd = 4, 3rd = 3, 4th = 2, and 5th = 1.

An S.B.R.A. member may compete on more than one horse and may collect points/attendance and money based on the horse and rider combination.

If you knock down a barrel in the 3D system, you do not accumulate points or money.

Each district will be responsible for making their own payout schedule.

All SBRA sanctioned jackpots are provincially approved. Membership cards may be requested by jackpot hosts, and attendance shall be added to the members total to compute finals qualifications (reference Rule V.a. & V.b.). (Members should be aware of the rules implemented by the district whose jackpots they wish to attend and are encouraged to call to confirm jackpot dates and times.)

In order to have a sanctioned jackpot all information must be received by the appropriate district director a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the jackpot date. With the exception of added money jackpots, which will be left up to the executive.

The payout at added money jackpots and the SBRA Finals will be 40% to 1D, 30% To 2D, and 30% to 3D of the total payout.

Jackpot attendance for 2007/2008 season will be kept by using the attendance cards. **Once a horse/rider combination has attended six jackpots, you must mail attendance card into your District Director.** If you lose your attendance card you will have to pay \$20.00 to find out how many jackpots you actually have. These fees will be payable to the SBRA office.

The SBRA will dual approve jackpots with other provinces and/or states as long as the SBRA member attends 3 out of the 6 jackpots required, ON SASKATCHEWAN SOIL.

IV. GENERAL, BARREL PATTERN & TIMING

A dress code may be implemented by the host of a SBRA sanctioned jackpot, unless there is a jackpot with added prize money. At that time, western attire is to be worn (**Western** Long-sleeved shirt **with cuffs and a collars**, western hats, western boots, and western pants). Members are encouraged to wear western attire at all jackpots.

In order to HOST an SBRA Sanctioned Jackpot, the Jackpot Host must allow all members or non members the right to compete at their jackpot. The SBRA Jackpot Host can not refuse any individual the opportunity to compete at the event.

The start/finish line and the barrel positions should be permanently marked for the entire event.

If a barrel is moved off its marker during competition, the barrel must be reset prior to the next competitor's run.

An S.B.R.A. barrel race is a timed event using three identically sized barrels set in a cloverleaf pattern.

The S.B.R.A. shall implement the 1994 CCA regulation barrel pattern. Refer to Section XIX.F.3(a) and XIX.F.3.(b) of the CCA Rules & Bylaws handbook as rewritten below:

3(a) The regulation Barrel Pattern for the Ladies Barrel Race shall be 60 feet between Barrel #1 and Barrel #2 and a 120 foot arc from Barrels #1 and #2 to Barrel #3. The score line shall be a maximum of 40 feet and a minimum of 30 feet with stopping distance a minimum of 45 feet on a closed gate and 30 feet on a safe open center gate. When arena conditions are suitable, the following distance may be used: 90 feet between Barrel #1 and Barrel #2 and a 110 foot arc from Barrels #1 and #2 to Barrel #3. The score line shall be a maximum of 40 feet and a minimum of 30 feet. The stopping distance will be the same as the above rule. With these patterns, the barrels must be a minimum of 20 feet off all fences, walls and chutes.

3(b) An exception to the above rule would be the very small outdoor arenas and most indoor arenas where the Regulation pattern would not fit. In these arenas the barrels would be marked 15 feet off of walls or fences and 18 feet off of chutes, and the score line would be a minimum of 20 feet with stopping distance of 45 feet measured from the center of the arena.

Any time a contestant crosses the starting line, time will begin.

A contestant will be assessed a five-second penalty for knocking over a barrel. A five-second penalty will be assessed if a barrel is knocked over and it sets up on its opposite end. Touching a barrel is permitted.

In the 3D system, if a barrel is knocked, the 5 second penalty will not be added to the running time until after the run has been put in the appropriate Division (1D, 2D, or 3D). At that time the 5 second penalty will be added to the running time for placement in that Division.

As per 1994 CCA Rule #XIX.F.7.9(a): "When the electric timer is used, and fewer than 1/3 of the contestants are missed in that go round, the stop watch times are to be used as the official times for the contestants missed. Should the timer fail to operate for 1/3 or more, then the stop watch times will be considered as the official times for all contestants in that go round."

Reruns shall be granted if there is a complete failure in timing or if the barrels are not placed properly on their markers. No prior penalties will apply to rerun.

Failure to follow the standard barrel pattern below will result in disqualification. Breaking the pattern will consist of:

Making an extra loop anywhere in the cloverleaf pattern, once over the start line as indicated below.

Falling off the horse.

Turning a barrel twice.

Crossing the finish line prior to completion of run.

If an arena chooses to include Pole Bending, the SBRA suggests that AQHA Rules be referenced.

The fastest time with a clean run wins over a faster time with a knocked barrel. However, the time with a knocked barrel will be situated within the division it WOULD HAVE placed in for payout purposes.

V. FINALS

To attend the Finals, a contestant must be a current member of the SBRA. She/he must have participated in a minimum of 6 SBRA sanctioned jackpots. In order for Youth/Open memberships to attend the finals, Horse/Rider must attend 6 jackpots in both divisions. Recall, all SBRA sanctioned jackpots are open to all SBRA members. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Pee Wee Barrel Racers must qualify for the SBRA Finals by attending 3 SBRA jackpots.

Eligible jackpots are from the cut-off date for the previous Finals to the cut-off date for the current Finals.

If a member has not renewed a membership by Aug 1st, then any eligible jackpots earned following the cutoff for the previous finals until July 31st will not be eligible. Eligible jackpots will be counted from the date membership received by the secretary. (see below)

If a membership is purchased at a jackpot and the jackpot host signs and dates the membership form, that jackpot will be counted as an eligible jackpot if the member mails the membership form in to the secretary, postmarked no later than 5 days of the jackpot date.

Each district must hold a minimum of 6 jackpots in order to send members to the Finals. The total number of jackpots for a district would only include jackpots that are hosted by that district.

Each district will bring to the Finals \$150.00 in sponsorship for 20 members or less, plus an additional \$50 in cash sponsorship for up to and including each additional 20 members in the district.(based on previous year's membership numbers)

If eligible, more than one horse may be taken to the finals with entry fees paid for each horse.

If there is a tie for Division champion a run-off will be done. If horse/rider is not there for the run-off they are automatically put into second place. All other ties will be determined will a coin toss.

Upon entering the Provincial Finals all turn outs or no shows must pay the appropriate entry fee unless a medical or vet release is presented. Any unpaid fees will be added to renewed memberships.

There will be a rake after every 5 competitors on the original program. Turn outs and/or vet outs will not alter the rake schedule.

At the finals we will bring back 10% (round up) of the riders over and above 200 entries for Youth and Open.

The payout at added money jackpots and the SBRA finals will be 40%, 30%, 30% total payout.

If a horse and rider exits the arena during their run at the finals, they are NOT aloud to enter back into the arena. Once the horse exits the arena, the run is considered complete. NO "working" your horse.

If at any time during a run at the finals you stop the timer, your run is complete. You must exit the arena immediately and not restart your run or timer. (No practice runs). Failure in following this rule will result in a fine being issued.

When the arena director waves you in at the finals, you must enter arena immediately unless your horse is refusing upon which you will have 3 minutes to start the timer or you will be disqualified for that run.

The “work” timetable that is conducted for the contestants at the finals is a tentative table that MUST be adhered to. Violators will be fined accordingly.

BARREL BONANZA: If ANY stallion meets all qualification standards, meaning standing in Saskatchewan and is under the age of 6, is able to be nominated and ran in the barrel bonanza.

SICKNESS/DEATH of a horse: The existing rule of replacing a horse if sick or dies will be amended to the exception of a death of a horse. In order for a deceased horse to be replaced by different horse to compete at the finals, there must be a death certificate from a certified vet presented to the executive of the SBRA and the deceased horse must have been qualified for the finals at least 30 days prior to the start of the finals date.