

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE  
ARKANSAS BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION, INC.**

*Effective November 1, 2023*

**SECTION I - INCORPORATION**

This association shall be known as the **Arkansas Barrel Racing Association, Inc.** and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a non-profit association in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation and the laws of the State of Arkansas, Act No. 176 of the 1963 Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, entitled "The Arkansas Nonprofit Corporation".

**SECTION II - PURPOSE**

The purpose of the **Arkansas Barrel Racing Association, Inc.** (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the **A.B.R.A.**) is exclusively for pleasure, recreation and other nonprofit purposes to associate its members together for the purpose of engaging in cloverleaf barrel racing, poles, horseback riding for pleasure and competition, and to engage in other recreational and sporting activities including the sponsoring, participating in, producing and conducting of rodeos, horseshows, parades, trail rides and other recreational outdoor events.

**SECTION III - MEMBERSHIP**

Any person residing in the State of Arkansas, or states outside of Arkansas as approved by the Board of Directors (*10-03*), who wishes to further the purposes of the organization and to participate therein is eligible to join. Any member having joined this Association will hereby become subject to the rules and bylaws now in force or later adopted by the Association and shall be subject to a fine (*11/08*) or expulsion for a violation of same. In all matters governed by the vote of the members, each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

Any member desiring to resign from the A.B.R.A. and remain in good standing may submit a letter to the Secretary stating their desire to remain in good standing. A member who submits a resignation will not be eligible for membership as an active member until one (1) year has elapsed unless the member pays the annual dues upon rejoining plus a penalty of five dollars (\$5.00). Any accumulated points, which have been forfeited for any reason, cannot be regained, and resignation automatically terminates points accumulated during the year in which the resignation occurs.

**SECTION IV - MEETINGS**

**REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING:** The regular annual meeting of the members shall be held in the Fall and will be fixed by the Board of Directors. The purpose of this meeting shall be to elect officers and directors and to transact any other business as may be brought before the meeting.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING:** Notice of this annual meeting shall be given by written notice to each member stating the time and place of such meeting not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such meeting.

**SECOND ANNUAL MEETING:** A regular meeting will also be held in the Spring. The purpose of this meeting will be to conduct any business brought before the Association.

**NOTICE OF SECOND ANNUAL MEETING:** Notice of this meeting will also be given by written notice to each member stating the time and place of such meeting not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such meeting.

AMENDMENT TO ANNUAL MEETINGS: Membership meetings will move to a central location independent of Major Money Makers with the Board's discretion. (2022)

SPECIAL MEETING: Special meetings of the members may be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice whenever called in writing by direction of the President, or by a majority of the Board of Directors, or by notice signed by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the members then in good standing. Notice of each special meeting briefly indicating the object or objects thereof shall be given in the same manner as provided with respect to the regular annual meeting.

VOTING PRIVILEGE: Each member in good standing has one vote. A majority of those present shall decide any question that may come before the meeting. A quorum at any meeting of the membership shall be ten members. To exercise voting privileges a member must be physically present or virtually (at the Board's discretion) at a meeting; voting privileges cannot be designated by proxy.

## **SECTION V - OFFICERS**

OFFICERS: The officers of the A.B.R.A. shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Director. A person must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. Officers will be elected on a yearly basis at the annual membership meeting in the fall. A member that has been suspended from the A.B.R.A. for any reason will not be eligible to hold an office at any time. Nominations shall be made from the floor, and voting will be by secret ballot or show of hands. Candidates being nominated may be requested to leave the room by the President during voting. A simple majority is required for election of an officer. Membership dues for incoming officers will be paid by the General Fund.

### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS:**

Executive Board Member term increase; Executive Board Members will serve for two years and have alternating election years. (2022)

PRESIDENT – The President shall preside at all meetings of the A.B.R.A. and shall perform such duties as are necessary and incident to the proper administration of the affairs of the Association. President will be elected on even years. (2022)

VICE PRESIDENT – The Vice President shall serve as the assistant to the President in the administration of the affairs of the Association. He/She shall perform such specific duties as may be assigned. Vice President will be elected on odd years. (2022)

SECRETARY – The Secretary shall send notices of meetings, keep records of all points, raffle tickets, feed tickets, hours worked, shall arrange publication of the newsletter and keep a complete list of members. The Secretary will receive \$100.00 per month for his/her services (8/16). Secretary will be elected on odd years. (2022)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY – He/She will go to the meetings, record the minutes, help with the Major Money Makers and General Fund shows. He/She will also serve as a New Member Liaison to assist with questions and member obligations (8/29/15). Assistant Secretary will be elected on even years. (2022)

TREASURER – The Treasurer shall keep all records of business transactions of the A.B.R.A. and have custody of the A.B.R.A. funds, accounting to the Association at each meeting. The Treasurer shall submit a monthly bank statement and prepared financial statement each month to the four (4) officers. Treasurer will be elected on even years. (2022)

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR – The Publicity Director will be responsible for updating the Barrel Horse World website, A.B.R.A. Facebook page, A.B.R.A. website and sending out the show reminder text (5/17). A.B.R.A. reserves the right to delete any Facebook post that they deem offensive to the organization or any of its members. (5/12) Publicity Director will be elected on odd years. (2022)

COMPENSATION: The Association may pay compensation in a reasonable amount to its members, directors, or officers for services rendered. It may confer benefits upon its members in conformity with its purposes and make reimbursement to its members, directors, officers or employees for expenses incurred in attending to their authorized duties, said expenses to be evidenced by receipt or other proper documents.

## **SECTION VI – DIRECTORS**

DIRECTORS – The Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, the Publicity Director and the eleven (11) (8/29/15) Donation Chairmen. Donation Chairmen shall serve for a period of one (1) year. In addition, a card will be issued to all incoming Division Chairmen with which they will receive free gate fees at all A.B.R.A. sponsored events for the current season (5/07).

DONATION CHAIRMEN – These persons shall be in charge of raising, collecting and documenting funds and for purchasing year-end awards for their division. Each Donation Chairman will be responsible for the distribution of items among members of their division based on the year-end standings. There shall be a Donation Chairman for each division in the A.B.R.A. (Pony Chairman, Buckaroo Chairman, Junior Chairman, Senior Barrels Chairman, Senior Poles Chairman, Novice Horse Chairman, Novice Rider Chairman, Senior Jackpot/Rodeo Chairman (8/29/15), Adult Jackpot/Rodeo Chairman, Junior Jackpot/Rodeo Chairman, and Lead Line Chairman).

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS – It is the duty of each Director to keep an active check on all A.B.R.A. members in the area, striving to maintain the rules and regulations of the Association while offering assistance in setting and staking the barrels at rodeos and horseshows, encouraging the use of electronic timers and encouraging rodeo and horseshow committees to cooperate with A.B.R.A. in paying of moneys and other rules when possible. Each Director is responsible for informing the Secretary of forthcoming barrel races and the barrel race results or other situation; the Director can contact the entire Board of Directors for assistance.

ANNUAL MEETING – The annual meeting of the board shall be held immediately before the annual meeting of the membership; any other meetings shall be held on call by the officers or by any member of the board after given notice in writing or otherwise to all members of the board at least one (1) week prior thereto. Notice of any meeting or service of such notice may be waived in writing before or after the meeting by a director or by attendance at such meeting. No irregularity of notice of such attendance at such meeting shall invalidate such meeting or any proceeding thereat.

QUORUM – A quorum of any meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the Board of Directors present. A majority of such quorum shall decide any question that comes before the meeting. Division chairman positions may be shared by more than one individual; however, each division will be allowed only one vote. If an individual holds more than one position on the board, that individual will be limited to one vote. (11/08)

INFORMAL ACTION – Action taken by a majority of the Directors without a meeting in respect to any corporate matter shall be valid if, before or after such action, all board members sign and file with the secretary for inclusion in the corporate minute book a memorandum showing (a) the nature of the action taken, (b) the consent of such Board member, and (c) the names of Directors approving and Directors opposing such action.

PROXY – Directors may not vote by proxy.

VACANCIES – When a vacancy occurs in one of the executive offices by death, resignation or otherwise, the position shall be filled by the Board of Directors and that officer so selected shall hold office until a successor is chosen and qualified.

EXECUTION OF WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS – The Board of Directors may authorize any one or more officers and/or employees to execute contracts in the ordinary course of business on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

CHECK AND NOTES – Checks, notes, drafts, and demands for money shall be signed by any one or more officers and/or employees who may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors.

SUSPENSION – A two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors has the authority to suspend an officer or Director until the next special or annual meeting of the membership as a whole. The membership shall vote to retain the suspended officer or Director, or to elect a replacement.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

RULES AND REGULATIONS – The Board of Directors may promulgate such rules and regulations pertaining to the Corporation as it deems necessary. These rules and regulations may be amended at any time by change, additions, or repeal by two-thirds of the members or the Board of Directors. Each change must then be voted on by the general membership at the first general membership meeting following the action taken.

BOOKS AND ACCOUNTING RECORDS – The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account. All receipts of moneys and expenditures shall be properly recorded, according to accepted accounting principles. A record of the proceedings of its members, Board of Directors, and committees shall be kept. Any member may inspect all books and records of the corporation for any purpose at any reasonable time. The auditing committee shall consist of three (3) members of the Board of Directors, and it shall be the duty of this committee to examine and audit all accounts and bills as often as the committee shall deem necessary. The committee shall investigate and report on all questions of club financing when requested to do so by the President or by resolution of the Board of Directors.

NEWSLETTER – A monthly newsletter will be published and sent to all members by the association Secretary at no charge. Any non-member may subscribe to the newsletter for fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per year. The newsletter must be emailed/mailed by the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) of the month.

No flyers or announcements of shows may be sent out at the expense of the general fund except to correct an error made by the A.B.R.A. Secretary in the monthly newsletter.

A rider may change divisions (move from Pony to Buckaroo or Buckaroo to Pony), one (1) time throughout the A.B.R.A. season year. The rider's points do NOT follow them when changing divisions; the rider must relinquish all points and start from zero. When a member forfeits points in a division to move to another division during the same season year, said member will only pay donations to the new division once points have been reported to it or to the old division if no points are ever reported to the new division. (5/08) A member can move up one class from pony to buckaroo or buckaroo to junior. (04/2023)

A participant who rides in Pony Barrels or Pony Poles cannot ride in Buckaroo Barrels or Buckaroo Poles at that show. However, a rider is allowed to ride Pony or Buckaroo at the same show for different events. (i.e. a rider can ride Pony Barrels and Buckaroo Poles)

Upon request by local saddle clubs or organizations, A.B.R.A. will list requested information in the newsletter, however only one jackpot each month sponsored by the same club or organization can be approved. If these clubs or organizations wish to have a flyer included with the A.B.R.A. monthly newsletter, there will be a \$5.00 fee per month. These will include posting on A.B.R.A. website and Facebook page. Otherwise, a line item of the list of upcoming events will be provided at no charge. Line items will be defined at (3) lines only. Anymore lines will be considered a flyer and changed the fee as described above. (8/12)

A decision to cancel or hold a horse show must be made at least two (2) hours prior to the starting time of the show. If one (1) member is informed by the information number listed in the newsletter that the show has been cancelled, the show will not count for points. The decision to cancel a show is at the discretion of the Board members present.

Horse show start times on Sundays in the summer will be at the discretion of the show manager holding the show, and will not be limited to 6:30 p.m. (08/19)

No division shall have a jackpot 30 days before a Major Money Maker (MMM) with more than \$500.00 in added money.

## **GENERAL RULES**

**CONDUCT** – All A.B.R.A. members must, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner that will not cast unfavorable reflections on the Association or themselves.

**OUTSTANDING DEBTS** – Members with outstanding debts to A.B.R.A. will have 30 days from the date of notification of such debts to make them good, or the member will forfeit all points earned for the A.B.R.A. season and member in good standing status.

**MISCONDUCT** – If a member is reported by another member to the Secretary or to the Board of Directors for misconduct, the member will receive one (1) written notice of reprimand from the Board of Directors. If the member is reported for misconduct a second time, the member will be notified by letter to appear at a disciplinary hearing before the Board of Directors to explain the conduct. At this hearing, each instance of misconduct that has been reported may be discussed and considered cumulatively by the Board of Directors, and the member may present witnesses in rebuttal to the reported misconduct. After all matters have been presented which relate to the misconduct, the Board of Directors has the option to fine said member at an amount of their discretion before voting to retain or suspend the member. (11/08) A majority of the Board of Directors must be present to vote on the suspension. Members who are suspended are not eligible to participate in any A.B.R.A. sponsored function until suspension is lifted by the Board of Directors.

**DRESS** – Members of the A.B.R.A. are expected to dress neatly and in good taste in western attire at all shows – hats, boots, dress pants, or jeans and long-sleeved shirts are preferred.

**DUES** – Annual dues for membership in the A.B.R.A. are fixed at thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per year for an individual, and fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) per year for a family and shall become due and payable on the first day of November. Any person desiring to join the A.B.R.A. at any time during the year must pay dues in full regardless of the date on which he/she may join.

Members living in the same household will be eligible for family memberships at the board's discretion. If a family membership application is denied, members may appeal the decision with adequate proof of residence. (11/08)

**DONATIONS** – **Each member is responsible for securing a donation in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) (cash or check only 5/09) for each division to which he/she reports points. If no points are reported, a donation must be made to the division of his/her choice.** All donations must be postmarked by the post office, UPS or Fed-Ex (5/26/14) with an official postmark (not metered mail) or presented directly to the Treasurer by September 30 for all divisions to which the member has turned in points. Failure to pay required donation(s) will cause that member to not be eligible to receive awards for the current A.B.R.A. season and he/she will not be a "Member in Good Standing."

If a member earns points in a new division that they did not ride in all season up to October and they are currently a Member in Good Standing, the member may turn in points and will need to pay the \$25.00 division donation by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**CONTESTANTS** – One contestant will constitute a class in all A.B.R.A. classes. (5/17)

A.B.R.A. YEAR – The A.B.R.A. point year (season) will begin on the first day of November and end on the last day of October. Barrel races having one (1) pay-off with performances over both these dates will be counted in the year in which the pay-off is made, not in the year that the run is made.

MONEY-MAKING PROJECT – **Each member is responsible for a participation fee (\$50.00 per Family Membership / \$25.00 per Individual Membership) in the Association’s annual primary money-making project with the Board of Directors designating what is to be the primary money-raising project.** The annual primary money-making project will be due at the Spring Membership Meeting. (5/17) If the deadline is missed for turning in raffle tickets and money, a member will have seven (7) days to pay the amount due, including a \$20.00 fine, to remain a member in good standing. **No Exceptions.** (08/25/18) Failure to do so will result in the member forfeiting his/her awards for the current A.B.R.A. season. Fulfillment of this participation fee in no way releases a member from his/her obligation to pay a donation for the awards program.

POINTS – All horse show points will be tabulated by the Secretary. Show results will be submitted by each division chairman to the Secretary by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month. **Members are responsible for mailing in their Jackpot/Rodeo points/money to the Secretary with an official postmark by the post office, UPS or Fed-Ex (5/26/14) by the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) of the month for the points/money earned during the previous month only in order to be counted.** Members may also e-mail their completed point sheets to the Secretary by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month. The official email address is **arbarrelrace@gmail.com**. (At no time will point cards be hand delivered by a member and points will not be accepted at a show by the Secretary or any Board Member.) If a holiday and/or Sunday falls on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) of the month, one (1) extra working day will be allowed. Only official post office, Fed-Ex and UPS postmarks are acceptable however no metered mail may be used. Any method of mailing MUST have proof of mailing date clearly posted (5/26/14).

Points will be tallied on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) of the month. If the Secretary receives points properly postmarked on or after the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month, the points will appear in the following month’s newsletter. The honor system is used for turning in points/money won. If points/money are falsely reported, all points for that A.B.R.A. year are forfeited immediately, and member status is revoked for the remainder of the A.B.R.A. year. Further participation at A.B.R.A. sanctioned events is allowed, however points for placing cannot be turned in.

POINTS – Points are tabulated in the following manner: First place= fifty (50) points; Second place = forty-five (45) points; Third place = forty (40) points; Fourth place = thirty-five (35) points; Fifth place = thirty (30) points; Sixth place = twenty-five (25) points; Seventh place = twenty (20) points; Eight place fifteen (15) points; Ninth place = ten (10) points; Tenth place five (5) points. To these amounts one (1) point for each member who makes an honest paying run will be added. Should a tie occur, points will be averaged. (Example: if two members tie for first and second place, add fifty and forty-five, plus the number of entries twice, and divide by two. This will result in the two members receiving an average of the two places.)

LEAD LINE – Participants will be eligible for year-end awards only if they participate in four (4) or more shows (8/29/15). No places are recorded; rather members will receive one point for each show in which they participated. Lead Line Poles will have the same requirements as Lead Line Barrels. (10/2023)

RODEO, & JACKPOT MONEY – At least fifty percent (50%) of the money must be earned in Arkansas. To figure money, add all Arkansas money and multiply by .50. This will give countable out-of-state money that can be added to your total winnings. Any OUT-OF-STATE MONEY will be put in “an account” (on hold) until the point cutoff for that season, or enough in-state money has been won to add to your total.

Junior Rodeo participants can run in senior barrels **if no junior barrels are offered** at a rodeo and turn that money in to the Junior /Jackpot/Rodeo Division.

Jackpot/Rodeo money will count for BARRELS only. Money won in jackpot or rodeo poles (or any other event) cannot be turned in to Jackpot/Rodeo Divisions. Money won in age-based side pots can be counted

in Jackpot/Rodeo Divisions. (10/2023) No average or finals money can be turned in for jackpot divisions. Only one set of points per event per day is allowed. Slot races that have a limited number of entry positions are not allowed to count for A.B.R.A. jackpot points. (10/2023)

POINTS FOR WORKING & ATTENDING MEETINGS – General membership meetings will be held twice yearly, in the Fall and in the Spring. During these meetings twenty-five (25) points (or dollars) will be awarded to each member for the division of her/his choice for attending the meeting. Children must be present during the entire meeting to receive the twenty-five (25) points offered for meetings. These points must be reported on the point sheet for the month in which the points were earned.

The Board requests that all members make every effort to attend the Fall meeting since new Board members and Division Chairmen are elected at that time.

Additional bonus points can be earned at any A.B.R.A. Major Money Maker event. Members may work a minimum of two (2) hours and receive fifty (50) (or the equivalent of first place points) extra points per day to the division of their choice, with a maximum of one hundred fifty points (150) per event. Members must sign in and out at the show on the work hour sheet indicating time in and time out, as well as location worked and note the division to which the points should be applied. Each set of bonus points earned from meeting and work hours cannot be split between divisions. These reports will be on the honor system and will be kept by the Secretary. (10/2023)

Any hours worked before the Major Money Maker event actually begins must specifically be in preparation for that event.

Members will not be *required* to work any division or general fund hours. Volunteerism is encouraged and extra points will only be awarded to those members who help work A.B.R.A. Major Money Maker events.

Points may also be earned by selling ads for the annual Barrel Bash - 15 points for \$50.00 in advertisement sales with a maximum of 25 points for selling at least \$100.00 in ads.

Members will not be eligible to receive awards in any division by reporting meeting or work hour points only. Legitimate points must be earned during the season in order to qualify for division standings.

The A.B.R.A. Board has the power to declare that points will not count anywhere else when there is a General Fund Money Making Project. (5/17)

A.B.R.A. ROUND UP – The A.B.R.A. Round Up Jackpot will be held each Fall and the A.B.R.A. officers and Board of Directors shall be responsible for arranging and coordinating the affair. A trophy buckle will be awarded to the Round Up winners in each D, and also in the Youth Ds.

YEAR-END BANQUET -- Awards will be presented at the Banquet to the following: Top Ten (10) point earners in the Senior Jackpot/Rodeo Division, Top Ten (10) point earners in the Junior Jackpot/Rodeo Division, (8/25/18), Top Ten (10) point earners in the Adult Jackpot/Rodeo Division(8/25/18), Top Ten (10) point earners in the Senior Barrels (Horseshow) Division (08/19), Top Five (5) point earners in the Junior Barrels (Horseshow) Division, Top Five point earners in the Buckaroo Barrels (Horseshow) Division, Top Five (5) point earners in the Pony Barrels (Horseshow) Division, Top Ten (10) (08/9) point earners in the Senior Poles Division, Top Five (5) point earners in the Junior Poles Division, Top Five (5) point earners in the Buckaroo Poles Division, Top Five (5) point earners in the Pony Poles Division, Top Ten (10) point earners in Novice Barrel Horse Division, Top Five (5) point earners in Novice Rider, and **all** Lead Line participants who participate in a minimum of four (4) shows (8/29/15) throughout the A.B.R.A. season and turn in a donation.

**Failure to attend the Award Presentation Banquet (“Year-End Banquet”) automatically disqualifies a member in the year end standings to be eligible to receive awards earned.** The next member in line will be declared the winner of the awards. There will be a mandatory cover charge at the banquet. The cover charge will be determined by the cost of the meal served. (This means a member

will be responsible for buying the meal whether they choose to eat or not.) In order to be excused from the banquet and still receive awards, the member must send a letter to the Board requesting to be excused and the reason (with documentation) why at least thirty (30) days in advance. (04/2023) Any excusal will be at the Board's discretion. If a member is excused from attending the banquet, they must have someone there to pick up their awards and must purchase a banquet ticket. (8/25/18)

All Division Champions will be required to accept the saddle voted upon by the Board of Directors unless the vendor does not make a size required by that recipient. No cash will be issued so that recipients can purchase a saddle of their own choosing.

The Sportsmanship award will also be presented at the Year-End Banquet. This will be decided by secret ballot at the Fall General Membership Meeting.

#### SCHEDULING OF HORSE SHOWS (11/05):

- A.B.R.A. Division Chairmen will schedule all shows and make arrangements for tractor, timers, manpower, etc.
- Each team will be allowed one (1) show per month. These shows will count as single point shows.
- Lead Line Division will not schedule any horse shows. The Division Chairmen will be given a minimum of \$100 per participant from the Board of Director's for year-end awards. (8/16)
- Only one (1) A.B.R.A. show may be scheduled on a given date. (5/09)
- Weeknight shows will only be allowed from June 1<sup>st</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be no shows scheduled on holidays such as Easter, Mother's Day, or Father's Day.
- At the first A.B.R.A. Board meeting of the season each division will draw a number which will determine the order in which dates will be chosen for the remainder of the season. Number 1 will choose first, #2 second, and so on. After the first meeting, number 1 will drop to the bottom and number 2 will choose first, rotating one number to the bottom of the list at each meeting. If a division chooses not to schedule a show for that particular month, the next division will move up.
- Division chairman will specify poles or barrels first when scheduling shows.
- Each member must attend at least four (4) A.B.R.A. horse shows to be eligible for year-end awards. If a show is cancelled due to weather and this results in having two shows on one day, the two shows will count as two participation events. (2022)
- If a horse show location or time has to be changed after the monthly newsletter has been sent, the change can be made by way of text messages and emails to all members.

The A.B.R.A. show season will be from November 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Once a horse show class has started, additional entries in that class will not be taken, except for late arrivals. This will be at the Show Manager's discretion. Late arrivals may not enter once the places have been called. Once a rider has scratched from a class, he/she may not be reinstated.

If entries are scratched for other than health or injury, money will not be refunded.

During an A.B.R.A. Major Money Maker Jackpot, a Member may pay multiple horse show entries to rollover jackpot time to horse show divisions (*i.e.* Novice or Senior). (8/20) Rollovers to be allowed for any Jackpot with an A.B.R.A. horse show following. If rollover is allowed, same stakes must be used in Jackpot and Horse Show, and a drag must be completed every 5 riders in the horse show. It was recommended that the last pole be staked to make it easier. (8/21)

#### HANDLING OF TIMER MALFUNCTIONS): (5/04)

During a horse show if a timer malfunction occurs a re-run will be awarded. Any re-runs will carry over all penalties accumulated during the first run. The re-run will not accumulate any additional penalties other than those earned during the first run. The rider must declare if he/she will accept a re-run before the next horse runs. If he/she chooses not to re-run, he/she will receive a no time. The rider must make a legitimate effort to make a clean pattern during the re-run. (04/2023) During a Jackpot, a penalty on the first run will result in a no time and no re-run will be awarded. The announcer will not indicate any malfunctions during a run.



## SENIOR RODEO/JACKPOT DIVISION

1. To be eligible for competition in the Senior Rodeo/Jackpot Division, a member must be fifty (50) years of age or older at the beginning of the A.B.R.A. season (November 1).
2. Money won will be eligible for A.B.R.A. points if won:
  - a. in any rodeo/jackpot association or open rodeo/jackpot which allows any A.B.R.A. member to participate;
  - b. any timed event rodeo/jackpot that offers 5 events with at least one rough-stock event, or
  - c. at any sanctioned rodeo/jackpot.Eligibility for A.B.R.A. points is not affected by whether or not money won counts for that association's year end awards program. (5/04) The rodeo/barrel race must be open to A.B.R.A. members to join and enter but, rodeo finals, etc. will **not** count. (5/04)
3. Any money won at a Rodeo/Jackpot in a class which is limited by the age of the rider will be eligible for A.B.R.A. Senior Rodeo/Jackpot points. All Senior A.B.R.A. members must be allowed to enter for the class to count.
4. Timed event rodeos with 3D or 4D format jackpot barrel races will be counted in the Rodeo/Jackpot Divisions of the A.B.R.A. standings.
5. All Open Jackpots must be listed at least once in the A.B.R.A. Newsletter to be counted in the A.B.R.A. Senior Rodeo/Jackpot standings **unless** the Jackpot offers \$500.00 or more in added money (08/18). If a member **places** at one of the Jackpots with less than \$500.00 added that is not listed in the A.B.R.A. newsletter, they **must** submit a flyer from that Jackpot with their point sheet for that month, or the points will not count.
6. Only one (1) money per event may count. You may count up to two (2) jackpots per day.
7. Points will be awarded on the basis of one (1) point for each dollar (\$1.00) won. If any cents were won, they too should be turned in. (Example: If \$11.26 is won, it constitutes 11.26 points) The honor system is used for turning in points won. If winnings are falsely reported, all points for that A.B.R.A. season are forfeited immediately.
8. If a rodeo is held and advertised by a stock contractor or producer to contain five (5) or more events and no contestants appear in any one (1) of the advertised events resulting in the cancellation of the said advertised event, this will not disqualify a barrel race competitor from receiving points for participation in said rodeo.
9. A championship saddle or buckle will be presented to the member accumulating the greatest number of points in the Senior Rodeo/Jackpot Division at year-end. A buckle will be awarded to the year-end Reserve Champion. Appropriate awards will be given to the top ten (10) members of the Senior Rodeo/Jackpot Division. The decision to make these awards rests within the discretion of the officers and the Board of Directors.
10. The A.B.R.A. point year will begin on the first day of November and end on the last day of October. Barrel races having one (1) pay-off with performances over both dates will be counted in the year in which the pay-off is made, not the year in which the run is made.
11. A.B.R.A. members cannot be in the final standings of a rodeo/jackpot division with solely work hour points and bonus points.
12. Only eight (8) Rodeo/Jackpot winnings can be turned in for Senior Rodeo/Jackpot Division points per month.

13. Member must attend four (4) A.B.R.A. events per year to be eligible for year-end awards. Major Money Maker events will qualify as one (1) event only. (10/21)
14. All A.B.R.A. Major Money Makers will offer both Open and Youth Jackpot events.
15. 3D or 4D Jackpot payoff will be at the discretion of the Show Manager. If there are not enough entries for a 4D, the payoff could fall back to a 3D payoff or less.
16. During a jackpot, if a contestant is scratched or skipped for any reason and the draw has already been announced, the drag will still be held at the scheduled time (even if 5 full runs have not been made) in order to remain on the announced course.
17. A rodeo/jackpot with a qualification requirement (e.g. Finals) will not count for A.B.R.A. points. If the only requirement for participation is a non-member or membership fee when you enter, money earned at that jackpot will count for A.B.R.A. points if it meets all other applicable A.B.R.A. rules. (5/07)
18. Jackpots offering a buy-back option or mulligan fee will not count for A.B.R.A. points. (11/08)
19. Money won in age-based side pots can be counted in Jackpot/Rodeo Divisions. (10/2023)
20. Slot races that have a limited number of entry positions are not allowed to count for A.B.R.A. jackpot points. (10/2023)

### **ADULT RODEO/JACKPOT DIVISION**

To be eligible for Adult Jackpot Division year end awards, a member must be nineteen (19) to forty-nine (49) years of age at the beginning of the A.B.R.A. season (November 1).

1. Money won will be eligible for A.B.R.A. points if won:
  - a. in any rodeo/jackpot association or open rodeo/jackpot which allows any A.B.R.A. member to participate;
  - b. any timed event rodeo/jackpot that offers 5 events with at least one rough-stock event, or
  - c. at any sanctioned rodeo/jackpot.

Eligibility for A.B.R.A. points is not affected by whether or not money won counts for that association's year end awards program. (5/04) The rodeo/barrel race must be open to A.B.R.A. members to join and enter but, rodeo finals, etc. will **not** count. (5/04)
2. Any money won at a Rodeo/Jackpot in a class which is limited by the age of the rider will be eligible for A.B.R.A. Adult Rodeo/Jackpot points. All Adult A.B.R.A. members must be allowed to enter for the class to count.
3. Timed event rodeos with 3D or 4D format jackpot barrel races will be counted in the Rodeo/Jackpot Divisions of the A.B.R.A. standings.
4. All Open Jackpots must be listed at least once in the A.B.R.A. Newsletter to be counted in the A.B.R.A. Adult Rodeo/Jackpot standings **unless** the Jackpot offers \$500.00 or more in added money (08/18). If a member **places** at one of the Jackpots with less than \$500.00 added that is not listed in the A.B.R.A. newsletter, they **must** submit a flyer from that Jackpot with their point sheet for that month, or the points will not count.
5. Only one (1) money per event may count. You may count up to two (2) jackpots per day.

6. Points will be awarded on the basis of one (1) point for each dollar (\$1.00) won. If any cents were won, they too should be turned in. (Example: If \$11.26 is won, it constitutes 11.26 points) The honor system is used for turning in points won. If winnings are falsely reported, all points for that A.B.R.A. season are forfeited immediately.
7. If a rodeo is held and advertised by a stock contractor or producer to contain five (5) or more events and no contestants appear in any one (1) of the advertised events resulting in the cancellation of the said advertised event, this will not disqualify a barrel race competitor from receiving points for participation in said rodeo.
8. A championship saddle or buckle will be presented to the member accumulating the greatest number of points in the Adult Rodeo/Jackpot Division at year-end. A buckle will be awarded to the year-end Reserve Champion. Appropriate awards will be given to the top ten (10) members of the Adult Rodeo/Jackpot Division. The decision to make these awards rests within the discretion of the officers and the Board of Directors.
9. The A.B.R.A. point year will begin on the first day of November and end on the last day of October. Barrel races having one (1) pay-off with performances over both dates will be counted in the year in which the pay-off is made, not the year in which the run is made.
10. A.B.R.A. members cannot be in the final standings of a rodeo/jackpot division with solely work hour points and bonus points
11. Only eight (8) Rodeo/Jackpot winnings can be turned in for Adult Rodeo/Jackpot Division points per month.
12. Member must attend four (4) A.B.R.A. events per year to be eligible for year-end awards. Major Money Maker events will qualify as one (1) event only. (9/20)
13. All A.B.R.A. Major Money Makers will offer both Open and Youth Jackpot events.
14. 3D or 4D Jackpot payoff will be at the discretion of the Show Manager. If there are not enough entries for a 4D, the payoff could fall back to a 3D payoff or less.
15. During a jackpot, if a contestant is scratched or skipped for any reason and the draw has already been announced, the drag will still be held at the scheduled time (even if 5 full runs have not been made) in order to remain on the announced course.
16. A rodeo/jackpot with a qualification requirement (e.g. Finals) will not count for A.B.R.A. points. If the only requirement for participation is a non-member or membership fee when you enter, money earned at that jackpot will count for A.B.R.A. points if it meets all other applicable A.B.R.A. rules. (5/07)
17. Jackpots offering a buy-back option or mulligan fee will not count for A.B.R.A. points. (11/08)
18. Money won in age-based side pots can be counted in Jackpot/Rodeo Divisions. (10/2023)
19. Slot races that have a limited number of entry positions are not allowed to count for A.B.R.A. jackpot points. (10/2023)

### **JUNIOR RODEO/JACKPOT DIVISION**

1. To be eligible for the A.B.R.A. Junior Rodeo/Jackpot Division a member must meet the following requirements:

- a. Be eighteen (18) years of age or younger at the beginning of the A.B.R.A. season (November 1).
  - b. Members competing in Junior Rodeos may report their barrel racing winnings to the Junior Rodeo/Jackpot Division.
  - c. At no time can a member have points in both the Junior Rodeo/Jackpot and Adult Rodeo/Jackpot Divisions.
2. Money from the following associations' junior barrel racing events will count for A.B.R.A. Junior Rodeo/Jackpot Division points:
  - a. ACA (Arkansas Cowboy's Association)
  - b. ARA (Arkansas Rodeo Association)
  - c. ATRA (Arkansas Teenage Rodeo Association)
  - d. CALBRA (Central Arkansas Little Britches Rodeo Association)
  - e. OJRA (Ozark Junior Rodeo Association)
  - f. OTRA (Ozark Teenage Rodeo Association)
  - g. SJRA (Southern Junior Rodeo Association)
  - h. SWAHSRA (Southwest Arkansas High School Rodeo Association)
  - i. Springdale Junior Rodeo Association
  - j. Members wishing to turn in points from an association not listed above must submit a rodeo flyer to the A.B.R.A. Board of Directors for approval prior to the event.
  - k. The "Wrangler's" Junior High and High School Rodeos do **NOT** qualify for A.B.R.A. points.
3. Money won will be eligible for A.B.R.A. points if won:
  - a. In any rodeo/jackpot association or open rodeo/jackpot which allows any A.B.R.A. member to participate;
  - b. any timed event rodeo/jackpot that offers 5 events with at least one rough-stock event, or
  - c. at any sanctioned rodeo/jackpot.
4. Eligibility for A.B.R.A. points is not affected by whether or not money won counts for that association's year end awards program. (5/04) The rodeo/barrel race must be open to A.B.R.A. members to join and enter but, rodeo finals, etc. will **not** count. (5/04)
5. Any money won at a Rodeo/Jackpot in a class which is limited by the age of the rider will be eligible for A.B.R.A. Junior Rodeo/Jackpot points. All Junior A.B.R.A. members must be allowed to enter for the class to count.
6. Timed event rodeos with 3D or 4D format jackpot barrel races will be counted in the Rodeo/Jackpot Divisions of the A.B.R.A. standings.
7. All Open Jackpots must be listed at least once in the A.B.R.A. Newsletter to be counted in the A.B.R.A. Junior Rodeo/Jackpot standings **unless** the Jackpot offers \$500.00 or more in added money (08/18). If a member **places** at one of the Jackpots with less than \$500.00 added that is not listed in the A.B.R.A. newsletter, they **must** submit a flyer from that Jackpot with their point sheet for that month, or the points will not count.
8. Only one (1) money per event may count. You may count up to two (2) jackpots per day.
9. Points will be awarded on the basis of one (1) point for each dollar (\$1.00) won. If any cents were won, they too should be turned in. (Example: If \$11.26 is won, it constitutes 11.26 points) The honor system is used for turning in points won. If winnings are falsely reported, all points for that A.B.R.A. season are forfeited immediately.
10. If a rodeo is held and advertised by a stock contractor or producer to contain five (5) or more events and no contestants appear in any one (1) of the advertised events resulting in the

cancellation of the said advertised event, this will not disqualify a barrel race competitor from receiving points for participation in said rodeo.

11. Points will not count from a rodeo/jackpot if a member enters more than one (1) barrel race. In the case of a rodeo/jackpot having an open barrel race running over a two (2) or more performance rodeo with one (1) payoff and also holding a Junior Jackpot barrel race held at each performance, a member cannot compete in both barrel races, even if held at different performances, and count points from that show.
12. A championship saddle or buckle will be presented to the member accumulating the greatest number of points in the Youth Rodeo/Jackpot Division at year-end. A buckle will be awarded to the year-end Reserve Champion. Appropriate awards will be given to the top ten (10) members of the Youth Rodeo/Jackpot Division. The decision to make these awards rests within the discretion of the officers and the Board of Directors.
13. The A.B.R.A. point year will begin on the first day of November and end on the last day of October. Barrel races having one (1) pay-off with performances over both dates will be counted in the year in which the pay-off is made, not the year in which the run is made.
14. A.B.R.A. members cannot be in the final standings of a rodeo/jackpot division with solely work hour points and bonus points
15. Only eight (8) Rodeo/Jackpot winnings can be turned in for Junior Rodeo/Jackpot Division points per month.
16. Member must attend four (4) A.B.R.A. events per year to be eligible for year-end awards. Major Money Maker events will qualify as one (1) event only. (10/21)
17. All A.B.R.A. Major Money Makers will offer both Open and Youth Jackpot events.
18. 3D or 4D Jackpot payoff will be at the discretion of the Show Manager. If there are not enough entries for a 4D, the payoff could fall back to a 3D payoff or less.
19. During a jackpot, if a contestant is scratched or skipped for any reason and the draw has already been announced, the drag will still be held at the scheduled time (even if 5 full runs have not been made) in order to remain on the announced course.
20. A rodeo/jackpot with a qualification requirement (e.g. Finals) will not count for A.B.R.A. points. If the only requirement for participation is a non-member or membership fee when you enter, money earned at that jackpot will count for A.B.R.A. points if it meets all other applicable A.B.R.A. rules. (5/07)
21. Jackpots offering a buy-back option or mulligan fee will not count for A.B.R.A. points. (11/08)
22. Slot races that have a limited number of entry positions are not allowed to count for A.B.R.A. jackpot points. (10/2023)

### **HORSESHOW DIVISION**

1. To be eligible for competition in the Pony Barrels (Horseshow) Division a member must be zero (0) to ten (10) years of age on a pony 54" or under. To be eligible for competition in the Buckaroo Barrels (Horseshow) Division, a member must be thirteen (13) or younger. To be eligible for competition in the Junior Barrels (Horseshow) Division a member must be between the ages of fourteen (14) and eighteen (18). All persons over eighteen (18) will compete in the Senior Barrels (Horseshow) Division. The age of a member on January 1 of that A.B.R.A. season (January FOLLOWING the November 1 season start date) will be maintained throughout the calendar year.

However, if a person wants to change categories as of January 1, the member must move at the beginning of the A.B.R.A. season because he/she will not be able to take points earned in a younger category into an older one. At no time can a member have points in more than one (1) division. When starting a new point season, the age of a member on January 1 of the current A.B.R.A. season will determine the division in which a rider will participate.

2. Only four (4) shows per month can be counted for the Horseshow Divisions. Only A.B.R.A. shows count for points. If a show is cancelled due to weather and this results in having two shows on one day, the two shows will count as two participation events.
3. At the time of the first run at a two show event, a member will be allowed to declare if they will run a second time or not, immediately after the first run and before the next rider runs. The first run time will then roll to the second show provided that entry fees for both shows were paid when signing up.
4. A minimum entry fee of one dollar (\$1.00) must be collected from each contestant in each event.
5. A trophy saddle or buckle will be presented to the Senior member accumulating the greatest number of points for the year in the Horseshow Division. The same award will be presented to the Junior, Buckaroo and Pony accumulating the most points. Awards will be given to the top ten (10) Seniors (8/19), the top five (5) Juniors, the top five (5) Buckaroos, and the top five (5) Ponies. The decision to make these awards rest within the discretion of the officers and the Directors.
6. The A.B.R.A. Poles Divisions will follow the same rules as the Horseshow Divisions (Barrels). Awards will be given to the top ten (10) Seniors, the top five (5) Juniors, the top five (5) Buckaroos, and the top five (5) ponies.
7. Riders ten (10) years of age and under, riding horses or ponies measuring more than 54" inches must ride in the Buckaroo Division.
8. Lead Line awards will be given to contestants who have secured their donation and participate at a minimum of four (4) shows throughout the season in either or both Barrels and Poles.

### **MEASURING PONIES**

1. All ponies will be subject to measurement any time during the year if any member suspects the pony is over the legal height. Owners will have two weeks' notice of when the pony is to be measured. If the pony is found to be over legal height the rider will forfeit all pony points earned for the season.
2. Ponies will be measured at the highest point of the withers; the shoe will not count in measurement. The pony must measure 54" or less in height.
3. The pony and rider do not have to stay together (i.e. if a pony measures within approved heights, any rider ten (10) years of age or younger may ride it and receive points).

### **NOVICE RIDER RULES**

1. A person is eligible for Novice Rider if he/she has not won more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) or one thousand (1,000) (10/2023) points (as tabulated by the A.B.R.A. point system) in any equine event or more than three (3) Association points in any equine competition or qualified for State in barrels or poles as tabulated by the Arkansas State Horseshow Association or more than one (1) AQHA point in barrels or poles. (5/17) Points will not be counted against the rider that have been earned in the year (November 1st) of which they are applying for Novice Rider approval. (5/12) The Novice Rider may not have received any payment or remuneration for training

of horses in any discipline prior to their Novice Rider season. Once a Novice Rider receives year end awards in any A.B.R.A. events excluding lead line, they will no longer be eligible for novice approval regardless of the number or points earned. (5/09)

2. The class will be open to all participants but will use the "buddy system" in counting points for the approved A.B.R.A. members (example: there are ten (10) entries in the class, only eight (8) entries are approved novice members, the top ten (10) places will be announced as usual, then the top ten (10) A.B.R.A. places will be announced.
3. A Novice Rider may not be considered a Novice Rider at the Board's discretion.
4. If a Novice Rider has a medical condition that will not allow them to continue to ride, they may, at the Board's discretion, qualify for a redshirt season. The Novice Rider must not have accumulated more than 1,000 points. (10/2023) The request to redshirt must be accompanied by a Doctor's Release. The Novice Rider cannot ride in any other A.B.R.A. division or event for the remainder of the A.B.R.A. point year. (8/20)
5. A Novice Rider is allowed to rollover their Novice Rider class time to respective divisions (*i.e.* pony, buckaroo, junior, senior) at an A.B.R.A. horse show. Member must pay two (2) entry fees and cannot re-enter division if they hit a barrel. Barrels must be in the same position for each class. (8/20)
6. Novice Rider list will be updated by the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) of each month and division chairmen will have this list on hand at their shows to determine who has applied and is approved for the novice classes.

### **NOVICE BARREL HORSE RULES**

1. A horse (any age) is eligible for this division if the horse meets the following criteria:
  - The horse cannot have placed in any open rodeo or in the 1D division of a divisional format (2D, 3D, 4D, 5D, etc.) barrel race.
  - The horse cannot have won more than \$250.00 in a divisional format (2D, 3D, 4D, 5D, etc.) barrel race.
  - The horse cannot have accumulated five hundred (500) (10/2023) points or more in the A.B.R.A. or open horseshow competition as tabulated by the A.B.R.A. point system. (8/20)
  - The horse cannot have accumulated more than three (3) total barrel racing points (maximum) as tabulated by the Arkansas State Horseshow Association point system. (5/17)
  - The horse cannot have earned more than one (1) total barrel racing point (maximum) as tabulated in AQHA or APHA points. (5/17)
  - Once a Novice Horse receives year end awards in any A.B.R.A. events, they will no longer be eligible for novice approval regardless of the number or points earned. (5/08)
2. A form must be filled out for the nomination of a horse. A copy of the horse's registration papers must also be submitted with the Novice Horse application, if the horse is registered. The Board will approve or decline Novice Barrel Horse nominees upon completion of a thorough review by the Board of Directors. All forms and associated documentation are to be mailed to the Secretary.
3. Whoever nominates a Novice Barrel Horse will remain on the horse for the point year, with one condition, that the rider can be excused with a Doctor's Release. Under this circumstance, an alternate rider can be appointed for the horse and will remain with the horse for the rest of the season, or until the first rider is able to return to his/her horse. This appointed rider must be an A.B.R.A. member. Members with medical excuses allowing a substitute rider for a Novice Horse may not turn in points to another class (Horseshow Division, Open Jackpot, etc.) while using the release on the Novice Horse.

4. The Novice Barrel Horse class will be open to all novice horses, but the "buddy system" will be implemented in counting points for the approved A.B.R.A. horses. (Example: there are ten (10) entries in the class; only eight (8) entries are approved novice horses. The top ten (10) places will be announced as they actually placed, then the top ten (10) A.B.R.A. approved Novice Barrel Horse places will be announced. When the Novice Barrel Horse turns in points, they will turn in the appropriate place plus the total number of entries in that class. (1<sup>st</sup> place is 10 pts. + 10 entries = 20 total pts.)
5. There can be an unlimited number of horses nominated by a member per season. However, at any show a member can enter several horses but only two (2) Novice Barrel Horses placings will count. The member will be responsible for turning in one (1) twenty-five-dollar (\$25.00) donation **per** horse nominated to be a member in good standing. Only two (2) Novice Barrel Horses can be in the standings and receive awards at the end of the year. (5/18)
6. If an A.B.R.A. member is competing on two (2) or more approved Novice Barrel Horses, that member can run against himself/herself and count points on only two (2) Novice Barrel Horses if no other horses are entered in that class.
7. Any horse may not be considered a Novice Barrel Horse at the Board's discretion.
8. During an A.B.R.A. Major Money Maker Jackpot, a Member may pay multiple horse show entries to rollover jackpot time to horse show divisions (*i.e.* Novice or Senior). (8/20) Rollovers to be allowed for any Jackpot with A.B.R.A. horse show following. If rollover is allowed, same stakes must be used in Jackpot and Horse Show, and a drag must be completed every 5 riders in the horse show. It was recommended that the last pole be staked to make it easier. (8/21)
9. The Novice Horse list will be updated by the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) of each month and division chairmen will have this list on hand at their shows to determine who has applied and is approved for the novice classes.