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I. SANCTIONED EVENTS

1. An event is “sanctioned” if the correct application form has been accepted by the NWBRA and all required fees are received by the NWBRA when submitted. The sanctioning of an event shall not be deemed to create any partnership or other business relationship between NWBRA and the Producer.
2. If an event is sanctioned, the NWBRA shall recognize the qualification earned by NWBRA members at such event, subject to these Rules and Regulations.
3. Each sanctioned event must be sponsored by an organization, association, or individual (“Producer”). The Producer need not be a member of the NWBRA unless the producer utilizes our insurance.
4. Each Producer shall hold NWBRA harmless from any and all liability arising from the sanctioned event.
5. Each Producer and sanctioned event shall conform to these Rules and Regulations.
6. Producer’s are required to receive and submit all membership applications for NWBRA members at their sanctioned event. Refusing to collect membership forms will result in denial of future event sanctions.
7. Producer’s will submit their results and run fees within 7 days following the event.
8. Sanction fee is \$25/event for the first four (4) barrel races and \$15/event for additional barrel races in a calendar year (June-June), along with \$1/run of all Open entries. The \$1/run fee will be applied to the award fund for the finals.
9. Total results, \$1/run, and times for the entire event must be submitted to the office along with total payout, this includes Open, Senior, and Youth results.
10. Sanctions are recommended to be made twenty-one (21) days in advance of the event so that they can be advertised on our NWBRA Facebook Page and on our Website. Sanction forms will be accepted up to one day prior to the event with stipulations.
11. The Producer, in the Producer’s sole discretion, will determine the divisions, format and time splits. The divisions, format and time splits must be advertised, posted or announced prior to the first one to compete.
12. It is up to each Producer, in the Producer’s sole discretion, to determine entry fee and payout for all divisions.

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II. MEMBERSHIP

1. A membership must be purchased and then four (4) events must be competed in thereafter to qualify for the Finals. Memberships expire the first date in June following the NWBRA Finals event of the current year.
2. Non-members may compete at NWBRA sanctioned events.
3. It is the responsibility for each competitor to be aware of the rules and regulations.
4. An NWBRA member with a membership (in good standing) may compete at any sanctioned event (regardless of location) to accumulate the four (4) required runs to qualify for the Finals.
 - a. Each race counts as one (1) qualification, regardless of how many horses entered or how many classes entered by a member.
 - b. A double header race would count as two (2) qualifications if both races are entered by a member.
 - c. A designated Double Qualifier would count as two (2) qualification races at no extra cost to the member or producer.
5. A person may purchase an Open, Senior, Youth, Open/Senior, or Open/Youth combo membership or Peewee membership. A member that qualifies for the Peewee age division may either purchase a Peewee membership, Youth, Open, or Youth/Open Combo Membership. If they purchase a Youth, Open, or Youth/Combo Membership they may compete in the Open and Youth Divisions and NOT the Peewee Division at the Finals. If they purchase a Peewee Membership they can only compete in the Peewee Division at the Finals. A member cannot hold a Peewee and/or Youth or Open Membership in the same calendar year.
6. The divisions that a member may compete in are as follows:
 - a. The Peewee age division is 10 and under as of the Finals date of the current year. There is no qualification requirement to compete at the finals. The Producer has the option to let the Peewee members enter the youth and open divisions. Members with the Peewee membership may not enter the Youth or Open at the NWBRA Finals.
 - b. The Youth age division is 18 years old and under as of the Finals date of the current year.
 - c. The Senior age division is 50 years old as of the Finals date of the current year.
 - d. The Open division is open to all members that have an Open, Open/Senior, or Open/Youth combo membership.
7. Membership fee goes towards office expenses (insurance, postage, paper supplies, etc.), finals expenses, awards and added monies.

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III. FINES/DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Abusive language and/or abuse to a horse will not be tolerated. Anyone using abusive language or abusing a horse will, in the sole discretion of the Producer or arena director, be subject to a \$50 fine and possible disqualification from that event.
2. Conduct by NWBRA Members that would be detrimental to the reputation of the NWBRA will also be dealt with in the same manner, but will be determined by the Board of Directors. If the fine is not paid and further action is needed then there would be a suspension, by revoking their membership and being put on the suspension list published on the official website. The second offense there will be a \$100 fine and put on the suspension list for 2 years. The third offense will be a permanent suspension.
3. Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol can result in suspension and/or loss of NWBRA membership or disqualification during the competitive year.
4. Misidentifying a horse in any division will disqualify the contestant for that event.
5. A competitor must be disqualified before payoffs are made.
6. Any grievance in regards to disqualification must be brought to the attention of the Producer or arena director before prize money is paid out.
7. All judgments by the Producer or arena director at the events are final.
8. Any fines must be paid before the contestant can enter in another event.
9. Non-sufficient fund (NSF) checks: The member and/or Producer will be allowed 30 days to make that check good. The check will then be turned over to the collection agency or local authority. The member will immediately be suspended and added to the NWBRA Blacklist and communicated to NWBRA Producers until the check is made good. The member will then be required to pay cash only at all future events. A fine of \$50 will be assessed to the member.
10. Any mishandling of funds or issuing fraudulent checks by Producers/secretaries will be handled the same as the above rule or dealt with by the Board of Directors.
11. The Producer or arena director, in the sole discretion of the Producer or arena director, may disqualify any participant, whether such participant is a NWBRA member or non-member, if such Producer or arena director believes the participation of such participant to be dangerous to other participants, animals, or the venue.
12. In the event a contestant is determined to have run out of draw order, that contestant will be immediately disqualified and no refund or rerun will be given.

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IV. ENTRIES, DIVISIONS & PAYOUTS

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

4D FORMAT:

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

3D FORMAT:

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

PLACES:

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

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

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

EXAMPLES:

4D: $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, second splits

1D=Fastest Time 2D=FT+.5 Sec. 3D=FT+1.0 Sec. 4D=FT+1.5 Sec.
13.45 13.95 14.45 14.95

4D: $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, full second splits

1D=Fastest Time 2D=FT+.5 Sec. 3D=FT+1.0 Sec. 4D=FT+2.0 Sec.
13.45 13.95 14.45 15.45

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3D: full, full, second splits

1D=Fastest Time 2D=FT+1.0 Sec. 3D=FT+2.0 Sec
13.45 14.45 15.45

3D: ¾, ¾, second splits

1D=Fastest Time 2D=FT+.75 Sec. 3D=FT+.75 Sec.
13.45 14.20 14.95

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

V. GENERAL, BARREL PATTERN, AND TIMING

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

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12. Failure to follow the standard barrel pattern will result in the contestant being disqualified.
 - a. Making an extra loop anywhere in the clover leaf pattern, once over the start line.
 - b. Falling off the horse before crossing the finish line.
 - c. Turning a barrel twice.
 - d. Crossing the finish line before the pattern is completed.
 - e. Crossing the line after finishing the pattern and restarting the time.

VI. ELECTRIC EYE

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

VII. FINALS

1. Any eligible member may take more than one horse to the Finals with entry fees paid on each horse.
2. A contestant with a membership must be in good standing and have competed at four (4) sanctioned events after membership was purchased (except for Peewee) to qualify for the Finals.
3. Finals is a “clean slate” event where all members compete equally.
4. A contestant with a Peewee Membership must be in good standing and does not have to compete at a set number of sanctioned events to qualify for the finals.
5. A contestant who does not enter the arena in three (3) gate calls will be disqualified. Gate calls will be 30 seconds apart. The alley is not considered part of the arena.
6. A contestant who misses their run on a specified horse may not re-enter that horse as a late entry or replace for another horse already entered.
7. Late entries will be accepted in each class with a \$25/day late fee per Class. Late entries will close when the first person runs in that class or as designated on the Schedule.
8. A minimum of 70% of entry fees will be paid back in prize money.
9. Format, splits and payout schedule for the Finals depends on the final vote of the Board of Directors.
10. Dress code of western attire will be in effect for the Finals. Western attire means long sleeve shirts, western boots and western hats or helmets.
11. 5D Format with ½ second splits will be used for the Open, 4D format with ½ second splits for the Senior Class, 3D format with ¾ second splits for the Youth.
12. There will be no rolling of times in the Open, Senior or Youth.
13. Peewee contestant may have one (1) adult (other than officials, barrel setters, etc.) in the arena while they are competing.
14. In all other divisions no one can be in the arena with a contestant while they are competing. (This does not include officials, barrel setters, etc.)
15. Members with a Peewee membership can only compete in the Peewee Division.

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16. Members that qualify for the Peewee age division and have a Youth or Open Membership can only compete in the Youth and Open Divisions.
17. If a Futurity sidepot is offered, it will be in a 2D format with full second splits.
18. One circle with forward motion is allowed after entering the arena or the contestant will be disqualified.
19. A tipped barrel will be a no time in the Youth, Senior and Open divisions. A tipped barrel in the Peewee will be 5 second penalty.
20. The barrels will be set in the center of the electronic eye stakes.
21. Any other rules for the Finals, determined by the Board of Directors, must be advertised prior to the Finals or posted at the Finals.
22. Any member who secures sponsors for the Finals is entitled to 10 percent of the total amount they collect. This does not include product sponsors.
23. Each contestant must complete a W-9 at the Show Office.
24. There will be no selling of spots.

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