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Articles, Bylaws and Official Rules

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## SECTION I ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

### A. ARTICLE ONE

The name of the corporation is Bluebonnet Barrel Racing Association, Inc.

### B. ARTICLE TWO

The corporation is a non-profit corporation

### C. ARTICLE THREE

The period of its duration is perpetual

### D. ARTICLE FOUR

1. The specific and primary purpose is to own, operate, and maintain a barrel racing club exclusively for the pleasure and recreation of its members.
2. The general purposes and powers are:
  - a. To construct, own, and operate barrel racing arenas, clubhouses, and grounds, and all usual and necessary accessories thereto.
  - b. To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, improve, construct, own, hold, use, maintain, operate, exchange, encumber, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of, real and personal property of every kind, nature, or description, as may be necessary or desirable to promote the primary purpose of this corporation.
  - c. To make and perform contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount, with any person, firm, association, corporation, municipality, state, government, or municipal or political subdivision.
  - d. To have and exercise all the rights and powers conferred on nonprofit corporations under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, as such law is now in effect or may at any time hereafter be amended.
  - e. To do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of this corporation.
3. The foregoing statement of purposes shall be construed as a statement of both purposes and powers, and the purposes and powers stated in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in no way limited or restricted by any reference to or inference from the terms or provisions of any other clause, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers.
  - a. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing statements of purposes and powers, this corporation shall not, except to Paragraph III of this Article Four, and nothing contained in the foregoing statement of purposes shall be construed to authorize this corporation to carry on any activity for the profit of its members, or to distribute any gains, profits, or dividends to its members as such, except on dissolution and winding up.
4. This corporation is organized pursuant to the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and is organized for non-profit purposes.

E. ARTICLE FIVE

The address of its initial registered office is 30 Crestline, Pleasanton, Texas 78064 and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Wendy Nixon.

F. ARTICLE SIX

The number of trustees constituting the initial Board of Trustees is one (1), and the name and address of the person who is to serve as the initial trustee:

Wendy Nixon, Kathy Boren, Lynda Tompkins, 402 Plestex Post Office Box 809 Post Office Box 477 Pleasanton, Texas Helotes, Texas 78023, Kingsbury, Texas 78638

F. ARTICLE SEVEN

1. INCORPORATORS: The name and street address of each incorporator is:

- a. Wendy Nixon 402 Plestex, Pleasanton, Texas 78064
- b. Kathy Boren Post Office Box 809, Helotes, Texas 78023

## SECTION II BY LAWS

A. Name

The name of the corporation is organization shall be known a Bluebonnet Barrel Racing Association, Inc., herein referred to as the BBRA.

B. Definition

The BBRA is an organization that offers professional and amateur barrel racers the opportunity to compete and compile points for year-end awards in various categories. Jackpots are sponsored through the year from which points are counted and money is earned for year-end awards. The BBRA year begins January each year.

C. Colors

The colors for the BBRA are blue and white.

D. Officers and their Duties

The officers of the BBRA shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor. Each officer will receive 15 non-transferable work points.

1. The President shall preside at and prepare for all meetings and shall perform such other duties as are necessary to the proper administration of the association. The President shall coordinate all jackpots and the Finals to include arena, timers, tractor, barrels, etc.
2. The Vice President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President, serve as assistant to the President with the affairs of the association, will perform such duties as "Thank You" notes to all donors, and assist the BBRA Awards Director with all awards for the finals. The Vice President will also govern the work points and shall be responsible for all BBRA publicity. (Example: submitting calendar releases and associations news to rodeo newspapers, program ads, fliers and local newspapers, etc.)

3. The Secretary shall keep all records of the business transactions of the BBRA send notices of meetings maintain a complete roster of memberships and keep records of points, lifetime earnings, and money won. This will also include minutes of BOD regular and special meetings and the general membership meetings of the BBRA. The Secretary will read prior general meeting minutes at the general meeting and/or any regular or special meeting of the BOD and submit results of rule changes and/or decisions relating properly filed complaints or disputes to the Editor for the newsletter. The Secretary will submit jackpot results and cumulative standings to the Editor for the newsletter. The Secretary may receive a salary of \$30 per month. If there is not a member that is a certified Notary Public the secretary will need to be one. (The organization will pay the cost).
4. The Treasurer shall have custody of BBRA funds, accounting to the BOD and will provide a financial report at the BOD meetings for review and approval. The BOD will meet prior to each jackpot and review the financial report. All expenses due or outstanding will be reviewed and approved by the BOD. The general membership will be provided an annual report at the final jackpot with projected expenditures for upcoming year. The BOD will discuss any potential expenditures for consideration, example equipment replacement or assets needing to be purchased. Expenditures in excess of \$300 must be approved by the general membership unless the expense is directly for costs associated with arena, tractor or ordinary jackpot expenses previously approved by the BOD. Expenditures relating to jackpot must be approved by BOD any expenses incurred during the jackpot must have the BOD approval prior to reimbursement. BOD and Race Sponsors are not entitled to utilize any funds of the BBRA all expenses must be approved in advance relating to jackpots and/or costs associated with running in BBRA. The treasurer will have a treasurer's report available at every jackpot. The treasurer will also have quarterly financial statements prepared and ready for member review in April, July, October and January jackpots. Individual jackpot balance sheets will be available at the following jackpot for member review. Any member may request a financial audit, must be by an accredited CPA. Member must provide a written request of such audit and a \$100 deposit for independent audit expenses the remaining balance and/or any costs associated with such audit request will be paid by member at the completion of such audit.
5. The Editor shall be in charge of editing, arranging and adding information that is to be published in the newsletter and web site. Newsletters will be posted Quarterly to website and will only be mailed upon written request of member. The Editor will update the website in a timely manner, no more than two weeks after a jackpot. BBRA website, facebook and social media sites may be used to communicate timely information to members. It will be the Editor's duty to monitor these sites and delete any defamatory comments and report member to the BOD.

#### E. Directors and Their Duties

The directors of BBRA shall consist of Awards, Youth and Senior Director, each receiving 15 non-transferable work points.

1. The Awards Director shall oversee the Awards Committee, composed of the officers and directors. The Awards Director shall be responsible for getting bids for prizes unless otherwise delegated by the Awards Director to others.
2. The Youth Director responsibilities - Coordinate fund raisers, sponsorships and concession stand efforts within the members that are competing in the Youth and Pee-Wee classes.
3. The Senior Director responsibilities - Coordinate fund raisers, sponsorships and concession stand efforts within the members that are competing in the senior class.

#### F. Board of Directors (BOD) and Their Duties

1. The Board of Directors (BOD) shall consist of the Awards, Youth and Senior Director and the association officers. A quorum of 2/3rds of the BOD in (attendance) is necessary for a vote.
2. The BOD will receive at least two weeks' notice, by either phone or email, of all meetings. Officers and Directors must notify the President within one week if they are unable to attend the meeting. If it is not possible to get a quorum at a called meeting or if an emergency meeting/vote must be conducted, teleconferencing should be used to obtain input from all BOD members. A proxy vote may be used as a last resort; however, teleconference is the first option to complete a quorum.
3. BBRA decisions must be approved by a 2/3-majority vote of the attending BOD. The BOD has the power to make rule changes throughout the year as deemed necessary. Rule changes may be made at a regular or special meeting of the BOD. Rules change and/or results will be posted on line and in the upcoming quarterly newsletter with a full account of the vote of the BOD signed by each BOD and how each BOD voted on such rule change.
4. The BOD will sponsor the BBRA Finals. Each officer/director will earn one point toward the following years work point requirements.
5. The BOD has the authority to act in the event an officer is not meeting duties as expected without calling a general membership meeting. BOD decisions about officers or directors should be explained in the newsletter. If an officer resigns or is asked to step down, that position will be replaced with the member who received the second highest number of votes at the general membership meeting. If none, the BOD would make an executive decision to appoint a replacement.

6. The BOD must be a paid member on or before the first jackpot for the year they are serving office.

G. Process to remove an officer/director from position

1. A formal, written complaint must be presented to the President (or Vice President, if the complaint is against the President) explaining the reason(s) for removal.
2. President (or Vice President, if the complaint is against the President) will provide written notice to the officer/director in question and to all BOD members that a complaint has been presented.
3. The President (or Vice President, if the complaint is against the President) will call a BOD meeting to discuss the complaint and to allow the officer/director to respond.
4. The BOD will vote by secret ballot to determine whether or not an officer/director is to be removed from office. The officer/director in question shall not be permitted to vote.
5. The BOD will notify the General Membership of its actions by posting a written statement in the newsletter.

H. Election of Officers and Directors

Officers and directors for the BBRA will be selected annually by the general membership. During elections at the general membership, nominations will be made from the floor and voting will be made by secret ballot. Secret ballots may be waived by vote of attending members. A candidate for any office must be a paid member. Candidates for President or Vice President should be 18 years of age.

I. Meetings

There shall be two scheduled general membership meetings per year. Members will be given two weeks' notice of the meeting. The meetings will be held at the 5th and second to last jackpots. The second meeting will be held for the purpose of electing new officers. Other meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the officers. A majority vote of membership attending is required on any decision at the meeting.

J. Race Sponsors

Three members may co-sponsor a jackpot with each receiving 15 work points. (Maximum of 45 work points per show). Race sponsors are responsible for preparing the ground, staking the arena, providing a tractor and running the race start to finish. They are also responsible for providing a tractor driver, timekeeper, and announcer.

## SECTION III MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

### A. Member Obligations

1. Membership in the BBRA is open to any interested barrel racers within the State of Texas. Bexar County serves as the base county for BBRA. All jackpots will be held within a 100-mile radius (as a crow flies) of San Antonio. To become a member, an application must be filled out and returned to the secretary. Dues are payable upon receipt. Points will not be counted until the current years membership is paid.
2. BBRA dues will be \$30 for individual members and \$20 for any additional family member (immediate family only example: two children, mother and child, husband and wife). The membership dues are to be paid to the secretary before the jackpots begins for that day. To qualify for family membership, children must be under 18 years of age by January 1. Members not paying dues will be dropped from the roster.
3. BBRA health restrictions will coincide with state health regulations at all times. A negative coggins is required on all horses. All members are responsible for maintaining a current coggins test and be able to present one if asked.
4. If and when a protest should arise, a fee of \$50 must be paid. Anonymous protests will not be accepted. Fees must be paid in cash or by cashier's check. If the BOD should decide in the complainants favor, the fee will be given back. Awards will be withheld until the BOD reaches their decision on the protest. The time limit on all protests will be until the next jackpot.

The grievance procedure will be:

- a. Contact the President, in writing, with the required fee.
- b. Protest must be submitted before the next jackpot.
- c. Decisions will not necessarily be made until the officers have ample time to investigate the protest.
- d. Disciplinary action will be based on existing BBRA rules.

### B. Work points

1. All members must earn 15 work points by the end of the jackpot prior to the finals. Members of the age of 70 or older are exempt and will not be required to earn work points. Any discrepancy or questions concerning the work points must be brought to the attention of the Vice President.
2. There will not be transferring of work points from member to member for purposes of fulfilling the work points requirement; except in the case of family members (mother, father, son, daughter, sister, brother, husband or wife). You may have someone work for you during a jackpot and indicate it on the worksheet by the end of the race day. If a family joins, each family member is required to earn 15 work points a piece. For example, if a family of three joins, they will need to earn 45 work points.

3. Members can earn one (1) work point for each half hour worked. Work points can be earned at every jackpot by setting barrels, opening the gate, working in the concession stand, helping in the office, etc. Members can also obtain one work point for every \$25 donation they secure for BBRA. You can also donate items to the concession stand. Turn in your receipt for points. One (1) point for every \$25 donated. One work point earned for every ½ hour of work at 2 or 3<sup>rd</sup> barrel and concession stand.
4. You can earn two (2) points by working the first barrel. Worker must be 18 years of age or older and will be the arena judge for that class. Meaning you need to make sure that all barrel setters set their barrels correctly on the stakes.
5. Members will receive 15 work points for acting as race sponsor. See Section II, G for details.
6. The Vice President will keep work points from worksheets signed by the members at each jackpot. The announcer at any BBRA jackpot will call members who are signed up to work a class.

#### C. Points

1. Points will be kept on members standings for 1st through 6th place as follows: 6 pts for 1st, 5 pts for 2nd, 4 pts for 3rd, 3 pts for 4th, 2 pts for 5th and 1 pt for 6th. Points will be awarded to members only.
2. Points will be kept on a divisional basis in the 3D Youth, 3D Seniors, and 5D Open. Points will be accumulated for the Novice classes, PeeWee, and Poles.
3. Points will count from approved jackpots only.
4. If there are less than 3 entries in a Novice class, the class will be combined with the next class. If there are less than 6 entries in a Novice class, the number of points available will be that of the number of contestants. (For example: If there are 4 entries: First place will receive 4 points, second will receive 3 points, third will receive 2 points, and fourth will receive 1 point.) Novice horses should be run in the class that they are eligible for based on money won. Any horse that is run out of the eligible class WILL NOT receive points for that run. Example: If horse only has won \$30 and runs in the \$500 Novice class, the horse will not get points. Horse will only earn points if it runs in the \$150 Novice class.
5. Points will count only on horses ridden by BBRA members. Any ties that occur for year-end points system will be settled by the amount of BBRA money won.

## SECTION IV GOVERNING RULES

#### A. Jackpots

1. At least one set of exhibitions will be run before the start of Barrel/Pole classes. Exhibition barrels will not be placed on the competition stakes.

2. All entry fees for jackpots must be paid in CASH.

### 3. Jackpot Rules

- a. Jackpots must be approved by BBRA for points to count.
- b. Jackpots will be listed in the newsletter and available on the BBRA website.
- c. An electric eye will be used when available.
- d. There will be a drag a maximum of every 10 runs. More drags may be permitted at the discretion of the jackpot sponsor, as the ground demands.
- e. Jackpots may be postponed up to three hours before the first set of exhibitions start on the day of the race. The website will be updated if this happens.
- f. There will be at least 10 jackpots per year, beginning in January. Rain dates to makeup cancelled barrel races will be at the discretion of the President and the jackpot sponsor with notice to members via phone, email, website or newsletter.
- g. Stakes for barrels will be located on the outside of the barrels at all BBRA jackpots. The stake should be placed between the barrel and the fence
- h. All emergency decisions regarding BBRA jackpots and business will not be made until all officers and directors can meet and talk about it. At that time, the membership will be notified by newsletter, website or at the next jackpot. All members need to check the website or telephone an officer or director before hauling.
- i. All participants have a one-minute time limit for working (training) a horse during exhibitions and competition. The member will be asked to leave the arena when one minute has elapsed.
- j. The horse/rider shall receive a no time for the following:
  - a. Loss of forward motion, re-crossing the plane of the pattern or backing up.
  - b. Passing the barrel beyond point of the horses shoulder on the incorrect side required lateral motion or backing up to recover.
  - c. Making more than 3 turns during the barrel pattern.
  - d. Crossing the timer line before completing the pattern.
  - e. Knocked down barrel will result in a No Time in the following classes: 5D Open, 3D Youth, 3D Senior, 3D Poles and Novice Classes.
- k. If the electronic timer fails during a class, a three number digital hand timer will be used. The flag person will be one of the Directors. The same Director will flag from start to finish of the class. Each run will be flagged from nose to nose. Anyone competing in the class when the timer fails has the option of rerunning using the flag person time. If any contestant does not wish a rerun, they may receive a refund of their entry fee and office charge for the class.
- l. If a contestant knocks down a barrel(s) during a run and the timer malfunctions, the contestant will be given a re-run without penalties.
- m. A re-run may be granted for a timer malfunction, incorrect stake, or other unusual circumstances as decided by officers. There will be no re-run for tack failure or horse falling during a run.
- n. The rider has the choice of running immediately at the time of the timer failure or at the end of the class with no additional drag. If the timer failure occurs at the end of class, the rider will be given time to allow horse to recoup before re-running.

- o. All classes will be run in a combined event. Rider may make one run per class entry or make one run and carry the time between the classes that the rider and/or horse qualify for. Contestant must declare the roll over before they run.
  - p. When entering, members must use the horses' registered name. If the horse is not registered, members must use the horse's barn name with the member's last name.
  - q. The correct rider and owner must be listed on the entry form for tracking of rider status (membership) and 1099 purposes. If incorrect rider is listed horse will receive no points for that jackpot.
4. Family Rule: The family rule applies to all classes, it reads as follows: Contestants may ride any horse, regardless of ownership. However, a horse may not be shown by more than one person in a class for points, unless the following conditions are met:
- a. Both contestants are members of the same immediate family who reside in the same household (husband, wife, children and grandchildren 18 and under). Children and grandchildren 18 and under who are attending school away from home, but who reside part of the year with their parents or grandparents are included under this rule.
  - b. Neither contestant is showing any other horse in that class.
  - c. In no case will the same horse be run more than twice in the same class.

## B. Categories and Rules

### 1. Novice Barrels

- a. Open to any rider, but the horse is restricted to the amount of money won in any barrel-racing event, regardless of owner. The horse must not have won over the specified amount of the class entered. Classes offered are: Green, \$150, \$500, \$1000, and \$2500.
- b. At the time each novice horse is entered at the first jackpot, members must first nominate the horse for a fee of \$5 using the horses registered name and the horses lifetime earnings for points to count. If a horse is not registered, members must use the horse's nickname combined with the member's last name. The BBRA Secretary must be advised on the registered and nickname of the horse to be kept on file. At each following jackpot, you must continue to use the registered name and lifetime earnings.
- c. If the amount of money is not shown on the entry form, no points will be given to that horse that day. If a member thinks he/she wrote the wrong amount down for the horse's lifetime earnings, they have 72 hours (3 days) from the day of the jackpot to notify the secretary. Otherwise, horses lifetime earnings shown on the entry form or on the horse's record sheet (whichever is higher) will stand. Any member competing in the wrong class based on lifetime earnings of the novice horse will be fined \$20, lose any points they have accumulated, and points will be given to the next horse in line. The money earned will remain as paid out.
- d. A horse may enter as many classes for which he is eligible based on money won that day, but points will only count in the lowest class of eligibility for that day. A novice horse cannot be entered twice in the same class.
- e. If your novice horse has won less than \$2500 when joining BBRA, you are eligible to nominate in the \$2500 novice class for the remainder of the year and compete for novice awards.

- f. .When a novice horse graduates to the \$2500 novice class, the horse remains in this class throughout the association year. Non-members will have to graduate out of the \$2500 class.
  - g. Once a non-member has graduated out of the \$2500 novice class; they may not then join the BBRA and go back to the novice class on the same horse. However, they may join and get in novice classes on an eligible horse.
  - h. If you are riding a novice horse and would also like to compete for points in the other classes, you are eligible to do so; but only points won in the novice will count for the novice horse standings. If money is won in the open on your novice horse or at any other function, your horses is still required to move up in class according to the amount of money it has won.
  - i. The BBRA Secretary is empowered to publish an "uh-oh" list in the newsletter. This list will identify all members who have reported discrepancies in the lifetime earnings of their novice horse (but are running in the correct class) and will serve as a notice that these members have contacted the Secretary. The Secretary is not responsible for contacting each member. (This list DOES NOT apply to those members who run in the wrong class) (See 4c above)
  - j. Lifetime Earnings: Declaration of money won at the conclusion of any event competed in (whether received or not). Any questions will be voted on by the attending BOD. The BBRA member is responsible for finding out earnings before entering a BBRA jackpot.
  - k. Any member competing in the wrong class based on lifetime earnings of the novice horse on more than two occasions may no longer enter that horse in the novice division. The horse may compete in the open or aged classes.
  - l. If there are less than 3 entries in a novice class, the class will be combined with the next class.
2. PeeWee Class (assisted & unassisted)
- a. Entrants must be 8 years or under as of January 1st of the current BBRA year.
  - b. Points shall be accumulated on the rider.
  - c. Contestants will receive points on the highest placing horse.
  - d. A knocked over barrel will result in a 5 second penalty.
3. 5D Open
- a. The 5D Open is open to any rider.
  - b. Open will be a 5D with half-second splits.
  - c. Points shall be accumulated on the horse.
  - d. 5D Open entrants may enter more than one horse and accumulate points on each horse.
4. 3D Youth
- a. Entrants must be 18 years or under as of January 1st of the current BBRA year.
  - b. Youth entrants may enter more than one horse and accumulate points on each horse. However, contestant will accumulate points on the highest placing horse in each D.
  - c. By joining the association on behalf of a youth exhibitor, the father, mother, sister, brother, grandparents, stepparents or legal guardian or other representative acting on

behalf of the youth exhibitor hereby releases, indemnifies and forever hold harmless the association, its officers, directors and members.

- d. All governing rules pertaining to the BBRA apply to the youth exhibitor. When a youth exhibitor and/or his or her father, mother, sister, brother, grandparents, stepparents or legal guardian or other representative acting on behalf of the exhibitor is guilty of un-sportsman-like conduct, the BOD can suspend the rights of the child to accumulate points or participate in; for such a period as judged appropriate.
- e. Youth will be a 3D with 1 second splits.

5. 3D Senior

- a. Entrants must be 40 or over as of January 1 of the current BBRA year.
- b. Senior entrants may enter more than one horse and accumulate points on each horse. However, contestant will accumulate points on the highest placing horse in each D.
- c. Senior Class will be a 3D with a one second split.

6. 3D Poles

- a. The pole pattern will be set 21 feet from the starting line. Each of the six poles will be spaced 21 feet apart.
- b. Points will be kept on the Horse. They will be accumulated regardless of the division placed.
- c. A knocked down pole will result in a no time.

C. Payoffs, Entry Fees and Office Charges

1. Payoffs. BBRA will use the following criteria when determining payoffs.

a. Novice classes and PeeWee Class

# of Contestants-Places-Percent

1-5 pay 1 @ 100%

6 - 10 pay 2 @ 60%, 40%

11 - 15 pay 3 @ 50%, 30%, 20%

16 - 20 pay 4 @ 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

21 - 25 pay 5 @ 32%, 25%, 18%, 15%, 10%

26 - 30 pay 6 @ 32%, 24%, 18%, 12%, 9%, 5%

31 & Over pay 7 @ 28%, 22%, 17%, 12%, 9%, 7%, 5%

b. 5D Open Barrel Class

*(American West Payout)*

The total jackpotted fees will be divided:

27% to the 1st division (the fastest time)

23% to the 2nd division (1/2 second off fastest time)

19% to the 3rd division (1 second off fastest time)

17% to the 4th division (1 1/2 second off fastest time)

14% to the 5th division (2 seconds off fastest time)

# of Contestants-Places-Percent

1-20 pay 1 @ 60%, 40%

21-40 pay 3 @ 50%, 30%, 20%  
41-80 pay 4 @ 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%  
81-150 pay 5 @ 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%  
151-200 pay 6 @ 28%, 22%, 18%, 14%, 10%, 8%  
201+ pay 8 @ 24%, 18%, 15%, 12%, 10%, 8%, 7%, 6%

c. 3D Senior, 3D Youth, and 3D Pole Classes

*(NBHA Payout)*

The total jackpotted fees will be divided:  
50% to the 1st division (the fastest time)  
30% to the 2nd division (1 second off the fastest time)  
20% to the 3rd division (2 seconds off the fastest time)

# of Contestants-Places-Percent

1-10 pay 1 @ 100%  
11-15 pay 2 @ 60%, 40%  
16-30 pay 3 @ 50%, 30%, 20%  
31-60 pay 4 @ 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%  
61-90 pay 5 @ 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%

2. Entry Fees.

Exhibitions \$5  
PeeWee \$15 (\$5 retained for awards) 67% payout  
3D Youth \$20 (\$10 retained for awards) 50% payout  
3D Senior \$15 (\$5 retained for awards) 67% payout  
Novice Classes \$20 (\$7 retained for awards) 65% payout  
5D Combined \$30 (\$6 retained for awards) 80% payout  
3D Poles \$20 (\$5 retained for awards) 75% payout

3. Office Fees.

a. A \$5 office fee will be charged to each rider. This income will pay the secretary's salary, or will go towards office supplies, awards, diesel fuel or however the board sees necessary.

D. Maximum Expenditure

BBRA will attempt to obtain donated arenas for jackpots. Approved financial reports will be available at each jackpot. The BOD will have a planning meeting annually after the general election. The BOD will review the upcoming year's schedule, expenditures and rules associated with the BBRA. The BOD must approve all expenses. No member or Board Member may incur an expense on behalf of the BBRA without prior approval from the BOD or general membership. The BBRA is a non-profit organization and must adhere to all rules and regulations including but not limited to expenditures. Members, officers and Directors cannot benefit from the revenues, contributions and expenditures of the BBRA.

All services are volunteer and cannot receive a salary or reimbursement. Only services approved by the BOD can be paid to a member, non-member or contracted services.

E. Newsletter

Newsletters will be posted Quarterly to website and will only be mailed upon written request of member. Additional newsletters are available for \$3. The newsletter will list approved jackpots, current standings, donations and jackpot results. Personal/Classified ads are available to members for \$5 with a 20-word limit (non-members \$10) plus five cents per additional word per issue. Business card ads are available for \$10 per issue. Non-members may be placed on the mailing list and receive newsletters for \$15 per year.

A list of BBRA members, phone numbers and available email addresses will be available upon request to the Secretary. All race records are also open for viewing at the convenience of the secretary.

F. Pre-Entries

Once you have pre-entered you may not change your run number. Jackpot secretary will try to accommodate to the best of his/her ability especially for riders with multiple horses. If Member wants to release one number and get a different one; one entry fee must be paid for each number and the released number can be re-sold. The additional fees will be considered a donation alternating between classes. The Wednesday prior to the jackpot between the hours of 7-9pm will be a call day for those that do not have internet access and/or acceptable computer software to use the on-line entry form.

G. Concession Stand

The concession stand will be rotated between Youth, Pee Wee, Senior directors and members competing in each of these categories. The money raised from the concessions will go to the general fund.

## **SECTION V CONDUCT**

A. Behavior

1. BBRA membership and participation in BBRA sanctioned events is a privilege not a right. Members are expected to support their organization and to show good conduct at all times. BBRA member or family member whose conduct is damaging to the association such as harassing any member, officer or director in person, by phone or email is subject to action by the BOD. This includes at BBRA functions and non-BBRA functions. A BOD meeting must be called and a hearing held with a 2/3-decision vote of the attending BOD. The first offense must be resolved before a second offense can be submitted Penalties and/or Disqualifications. However, if circumstances arise that may be detrimental to the BBRA the BOD can exercise their rights to make decisions necessary for the reputation, safety and betterment of the BBRA.

- a. Penalties shall be
  - ✓ 1st offense: a written call down
  - ✓ 2nd offense: suspension of points, current points will not be lost, but points will not count for the following two jackpots
  - ✓ 3rd offense: suspension from the association for one year from the time of offense and loss of all points and a fine to be determined by the attending BOD.
2. Violation of any of the following provisions may subject a member to disqualification from the event, being denied entry to BBRA events, loss of points, or suspension from the association. Any act deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the BBRA may result in the suspension of a member, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Using abusive or intemperate language or attempting to threaten, bribe, influence, or harass any contestant, show official or BBRA official. Also, any remarks made with the intent to cast aspersions on the character or integrity of a BBRA member.
  - b. Moving or attempting to move markers at anytime.
  - c. Use of an electronic and/or remotely controlled device to alter the outcome of a run.
  - d. Abuse of a horse in any way.
  - e. Misidentifying a horse in any BBRA class will disqualify a contestant.
  - f. Other conduct that is not in the best interest of the BBRA or its members.
  - g. Failure to make good on a returned check to the BBRA.
  - h. Threatening the association of legalities. (If charges are filed, said member will not be able to act as an active member, including competing and/or being present at BBRA sanctioned shows until both parties have come to an agreed settlement).
  - i. Social networking sites will not be used inappropriately. Complaints or comments must be submitted to the BOD pursuant to the BBRA rules. Defamatory remarks associated in any manner relating to BBRA, its members, officers, directors, associates or non-members will be removed immediately and action may be taken by the BOD pursuant to the rules of the BBRA. BBRA will not be responsible for any member's actions on any social media sites, website or intranet.

## **SECTION VI FINALS**

### **A. Finals**

The Finals will be held at the end of the year, will be open to members in good standings (see section III A, B and C) and non-members. Members in good standings must have fulfilled 15 work points by the conclusion of the jackpot before the finals. Members not fulfilling their 15 work points by the conclusion of the jackpot before the finals will still be able to compete but for money only. (not for points and not for awards.)

Points at the Finals will be included for year-end awards.

Long sleeve shirts and western attire must be worn, hats are optional.

Finals attendance is not mandatory as long as a member is in good standings. Member must have someone present to work for their one work point and must have someone present to accept year-end awards.

**B. Awards**

There will be awards given in each category purchased by the income from the jackpots. Year-end awards for all classes will be based on 20% of class participation and/or available association funds.

Saddles awarded in each class will be based on income raised by that class or donations. Saddle sponsors must be received by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**C. Eligibility for Awards**

- ✓ The horse must compete in a minimum of 5 jackpots (Open, Novice and Poles)
- ✓ The rider must compete in a minimum of 5 jackpots (PeeWee, Youth, and Senior)
- ✓ Must earn one (1) work point – this work point will count towards next year's requirements
- ✓ Must be a member in good standing prior the year-end finals to be eligible for awards.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Conclusion**

These rules cannot cover all possible situations that may arise during a show, nor can they regulate all administrative questions. Where cases are not precisely regulated by a rule, it should be possible to reach a reasonable decision by looking at the Rule Book. The rules assume that Directors and Officers have the necessary competence sound judgment and absolute objectivity. Too detailed a rule might deprive the official of his/her freedom of judgment and thus prevent him/her from finding the solution to a problem dictated by fairness, special factors, and logic. BBRA chooses to be a nonprofit organization; therefore, members, officers and area directors must follow the rules and regulations of a nonprofit organization.

Warning: BBRA, its Members and Board of Directors are NOT responsible for Contractual, Consequential and or Civil Damages. Under Texas Law (chapter 87, Civil Practice and Remedies code) An Equine professional is NOT liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities.