ACBRA RULES

2019-2020 Season

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PURPOSE

The American Computer Barrel Racing Association, hereinafter referred to as ACBRA, has approved the following Rules to insure a continued and orderly transaction of business and to facilitate the purposes for which the ACBRA was established. Founded primarily to promote the sport of barrel racing, the ACBRA Board of Directors do hereby jointly and severally vote for, consent to, and authorize the adoption of the following Rules accompanied with the Bylaws of this association.

SECTION 1: PLACE OF BUSINESS

1.1 The place of business for the ACBRA is at any such place as designated by the Board.

1.2 Any member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual may request a copy of the ACBRA ByLaws, in writing, to the ACBRA Board of Directors at the address listed on the official website, or may download them from www.acbrainfo.com.

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIPS

2.1 Memberships will only be accepted upon receipt of the completed ACBRA membership application. A membership application must be submitted to the membership office for each horse eligible to the appropriate ACBRA category provided. Memberships must be submitted per individual horse.

2.2 Each horse will be categorized by lifetime barrel racing winnings and earnings (including any rodeos, futurities, and open jackpots) at the time of membership. Once joined, the horse will remain in that category for the remainder of the season, until the Finals are complete. Categories are as follows: Under 1000 Horse, Under 3500 Horse, Under 7500 Horse, Open Horse and Junior Horse/Rider Combination (age 14 and younger). Junior age is determined as of January 1st of the year in which the Finals Race is held.

2.3 If a member-owner is found to be providing false information regarding a member horse, the member horse and the membership owner will be SUSPENDED from further competition at ACBRA sanctioned barrel races for the rest of the competition year. If the membership owner has been provided with false information from the legal owner of the member horse only the member horse will be suspended.

2.4 There is no limit to the number of horses an owner may submit to and be accepted for membership to the ACBRA.

2.5 Official membership applications are available on the official website at acbrainfo.com or at ACBRA Board races. Applications MUST BE FILLED OUT IN FULL and submitted with the

appropriate fees to be accepted. Incomplete applications will be returned and POINTS AND ATTENDANCE CREDIT WILL NOT COUNT UNTIL ALL INFORMATION IS RECEIVED.

2.6 Membership applications submitted by mail must be postmarked within five (5) days of the event the member attended or no points or attendance credit will be accepted or counted. NO EXCEPTIONS.

2.7 If an Under 1000, Under 3500, or Under 7500 horse is entered without a specific dollar amount of earnings listed, that horse will be entered as having won $999, $3,499 or $7,499 respectively.

2.8 Membership fees in the Under 1000, Under 3500, Under 7500, and Open are fifty-five dollars ($55), unless there is a discount otherwise stated in writing on the membership application, from the Board. Any additional horse(s) for the same owner are subject to the same membership fee. The Membership fee in the Junior category will be thirty-five dollars ($35) per horse and rider combination. The competition year will end at the completion of the Finals Race. After receiving a completed membership application, the ACBRA office will send a membership card.

2.9 It is the responsibility of the member owner and/or rider to be aware of all ACBRA rules. The ACBRA rules are available to read and print off the website www.acbrainfo.com.

2.10 An associate membership may be purchased by race producers for a fee of thirty-five dollars ($35), and is also available for non-riders, non-arena operators, or any persons wishing to support the activities of the Association. A full membership of fifty-five dollars ($55) may be purchased on a horse if you wish to receive voting privileges, but do not wish to compete on a horse.

2.11 It is not mandatory that the owner of the horse accepted for membership compete or ride in any authorized or sanctioned ACBRA barrel race.

2.12 In cases of ownership change during the membership year, points and money listed transfer with the horse. The new owner is not required to pay the fifty-five dollar ($55) fee. However, new owners must contact the ACBRA membership secretary to ensure the timely receipt of all Association correspondence. The same membership number will remain with the horse. No new number will be issued unless the new owner changes categories, and if such occurs, a new application for that category plus a membership fee must be submitted. Then a new number will be issued but no points will transfer from original category with said horse. If the new owner changes said horse category this will mean said horse will have to qualify starting from zero (0) attendances in that new category.

2.13 The rider shall be the person actually competing on the horse and may or may not be a membership-owner. A membership-owner may or may not be the registered owner of the horse.

2.14 In the case of a member-horse's death, a substitution of the horse may be made. Death must be documented by a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. The new horse must be joined in its

correct category. The new horse will receive the previous horse's attendances only and not points. There will be no additional membership fee for the new horse.

2.15 Any member-horse can be substituted one time for any reason *except for sale* of the horse during the competition year.

(a) Substituting a horse shall cost another membership fee.
(b) The new horse MUST run in the Open category at the Finals Race.
(c) The substituted horse will maintain the "original" member horse's attendances; however, it will start from zero (0) points.
(d) The substituted horse will not be allowed to be substituted again unless the horse dies.
(e) The "original" membered horse will not be allowed to be substituted back for any reason.
(f) If a horse is sold, the moment it is re-membered with a new owner, the former owner loses all claim to attendances. Any attendances will move with the horse to the new owner.

2.16 The Association reserves the right to reject or accept any membership or entries.

2.17 There will be no membership refunds given.

2.18 While a horse may be membered in any category it is qualified in, it may only be membered in one (1) category per season.

SECTION 3: JUNIOR CATEGORY

3.1 A membership fee must be paid on each separate Junior rider/horse combination. Any additional horse(s) for the same Junior rider will also be an additional membership fee.

3.2 The Junior rider is required to ride the same horse which is documented on the membership application. If, for some reason, the Junior rider changes horses at any time during the competition year, the rider will be required to pay an additional full membership fee for the new horse, except in the case of the previous horse's death as stated in previous section.

3.3 A Junior rider is 14 years old and younger as of January 1st of the year in which the Finals Race is held. If at any time a Junior's age is challenged, the ACBRA Board reserves the right to request any additional information in regards to said challenge. Failure to provide this information will result in forfeiture of that member's points and attendance, as well as possible ineligibility. Voting membership is only by parent or designated guardian.

3.4 Any Junior rider age 9 years old or younger who is riding either in the arena or anywhere on the arena operator's premises MUST wear a riding helmet for safety and insurance purposes, whether they are a member or not.

SECTION 4: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP RULES

4.1 It is the responsibility of each member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual to become familiar with the association Rules and Bylaws and to conduct themselves and their horses accordingly. Failure of any member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual to familiarize themselves with the Rules and Bylaws of this Association will not be tolerated as an excuse. It is mandatory that every member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual observe good horsemanship. This includes making certain that all tack and equipment is humane, safe, and in good repair.

4.2 It is mandatory that every member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual observe an attitude of professionalism and good sportsmanship with courtesy to other participants and arena operators.

4.3 Any member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual who is determined by the ACBRA Board to be guilty of inhumane treatment of any horse will be subject to disciplinary action as stipulated in Section 7 of these rules.

4.4 Members/owners/arena operators/riders/individuals or families accusing flaggers/timers of wrongdoing at a jackpot or intentionally causing problems which delay the jackpot, thereby not exhibiting good sportsmanship, will be fined and/or suspended, as stipulated in Section 7 of these Rules, for a specified period of time.

4.5 It is the responsibility of riders to assist the arena operator if asked.

4.6 Riders are responsible for downed barrels or retrieving lost articles if the arena operator does not have help available.

4.7 An ACBRA membership-owner is not bound to participate at ACBRA events, nor is a membership-owner prohibited membership in any other barrel racing or rodeo organization, professional or otherwise, and is in no way restricted by these Rules or the associations Bylaws from doing so. An ACBRA membership-owner may compete or participate at any rodeo, barrel race, or jackpot and is in no way restricted by these Rules from doing so.

4.8 Likewise, the ACBRA accepts membership and participation of any individual regardless of that individual's involvement in other barrel racing or rodeo organizations, professional or otherwise, providing no conflict occurs in that organization's Rules or Bylaws. It is the responsibility of the membership-owner or rider to be aware of any of the aforementioned conflicts.

4.9 Members/owners/arena operators/riders or individuals are responsible for their mount(s), and no one shall be mounted on a horse that poses a danger to anyone. The penalty for violation is up to a two hundred and fifty dollar ($250) fine.

4.10 If a particular violation, incident, or infraction occurs by any member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual at any sanctioned ACBRA event and there are no stated rules covering the violation, incident, or infraction committed by the member/owner/arena operator/rider or

individual, the ACBRA Board of Directors reserves the right to use any sanctioned Barrel Racing organization, association or corporation rule book which may apply to the violation, incident, or infraction.

SECTION 5: BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

5.1 The governing body of the ACBRA shall be the Board of Directors. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a one (1) year term, by the Directors from among their numbers.

5.2 Director positions are two-year terms and shall coincide with the competition year, with all new members of the Board to be installed at the Board meeting following the Finals.

5.3 The President must have been a Director for at least one year before being elected President.

5.4 It shall be the responsibility of the Board to organize the Finals. That shall include determining a site, date, and number of awards to be given, etc.

5.5 Directors must obtain membership by the 30th of the first month of the competition year, or forfeit their position.

5.6 Directors are expected to be present a,t and work to help the running of, the Finals race.

5.7 If a Director cannot perform their duties for any reason, or they miss three (3) Board meetings without just cause and/or approval from the other directors, they may step down or be asked by a Board decision to resign.

5.8 Any Board member that travels over fifty (50) miles to an approved ACBRA Board-run race and satisfactorily works to help the running of that race, shall be compensated by one free entry fee in that race.

(a) There is a limit at two (2) Board members who may be compensated.
(b) The compensated parties shall be the Board members assigned to work the race in advance.
(c) This does not include the Finals race.
(d) The member may designate their free run compensation to a family member.
(e) In the case that there is a question as to whether or not the Board member worked a satisfactory amount to receive compensation, any other Board member(s) at the same race may bring this to the rest of the Board and a vote will be taken on whether or not the compensation shall be paid/refunded.

5.9 Any Board member that shows up at an approved ACBRA Board-run race and satisfactorily works to help the running of that race shall pay to cover what the Association is being

charged for extra services, but does not have to pay the additional fee if one is charged to the members over the expense of the service.

(a) This includes, but is not limited to, stalls/pens and hookup charges.
(b) In the case that there is a question as to whether or not the Board member worked a satisfactory amount to receive compensation, any other Board member(s) at the same race may bring this to the rest of the Board and a vote will be taken on whether or not the compensation shall be paid/refunded.

SECTION 6: MEETINGS

6.1 A summary of the minutes of the general Membership and Board meetings shall be published to the official website at acbrainfo.com.

6.2 Meetings are open to any member/owner/arena operator/rider or interested individuals, except on such occasion when closed or special meetings are deemed necessary.

SECTION 7: VIOLATION, SUSPENSION & INELIGIBILITY

7.1 Any member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual requested to help at any sanctioned jackpot barrel race who refuses to do so is subject to a twenty-five dollar ($25) fine for the first offense, a fifty dollar ($50) fine for the second offense, and suspension from participation at any ACBRA jackpot for the remainder of the competition year for the third offense.

7.2 Any member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual who gives a non-sufficient fund check as an entry fee or membership fee is subject to a fifty dollar ($50) fine. ALL NSF CHECKS, PLUS BANK CHARGES AND FINE MUST BE CLEARED UP PRIOR TO ACQUIRING ANY ATTENDANCE(S) AND/OR POINTS! Failure to cover all NSF checks or other outstanding debt will result in placing the member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual on the ineligible list, which will be published on the official website at acbrainfo.com until the matter is cleared up. A second offense is subject to suspension from the ACBRA for the remainder of the competition year. The funds must be paid to be removed from the ineligible list and to compete in future competition years. In addition, the ineligible list is also for non-members who give NSF checks to the ACBRA or incur debt that is outstanding. Checks are to be made directly to the ACBRA. <u>If anyone should write a NSF check, the ACBRA Board may require a cash-only basis for any future barrel races.</u>

7.3 If a NSF check is not cleared up by repaying the amount of the check, plus bank charges and the fine within ten (10) days of the date the check was bounced at the bank, then that member-owner will FOREVER FORFEIT ANY ATTENDANCE(S) AND/OR POINTS from that particular race.

7.4 The ineligible list shall alert arena operators and other ACBRA members that the member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual and his/her member horse(s) are ineligible to participate at ACBRA sanctioned jackpots, including time-onlys, because that member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual has yet to make good or cover an insufficient funds check or other determined infraction of these rules. Once the outstanding insufficient check or other debt has been cleared, the member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual and horse(s) shall be removed from the ineligible list.

7.5 Suspension shall be deemed to mean the member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual and his/her horse(s) are refused any rights or participation in any and all activities and events relating to the ACBRA for the remainder of the competition year, including the Finals.

7.6 Any person found guilty of inhumane treatment of any horse(s) may be fined fifty dollars ($50) for the first offense and suspended from the ACBRA if found guilty for the second offense. Any accusations of inhumane treatment must be in writing and supported by at least two individuals. That should include the accusing party and one witness.

7.7 Any husband, father, mother, relative or person having a relationship with a member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual, whether related or not, interfering or complaining to management, an arena director, or their agents, on behalf of said member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual makes said member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual responsible and liable. In addition, any of the aforementioned being found guilty of any of the above accusations can be fined up to a maximum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) and possible suspension.

7.8 The ACBRA will not tolerate the use of drugs or alcohol in excess while competing at any sanctioned ACBRA events. Nor will the ACBRA tolerate excessive profanity in or around any sanctioned ACBRA event. If any member is found guilty of abusing this rule by Board decision, they can be fined and/or suspended from the ACBRA.

7.9 Any member who willfully causes trouble inside or outside the ranks of the ACBRA by excessively complaining, willfully causing disturbances, unsportsmanlike conduct or behavior, or unnecessarily aggravating ACBRA Officers and Directors, can be fined up to two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) and/or suspended from the Association.

7.10 Any member who has been found guilty of a major rule infraction or violation, is eligible to come before the ACBRA Board of Directors to appeal that conviction and clear their record after a period of three (3) years. This would make her/him eligible to run for director. In addition, they shall be given not less than thirty (30) days' notice of specified time of hearing.

SECTION 8: LEVELS OF COMPETITION

8.1 The ACBRA provides five levels of competition, consisting of the Under 1000, Under 3500, Under 7500, Open and Junior (age 14 & under) categories. Each horse or rider in all categories, including the Junior, will be placed in that category upon date of membership and will remain in that category until completion of the competition year and the ACBRA Finals.

8.2 The only category avaliable for non-members to compete in is the Open. If any individual is considered a non-member at any sanctioned ACBRA event, they may not run in any category except the Open. Non-members must pay their entry fee in cash whenever possible. No checks will be accepted, unless approved by the arena operator. Non-members who write a bad check will receive a fifty dollar ($50) fine and be placed on the ACBRA ineligible list until the situation is cleared up and the fine is paid.

8.3 The ACBRA computes the earnings and winnings of all horses competing at ACBRA sanctioned barrel races and jackpots, both those of members and non-members, and reserves the right to refuse any non-member competition in a category. Only "member" horse(s) remain in the category from the time of excepted membership throughout the competition year in order to compete at the Finals.

8.4 It is the intent of these levels of competition to create fair competition among all horses. Even though the ACBRA may not have a complete record of a horse's winnings, it is expected that all individuals will honor this intent. However, it is the discretion of the arena operator/directors to challenge said individual. Any reasonable, legitimate challenges of individuals shall be directed to the ACBRA Board of Directors. Winnings will be considered from any and all futurities, barrel races, jackpots and rodeos. If it is proven that the individual has knowingly entered the horse(s) in the wrong category, this action may result in a fine or suspension.

8.5 If at any time your horse’s membership category is challenged, you must submit a copy of the horse’s registration papers (or a picture of the horse if not registered) within ten (10) days after the receipt of notice to the ACBRA. The ACBRA Board reserves the right to request any additional information in regards to said challenge. Failure to provide this information will result in forfeiture of points and attendance, as well as possible ineligibility.

8.6 Categories are based on all of a horse’s lifetime winnings while barrel racing, including futurities, jackpots, rodeos, and sanctioned ACBRA barrel races at the time of the membership and are as follows (except Junior category):

Under 1000: Open to all horses having won less than $1,000.00.

Under 3500: Open to all horses having won less than $3,500.00.

Under 7500 - Open to all horses having won less than $7,500.00.

Open - Open to all horses, regardless of lifetime winnings, or horses with lifetime earnings in excess of $7,500.00, or non-members.

Junior - Open to all riders who are 14 years old and younger as of January 1st of the year in which the Finals is held.

SECTION 9: POINTS

9.1 Only ACBRA members shall receive points.

9.2 Regardless of points earned/won, a member horse must compete at a minimum of ten (10) approved jackpots to be eligible for the Finals.

9.3 The accumulation of points for the competition year will commence at the beginning of the competition year and end at the completion of the year, prior to the Finals. The start and end dates will be determined by the Board of Directors.

9.4 Points shall be awarded to each member horse with a qualified run in their category, down to a maximum of ten (10) places. Category points shall be awarded as follows: 100 points for first place, 90 points for second, 80 points for third, 70 points for fourth, and so on down to 10 points. Runs with one or more a knocked down barrels will be considered a “No Time” and will not receive any points. Going off course shall be deemed a disqualification and be given a “No Time,” thereby not being awarded any points. CREDIT FOR ATTENDANCE WILL BE GIVEN.

9.5 When signing up at an ACBRA jackpot, the horse’s name must be given as listed on the membership application, and entered on the official ACBRA sign up form. ALSO, IT IS THE RIDER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE THE HORSE'S MEMBERSHIP NUMBER WHEN SIGNING UP. If an individual has not yet received a membership card with a membership number, it is the responsibility of the individual to indicate and state at any sanctioned ACBRA event that the membership number is "Pending," and in which category it is pending (i.e. U1000 Pending). If no membership number or pending status is listed, no points will be awarded. The ACBRA office will not fill in membership numbers.

9.6 For a Junior member to receive points, the Junior rider AND the horse that that individual is membered on in the Junior category must make the run together. No one else may ride that horse for points or attendance in the Junior category. Additionally, if the Junior rider is going to ride a horse other than their Junior horse, the different horse must have a different membership.

9.7 Point standings will be published on the ACBRA website (acbrainfo.com). Inquiries into points issued must be made within thirty (30) days of their publication. It is the responsibility of the member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual to correct any errors. All points, attendance credits and standings shall be deemed correct after thirty (30) days of publication.

9.8 At all sanctioned or co-sanctioned ACBRA races, ACBRA members competing and paying the co-sanction fee, if appropriate, will receive appropriate category points, (as described in rule 9.4).

9.9 When determining points to be awarded, a non-member shall be skipped as if it had not run at all and the next placing member horse shall be awarded those points.

9.10 All ties shall split points. For example, if there is a tie for first (1st) and second (2nd) place, the points will be added together and divided by two (in example: 100 points + 90 points = 190 points / 2 = 95 points).

9.11 If a jackpot is timed with an electric eye that records times to the 1,000th, ties MUST be broken and paid on the 1,000ths.

9.12 If the electric eye fails during a member's run and there is no backup watch, the barrel racer has the CHOICE of taking a re-run or receiving a refund. If the person chooses not to run, they will still receive last place points (i.e. 5 entries in a category, all are members, last points to be given are 60). In that case, no refund will be given. It is the rider's responsibility to notify the arena operator if they request to re-run or not.

9.17 Members of the Junior category may run in either the Open or the Junior side pot and receive both points and attendance. If the Junior member runs in both the Open and the Junior/Youth side pot, only their time in the Open will count for points.

SECTION 10: SANCTIONED ARENA RULES

10.1 Before any ACBRA barrel race or jackpot may be advertised, sanctioned or authorized, the arena operator or those persons managing or organizing said barrel race or jackpot must enter into a contract with the ACBRA. In addition, the arena must be considered safe and not a hazard to any member/owner/arena operator/rider or individual by ACBRA standards. Arena Operator must also provide proof of a minimum of one million dollar ($1,000,000) liability policy prior to any races being scheduled and placed on the ACBRA calendar.

10.2 If a race producer/arena operator is not a paid member-owner, they must pay an annual thirty-five dollar ($35) Associate Membership fee, which must be submitted with the contract.

10.3 In the case of all first year arenas or arenas with a history of problems with the ACBRA, the arena may be required to post a one hundred dollar ($100) refundable bond prior to approval. This bond will be refunded upon completion of the contract unless expenses or losses are incurred by the ACBRA relating to that arena. If an outstanding debt is due to the ACBRA, the amount will be deducted out of the arena bond before a refund will be issued.

10.4 If a jackpot is to be paid out in the ACBRA category format, all ACBRA categories or levels of competition must be offered to gain ACBRA approval. Levels are defined as Under 1000, Under 3500, Under 7500, Open, and Junior. Non-members may run in the Open category only.

10.5 Approved ACBRA jackpots may be paid in the divisional (4D or 5D) format, with points awarded for how members placed in their respective categories.

10.6 All sanctioned ACBRA jackpots MUST be approved and listed in the ACBRA calendar prior to the event. You must schedule your jackpots with your ACBRA arena contact and your race must be approved by the arena contact ten (10) days prior to your event. EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO GET EVENTS POSTED WITHIN A TIMELY MANNER.

10.7 If the jackpot is not listed in the official calendar ON THE ACBRA WEBSITE, the ACBRA BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER POINTS AND/OR ATTENDANCE WILL OR WILL NOT BE GIVEN FOR THE JACKPOT.

10.8 Arena approval may be withheld for any reason deemed adequate by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

10.9 Five dollars ($5.00) per competitive run at any Prime Sanctioned ACBRA barrel race must be submitted online with the race recap within two (2) days of the event, or sent in to the ACBRA Treasurer along with a complete list of results and a recap sheet within five (5) days of the race.

10.10 RACE RESULTS WITH THE TIMES AND MONEY WON MUST BE EITHER SUBMITTED VIA THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE WITHIN TWO (2) DAYS, or POSTMARKED WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF THE EVENT. CONTINUED FAILURE TO DO THIS MAY RESULT IN A FIFTY DOLLAR ($50) FINE AND/OR SUSPENDING FUTURE SANCTIONED ACBRA EVENTS AND A DEDUCTION OF ARENA BOND.

10.11 Minimum Entry Fee: The minimum entry fee is twenty-five dollars ($25) for jackpots, not including the five dollar ($5) mandatory ACBRA Finals fee. The entry fee, less the office charge, shall leave a minimum of $17.50 in the pot per entry. Payout sheets are available for jackpots being run in the 4D format.

10.12 Arena operators will use ACBRA payout and entry fee schedule. In this schedule, the maximum amount that an arena operator may hold out of the pot is thirty percent (30%) of the entry fee. Here are examples of the office percentage of 30% of the entry fee.

- $7.50 of a $25 entry fee
- $13.50 of a $45 entry fee
- $16.50 of a $55 entry fee
- $19.50 of a $65 entry fee
- $22.50 of a $75 entry fee

10.13 Payoff percentages for jackpots are to include all entry fees, minus the office percentage, plus ALL of the added money.

A) If competing in the ACBRA CATEGORY format:

1 - 3 entries: 100% of pot to 1st

4 - 6 entries: 60%, 40% of pot to 1st, 2nd, respectively
7 - 15 entries 43%, 33%, 24% of pot to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, respectively
16 - 25 entries 40%, 30%, 20% 10% of pot to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, respectively
This applies to all amounts of money that would be in any pot.

B) If competing in the 4D format:

i) The allocation of the total pot to each division will be as follows: 1D – 32%, 2D – 28%, 3D – 22%, 4D – 18%

ii) The number of places paid in each division will be determined based upon the last hole in the 4D receiving an amount of at least 70% of their entry fee (which is their entry fee minus the maximum office percentage).

iii) Percentages for places within each division are as follows:

1 Place - 100%
2 Places - 60/40
3 Places - 43/33/24
4 Places - 40/30/20/10
5 Places - 34/27/20/13/06
6 Places - 29/24/19/14/09/05
7 Places - 26/22/18/14/10/06/04
8 Places - 23/20/17/14/11/08/05/02

10.14 If any arena operator is adding at least five hundred dollars ($500.00) to a jackpot, they may petition the Board of Directors for an alternative payout schedule.

10.15 If a rider is incorrectly paid at a barrel race, they will be notified in writing of any monies due back to the ACBRA office, so that correct payouts may be made. If this money is not repaid within thirty (30) days of notification, the member/owner/rider will be put on the ineligible list until the money is repaid.

10.16 An ineligible list will be provided to notify arena operators of membership/non-member owner(s) that are ineligible to participate in ACBRA jackpots, or time-onlys.

10.17 If the jackpot is timed with an electric eye that records times to the 100's or 1000's ties MUST be broken and paid on the last number the eye records (no rounding).

10.18 In the event of a hand flagged/timed jackpot, results MUST be listed and paid on the 100ths (no rounding to the 10ths).

10.19 If using a flagger, said person is not to move from the score line for any reason once the barrel race has begun. Members are responsible for downed barrels or retrieving lost articles if the arena operator does not have help available.

10.20 In no instance shall any barrel be set closer than fifteen (15) feet from a side (1st or 2nd barrel) fence or twenty-five (25) feet from the back (3rd barrel) fence. The score line shall be at

least forty-five (45) feet from the end of the arena. A REGULATION COURSE SHALL BE SET WHENEVER POSSIBLE. That means barrels one and two must be ninety (90) feet apart and sixty (60) feet from the score line. Barrel three is one hundred and five (105) feet from barrels one and two. The barrel pattern MUST BE MEASURED AND/OR MARKED to ensure barrels one and two are an equal distance from the score line.

10.21 Markers should be placed to the outside (fence side) of the middle of the barrel. Barrels must be consistently placed throughout the entire event.

10.22 The arena operator shall have the right to check on any rider's eligibility at any time as stipulated in Section 8.4 of these rules.

10.23 A contestant may draw out of the barrel race before the 1st contestant is called in their category and receive a refund of fees minus the office charge. However, there MUST be a legitimate reason for withdrawal (i.e. horse becomes lame, rider becomes ill, family emergency).

10.24 In the event of a jackpot cancelation, the area operator must turn in a recap sheet stating it was canceled and why within ten (10) days.

10.25 An advertised jackpot may be canceled only because of weather or a situation deemed to be an emergency. Every effort must be made to notify barrel racers and the Arena Director or Board of Directors. If a change of jackpot location occurs, Arena Operator must give directions to the new location. A notice must be posted in a clearly seen position giving directions to the new location, with the jackpot being held up, allowing for travel of contestants to the new location. Failure to do this may result in SUSPENSION.

10.26 Arena operators shall be limited to two (2) jackpots per week. If any arena operator chooses to have both of these races on the same day, a rider may carry their time over and receive attendance and points.

10.27 The ACBRA week runs from Monday to Sunday.

10.28 Weeknight races (Monday through Thursday) cannot start prior to 6:30pm.

10.29 An arena operator may not operate more than one (1) arena per week.

10.30 Arena operators shall follow all ACBRA rules or may be subject to a fifty dollar ($50) fine and/or suspension. If suspension occurs, the arena is liable for the cost of notifying members. Re-approval will be by Board of Directors decision only.

10.31 Arena Operators shall make all ACBRA payouts either by cash or by arena operator checks. A contestant’s entry fee check may *never* be used for making the payout at jackpots.

10.32 If an arena operator adds $1,000 or more to an ACBRA Prime race (this does not include co-sanctioned races) they can submit a request to the Board to have this race be double attendance.

10.33 No arena can add more than $200 for a race held Monday through Thursday excluding holidays and Board approval. An arena may request special permission from the Board to have two added money races in a week.

10.33 If, in any given category, there are NO contestants which (members or non-members) receive a qualified time (i.e. no entries or all riders go off course), the monies in the pot will redistributed to the other winners. If less than the places paid are filled with qualified times, the remaining money in that division will be proportionately divided among the qualified times in that division. For example: 4 monies paid, 2 qualifying times; the money in that division's "pot" is refigured by the percentages and re-paid.

SECTION 10A: SIDE POT RULES

10A.1 GENERAL RULES ABOUT THE SIDE POTS. Any eligible person who wishes to enter a side pot, if it is offered, has the option of physically running in that side pot, or, if they have entered in the Open, may carry their time over from the Open to the side pot without physically re-running. Both entry fees must be paid to carry over a time. If the rider chooses to carry over, they must declare so BEFORE their first run in the Open. If no declaration of a carry-over is made prior to their run, they will be required to run again. Entries in the side pots will close with the first runner in that respective side pot (example: the Senior side pot entries close when the first Senior runs).

10A.2 JUNIOR: Open to all riders 14 years old and UNDER as of the first day of the race season (as per ACBRA membership application). NO MEMBER ATTENDANCE WILL BE GIVEN FOR THIS RACE UNLESS THE RIDER/HORSE COMBINATION IS AN ACBRA JUNIOR MEMBER, THEN ONE (1) RACE ATTENDANCE WILL BE GIVEN. IF A JUNIOR MEMBER/HORSE COMBINATION RUNS IN THE OPEN RACE, THAT JUNIOR MEMBER/HORSE COMBO WILL RECEIVE ONE ATTENDANCE (OR A MULTIPLE ATTENDANCE IF THAT IS GIVEN OUT TO THE OTHER ENTRANTS IN THE OPEN). IF A JUNIOR MEMBER/HORSE COMBO ONLY ENTERS THE JUNIOR SIDE POT THEY WILL RECEIVE ONLY ONE ATTENDANCE, REGARDLESS OF WHAT'S BEING OFFERED IN THE OPEN, BUT THEY ***WILL STILL EARN JUNIOR POINTS***. SO, THE MOST ATTENDANCES PER DAY THAT A JUNIOR MEMBER/HORSE COMBO CAN RECEIVE IS THE SAME AS ONE OPEN ENTRANT (Example: If it's a triple attendance race, the Junior entered in the Open would receive three attendances). This is regardless of how many times they enter or run.

10A.3. SENIOR: Open to all riders 50 years or older as of January 1st of the calendar year. NO MEMBER ATTENDANCE WILL BE GIVEN FOR THIS RACE.

10A.4 NOVICE: Open to all horses that have not won over $500 barrel racing in their lifetime as of the day of the race. NO MEMBER ATTENDANCE WILL BE GIVEN FOR THIS RACE

10A.5 PEE WEE: Open to all riders 9 years old and UNDER as of January 1st of the calendar year. ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR A HELMET! NO MEMBER ATTENDANCE WILL BE GIVEN FOR THIS RACE.

10A.6 FUTURITY: Open to all horses five (5) years old or younger, that are in their first year of competition. Any horse that has competed prior to this competition year, *regardless of age*, is ineligible. The age of the horse must be proven at entry by either a copy of the horse's papers OR a vet certificate verifying age. NO MEMBER ATTENDANCE WILL BE GIVEN FOR THIS RACE

SECTION 10B: CO-SANCTIONING RULES

10B.1 An Arena Operator who is hosting jackpots for another organization and desires to have these barrel races co-approved with ACBRA must complete a Co-Sanctioning Agreement. The Agreement will be in force from the date of the agreement through the end of the season. A five dollar ($5) co-sanctioning fee shall be paid for each race held, and is due with the recap sheet after each race.

10B.2 ACBRA will not Co-Sanction any race that does not have a minimum of one hundred dollars ($100) added on a weekend day (Saturday or Sunday). The ACBRA will also not co-sanction any race that does not have a minimum entry fee of twenty-five dollars ($25). ACBRA will co-sanction up to two (2) races per week per arena operator.

10B.3 The Arena Operator shall collect five dollars ($5) from any ACBRA member who wishes to receive points and attendance credit. The five dollars ($5) must be returned along with the complete results of the barrel race (including times and money won for all competitors) to the ACBRA Treasurer within five (5) days of the barrel race. Results must also be emailed in Excel format to the Points Keeper in the same time frame. Failure to do so may result in suspension and forfeiture of co-approval fee(s) already submitted.

10.B.4 The ACBRA will NOT allow arena operators to charge a Co-Sanctioning fee on top of the five dollar ($5) co-sanctioning fee. If this practice is reported to the Board, the Board reserves the right to fine the arena-operator and/or refuse future co-sanctioning.

10B.5 ACBRA members who are in monied categories (u1000, u3500, u7500, Open) may ONLY receive points and attendance credit by entering the OPEN RACE, even though they may be competing in other races (i.e. novice, senior, junior races).

10B.6 Members of the Junior category may run in either the Open or the Junior/Youth side pot. If they run in both races only their time from the Open will count for points.

10.7 If the jackpot is not listed in THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR ON THE ACBRA WEBSITE, the ACBRA Board reserved the right to decide whether points and/or attendance will or will not be given for the jackpot.

10B.8 Arena approval may be withheld for any reason deemed adequate by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

10B.8 RECAP SHEETS WITH THE TIMES AND MONEY WON MUST BE POSTMARKED WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF THE EVENT. CONTINUED FAILURE TO DO THIS MAY RESULT IN A FIFTY DOLLAR ($50) FINE AND/OR SUSPENDING FUTURE CO-SANCTIONED ACBRA EVENTS.

SECTION 11: ACBRA SANCTIONED BARREL RACES

11.1 NO WARM-UPS, PRACTICE, OR SCHOOLING RUNS WILL BE ALLOWED on the barrel markers in the arena once the pattern is set with markers or barrels.

11.2 NO SCHOOLING DURING COMPETITION RUNS WILL BE ALLOWED (i.e. turning barrel more than once). Any person who works their horse on the pattern during the race is subject to a fine of fifty dollars ($50) for the first offense and it will increase in fifty dollar ($50) increments for subsequent offenses for the remainder of the competition season.

11.3 Once a race is posted and announced, contestant will run in the order posted. If a rider runs out of order of draw position, or out of order of the horse (in the case of running multiple horses), it will result in an immediate disqualification.

11.4 If a hand flagger is used, the flagger may not move from the score line for any reason once the barrel race has begun.

11.5 In no instance shall any barrel be set closer than fifteen (15) feet from a side (1st or 2nd barrel) fence or twenty-five (25) feet from the back (3rd barrel fence). The score line shall be at least forty-five (45) feet from the end of the arena. A REGULATION COURSE SHALL BE SET WHENEVER POSSIBLE. That means barrels one and two must be ninety (90) feet apart and sixty (60) feet from the score line. Barrel three is one hundred and five (105) feet from barrels one and two. THE BARREL PATTERN MUST BE MEASURED AND/OR MARKED to ensure barrels one and two are an equal distance from the score line.

11.6 Markers should be placed to the outside (fence side) of the middle of the barrel. Barrels must be consistently placed throughout the entire event.

11.7 The cloverleaf pattern is defined as one turn to the left around the first barrel and one turn to the right around each of the remaining two barrels, the second barrel being directly across the arena from the first barrel. Barrel racers may also make one right turn and two left turns.

11.8 If a horse takes a step backwards or crosses over his/her tracks at any time once the eye has been broken, it is off pattern and therefore a "No Time." No points will be given, but attendance will be awarded.

11.9 Barrel racing is a timed event using brightly colored fifty-five (55) gallon steel drums. In the event that there are no steel drums available, plastic barrels may be used at the discretion of the arena operator.

11.10 Both ends of the barrels must be enclosed, and the sides must be solid.

11.11 If barrel covers are used, they should be used throughout the entire jackpot.

11.12 The starting gate or gates will remain the same throughout the entire event. If there is a center gate it must be closed until rider has completed their run and stopped their horse.

11.13 The start/finish line and the position for the barrels must be marked permanently for the entire event.

11.14 Contestants will be assessed a five (5) second penalty for knocking over a barrel. Touching a barrel is permitted. For the payout at a divisional (example, 4D) race, any time with a penalty will not receive a check. There will be no points awarded for a knocked over barrel. Credit for attendance will be given.

11.15 Should a barrel be knocked over and it sets up on opposite end, the five (5) second penalty will still be assessed.

11.16 Barrels must be set back on marker if barrel is moved.

11.17 Time will begin when contestant crosses the start/finish line.

11.18 Riders will not be allowed to dismount in the arena, except in the case that they are retrieving something they have dropped during their run and that item is before the eye. A rider shall not break the timing light again after their run for any reason. Any contestant who dismounts from their horse during the competition without proper cause is subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars ($25). Should a rider need, for safety reasons, to lead their horse in to the arena and mount once inside the gate they shall be allowed to do so.

11.19 Should a rider need assistance by being led into the arena, the helper must immediately leave the arena after the contestant's horse is turned loose. The assistant will not be allowed to remain in the arena during the run for safety reasons. Should the assistant still be in the arena once the rider's horse crosses the finish line, that rider shall receive a "No Time."

SECTION 12: ACBRA DIVISIONAL RACE (4D, 5D) RULES

12.1 Children 9 years old and younger must wear a helmet at all ACBRA competitions.

12.2 Arenas must use ACBRA time split for 4D payout and must follow ACBRA payout sheet and recap sheet. Time split shall be: 1D - the fastest time, 2D - fastest time plus 0.500 seconds, 3D - fastest time plus 1.000 second and 4D - fastest time plus 2.000 seconds. The Board must approve any changes to this. No checks will be awarded for runs that include penalties.

12.3 Arenas must use ACBRA time split for 5D payout and must follow ACBRA payout sheet and recap sheet. Time split shall be: 1D - the fastest time, 2D - fastest time plus 0.500 seconds, 3D - fastest time plus 1.000 second, 4D - fastest time plus 1.500 second, 5D - fastest time plus 2.000 seconds. The Board must approve any changes to this. No checks will be awarded for runs that include penalties.

12.4 All conditions for arenas to put on divisional races must follow the ACBRA standards and rules.

SECTION 13: YEAR-END FINALS

13.1 The ACBRA Finals for the competitive year will be held at a facility to be determined by the Board of Directors.

13.2 The Finals will consist of two go-rounds and an average. Pay-offs will be 33 l/3%, 33 1/3%, 33 1/3%. Places paid will be determined by the number of entries and/or added money.

13.3 To be eligible to enter the Finals, a member-horse must have competed in at least ten (10) jackpots during the competition year.

13.4 An electric eye or timer will be used at the Finals and all results recorded to the thousandth of a second. There will be a back-up flagger and timers and/or an additional electric eye. If the electric eye does not work for the majority of runs then back-up times MUST be used for all.

13.5 Any ties for awards will be broken by a method determined by the Board of Directors.

13.6 No more than three calls will be made for the rider to enter the barrel pattern at the Finals.

13.7 A dress code will be mandatory at the Finals, consisting of western hat or helmet, long sleeve button-down shirt with collar, western pants (no faded denims or large holes), and boots. Juniors 9 years old and younger must wear a safety riding helmet. If a helmet is not worn they will be disqualified.

13.8 Contestants will be fined five dollars ($5) for losing their hat AT ANY TIME while in the arena. However, if a contestant's hat comes off prior to crossing the starting line, that rider will be fined twenty-five dollars ($25).

13.9 The office charge, if needed, at the Finals will be determined by the year-end financial standing in order to leave a minimum of $2,500 to carry-over for the following year.

13.10 A designated time and date will be set for qualified horses to enter the Finals.

13.11 All category Year End winners are be responsible for picking up their Year End awards at the Finals, or designating a representative to pick up any award(s) for them if they will not be attending themselves. No awards will be mailed.