

# **SBRA RULES**

The Sooner Barrel Racing Association (SBRA) has been in existence since 1982. It is designed for all skill levels of barrel racers. The SBRA will hold the races at appointed venues within a 75-mile radius of the city limits of Muskogee. Members compete in a designated number of races for the calendar year. Awards are given for year-end. A barrel race is a timed event using three standard sized barrels set in a cloverleaf pattern.

## **Board of Directors:**

The Board of Directors will consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Jackpot Secretary, Arena Director, Points Director, Donations Director and Youth Director.

1. Officers will each receive a free membership and free exhibitions.
2. Officers do not pay building fees for indoor arenas, but **MUST** pay regular entry fees. \*Updated Nov. 2019.
3. Each officer is allowed to add their children to be included with the free membership. \*Updated Nov. 2019.
4. Officers are not required to pay a donation fee, but are encouraged to gather sponsors. Any dependants running for awards **ARE** required to turn in a donation fee per membership. \*Updated Nov. 2019.
5. For a Board Member to be considered active they must attend 50% of the jackpots and 80% of the board meetings. Meetings should be held a minimum of every 2 months.
6. Board Members will gain gift from year-end. This is not to be combined with their regular membership fulfillments and placing for year –end. \*Updated Nov. 2019.

## **Membership/Nominations:**

1. For 2020- membership/nomination fees will be combined and family membership abolished. Updated Dec. 2019. Fees are as follows:
  - a. Individual Peewee: \$35
  - b. Individual Youth: \$35
  - c. Individual Open: \$40
2. Additional Nominations (Open only): \$20.
  - a. Membership fee includes 1<sup>st</sup> set of points.
  - b. Nominations can be on rider (riding any horse) or horse (ridden by any SBRA member). But you cannot accumulate points on either rider or horse more than once.
  - c. You may nominate as many horses as you want (Open only).
3. If a nominated rider is competing on more than one horse you must designate on entry which run is for points. If you fail to designate the point-counting run, your first one will be counted for points.
4. Both Pee Wee and Youth may nominate in Open. They will need to pay those nominating fees.

5. PeeWee and Youth: Only one set of points on the rider counts, however they may run additional horses for no points. Run must be designated before class starts- otherwise 1<sup>st</sup> run counts for points.
6. PeeWee and Youth may only run in one class for one set of points.

### **Jackpots:**

1. There will be at least 15 jackpots each year.
2. A member's best 12 for each nomination, horse and/or rider, will be counted for points for year-end awards.
3. The jackpots will be held at venues within a 75 mile radius of the city limits of Muskogee.

### **Classes:**

1. Open: any age or gender. No runs may be made before or after another class because the contestant cannot be present to run in their designated class.
2. Youth: ages 9 thru 15, OR under age 15, any gender, age as of January 1st of scheduled race year. (SBRA must have a copy of the contestant's birth certificate on file; if a birth certificate is unavailable we need something proving your age). Younger than 9 may move up to this class if they choose to, but cannot compete for points in both Peewee and Youth.
  - a. Youth can be rolled over to open with a paid open entry fee.
3. Peewee: 8 & under, any gender, age as of January 1st of scheduled race year. (SBRA must have a copy of the contestant's birth certificate on file; if a birth certificate is unavailable we need something proving your age).
  - a. Lead-line is allowed but cannot be led off of another horse, and cannot ride double. \*Updated Jan. 2018.
  - b. Leadliners will be placed below the children who ride alone in placings. Parents or help must not cross the timer or they will be considered assisted. \*Updated Jan. 2018.
  - c. Pee Wee is on smaller pattern cannot be rolled over to OPEN. \*Updated Jan. 2018.
4. Pee Wee and Youth must run in their respective classes they cannot run in both- unless it is for NO POINTS.
5. PeeWee and Youth MUST participate in their class fundraisers. \*Updated Jan. 2018.

### **Entry Fees/Payout:**

1. Peewee: \$14 (\$1 for barrel setters)
2. Youth: \$19 (\$1 for barrel setters)
3. Open: \$33 (\$1 for barrel setters and \$1 for sgp entry system)
  - a. \*Amended Feb. 2019- \$2 will be added to the overall entry fee, with \$1 going towards paying sgpevents.net for use of the online entry system and for any hot spot wifi. Will still do 80% payback- of \$31- (\$24.80).
4. Youth and Open will pay a building fee of \$7/rider when applicable.

5. As voted on March 2018\*- payout will be the following. Last placing will not pay less than \$45.
  - a. 1-22 contestant = 1 place per division
  - b. 23-44 contestants = 2 places. 1<sup>st</sup>- 60%, 2<sup>nd</sup>- 40%
  - c. 45-89 contestants = 3 places. 1<sup>st</sup> – 43%, 2<sup>nd</sup>- 33%, 3<sup>rd</sup>- 24%
  - d. 90-128 contestants = 4 places. 1<sup>st</sup>- 40%, 2<sup>nd</sup>- 30%, 3<sup>rd</sup>- 20%, 4<sup>th</sup>- 10%
  - e. 129-179 contestants = 5 places. 1<sup>st</sup>- 32%, 2<sup>nd</sup>- 26%, 3<sup>rd</sup>- 20%, 4<sup>th</sup>- 14%, 5<sup>th</sup>- 7%
  - f. 180+ contestants = 6 places. 1<sup>st</sup>- 29%, 2<sup>nd</sup>- 24%, 3<sup>rd</sup>- 19%, 4<sup>th</sup>- 14%, 5<sup>th</sup>- 9%, 6<sup>th</sup>- 5%

### **POINTS/MEMBER ENTRIES:**

1. It is each member's responsibility to fill out your entry form completely so the point secretary can track points correctly. If you fail to do this you can lose points for that run.
2. If a rider gets injured they may pay a \$10 fee and change the points to a designated horse.
3. If a horse gets injured a \$10 fee can be paid to change to rider. Then that rider can run different horses. Physician's or veterinarian's statement may be required.
4. At no time can a nominated rider run a nominated horse in the same class for 2 sets of points. If this situation needs to happen you must designate which set of points you want (horse or rider).
5. You do not have to own a horse to ride or nominate it for points.
6. A horse may not be run more than once in any class unless both of the riders are in the same family. However that horse cannot be ran more than twice- exceptions may be made in the PeeWee class.
7. Points:
  - a. Points Start by the first nominated SBRA member. All non-members are taken out before we assign points. So this means most of the time a nominated member placing for points will not correspond to who actually placed and got paid at the jackpot.
  - b. Pee Wee in each division the winner gets 10 points, second 9 points and so on. If there are more than 10 in the class all other members will get 1 participation point unless they have a no time. This may be bumped up to start at 25 if there are several nominations.
  - c. Youth in each division the winner gets 15 points, second 14 points and so on. If there are more than 10 in the class all other members will get 1 participation point unless they have a no time. This may be bumped up to start at 25 if there are several nominations.
  - d. Open in each division the winner gets 50 points, second 49 points and so on. If there are more than 50 in the class all other members will get one participation point unless they have a no time.

### **Placings/Divisions:**

SBRA is a divisional format association that pays equally in each division.

1. Open is 5D
  - a. Winner is determined by the fastest time (1D), fastest time plus 5 tenths (2D), fastest time plus 1 second (3D), fastest time plus 1.5 seconds (4D), fastest time plus 2 seconds (5D).
2. Youth is 3D
  - a. Winner is determined by the fastest time (1D), fastest time plus 1 second (2D), fastest time plus 2 seconds (3D).
3. Peewee is 3D
  - a. Winner is determined by the fastest time (1D), fastest time plus 5 seconds (2D), fastest time plus 10 seconds (3D). \*Amended Jan. 2018.

### **PENALTIES:**

1. Peewee Class:
  - a. Peeweeps will receive a 5 second penalty for knocking over a barrel.
  - b. Peeweeps may also be lead by someone if they choose. Assisted Peeweeps will be placed lower than non-assisted Peeweeps.
  - c. A no time will be given for a broken pattern- with the exception of an extra circle. Peeweeps will be allowed 1 extra circle in the pattern. \*Updated March 2018.
2. Youth and Open Classes:
  - a. Open & Youth will receive a no time if a barrel is knocked over or pattern broken. You may touch a barrel to hold it up.

**Participation Requirements:** All members in all classes must attend at least 8 jackpots to be eligible for year end awards or a SBRA jacket. 1 Buy-In is allowed- Updated Oct. 2018.

### **Membership Requirements:**

1. Paid membership/nomination
2. No work requirements for Open members, but members are encouraged to help with silent auctions/concessions fundraisers
3. Peewee and Youth members ARE required to participate in fundraisers during the year, as determined by the Youth Director and/or Board of Directors.
4. Sponsorship Requirements:
  - a. Every member is required to secure a \$50 minimum donation. (The donations can be a combination. For example, two business paying \$25 per business).
  - b. Larger scale sponsorships are appreciated and encouraged – such as saddle sponsorships, buckle sponsorships, barrel wraps, and more.

**Dress Code:** Contestants must wear long pants and a shirt that has a front, back and is connected at the sides and shoulders.

**Awards:** Saddles will be given if money is available and no other awards will be sacrificed. The Open must average 40 entries to give 5 saddles. Other awards will be given as money warrants.

**Barrel Pattern:** The start/finish line and the barrel positions should be permanently marked and must remain the same throughout the entire class.

The pattern must meet the following conditions when arena permits:

1. A minimum of 15' between the side fence and barrels 1 and 2
2. A minimum of 30' between the back fence and barrel 3
3. A minimum of 30' between the timer line and the first barrel

**Contestants:** Contestants must make an attempt to make the fastest run possible. Any obvious attempt to pull up or pace their run will result in the following penalties: 1st offense-Warning, 2nd offense-\$25 fine, 3rd offense-3 months suspension from SBRA.

**Exhibitions:** Are not to exceed 60 seconds. A fine of \$3 will be charged. Exhibitions are to be stopped in enough time that arena can be opened for riding, worked and jackpot to start on time.

#### **Pre-Entries:**

1. Pre-entries will only be accepted from the Monday before the race until the Friday before the race.
2. As voted on by the membership on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019- SBRA will use sgpevents.net for all entries and results.
3. Pre-entries must be entered online at sgpevents.net and results will be updated live (this may be delayed depending on internet access).
4. Failure to show up after pre-entering a race will result in being banned from pre-entering.
5. The SBRA may need to reimburse a board member should they incur any extra charges for an Internet hot spot. \*Added Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

#### **Closure of Books:**

1. For those contestants that have pre-entered, they must have paid their entry fee by 25 runs before their number in the Open.
  - a. Any exception would have to be approved by the Board of Directors.
2. Contestants have the option to enter on site until the last 25 runs in the Open.

#### **Timer Malfunction:**

1. If the timer malfunctions 3 times we will use a stopwatch and flag at timer line.
2. The flag official will be determined by the Board of Directors.
3. Those contestants who ran before the malfunction will have the option to re-run or have their entry fee refunded.

4. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, a race that has a timer malfunction may be changed to a Money Maker race with no points.
5. Timer Malfunction with a Knocked Down Barrel(s) in the PeeWee, Youth & Open:
  - a. In the event there is a timer malfunction and the announcer announces to the contestant that the timer has stopped and a contestant has previously knocked down a barrel(s) then the penalty or penalties would carry over to their rerun time.
  - b. If the contestant knocks down a barrel after the timer malfunction has been announced then it does not carry over to their rerun time.

#### **Ground Rules/Arena Conditions:**

1. A contestant's name will be called 4 times. After the 4<sup>th</sup> call, if the contestant has not responded in any way, they will receive a no time.
2. **Time Limit Rule:** As voted on by SBRA members at the September 10, 2016 jackpot a new time limit rule was passed and implemented at that race and any thereafter. A contestant has a 3 minute time limit to enter the arena after their name is announced the first time. If the contestant exceeds the time limit he/she will run after the last contestant has run and is given a 5 minute time limit; if that is exceeded the contestant will be disqualified with no refund of entry fee. The reason for this rule is the safety of the contestant and other contestants in the holding area.
3. **Arena Conditions:** The ground conditions within the arena must remain consistent throughout the entire event. The number of times the ground around the barrels must be worked and leveled will be determined by the arena director prior to the start of the jackpot. But this number must not exceed 7 runs.
4. The gate will remain open with the exception of a contestant asking it to be closed or the owners of the facility require the gate to be closed.

#### **Protests:**

1. A contestant may submit in writing the complaint, along with a check in the amount of \$25 to the SBRA.
2. If the protest is granted the protestor will have their check returned to them. If not ruled in your favor the money will go to the SBRA general fund.
3. Board of Directors will make the decision on all protests in a timely manner.
4. Current Board Members also have the option to vote with the one strike warning in event that someone is malicious, causes a scene, has an issue with something and has taken it publicly, if this does not change, they will be banned from races until the following year.

### **Misconduct: \*Updated Nov. 2019**

Any act deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the SBRA may result in fines or the suspension of a member, including but not limited to the following:

1. Using abusive or intemperate language or attempting to threaten, bribe, influence or harass any contestant or SBRA board member. Also, any remarks made with the intent to cast aspersions on the character or integrity of an SBRA official or member.
2. Abuse of a horse in any way.
3. Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
4. Misidentifying a horse in any SBRA class will disqualify a contestant.
5. Other conduct that is not in the best interest of the SBRA or its members.
6. Failure to make good on a returned check to the SBRA. Returned checks shall pay a \$35 fine and no more checks will be accepted.

Any of these acts will result in the following:

1. First offense- \$25 fine payable to the SBRA and a warning.
2. Second offense- \$50 fine payable to the SBRA and suspension from the next 2 SBRA races.
3. Third offense- suspension from SBRA and forfeit any points for the remainder of the year.
4. No refunds on membership or donation requirements if the SBRA member has 3 offenses.
5. Fines MUST be paid in full before you may enter another SBRA race.”

### **Other Misconduct:**

1. No Alcoholic beverages or foul language around the arena area or any SBRA Event.
  - a. First offense is a warning
  - b. 2nd is \$25 fine
  - c. 3rd the person will be suspended for the year.
  - d. In addition, they may be asked to leave at any time by the Board of Directors.
  - e. If a person is drunk they will not be allowed to leave the premises if they are driving, someone will be contacted to come and get them.
  - f. SBRA will not take the liability of letting a drunk driver leave their event.
  - g. Any fine must be paid in full before you can compete again in the SBRA.
2. Dogs must be under strict control and on a leash at all times. No dogs are allowed in the arena.
3. No unsupervised children on or around the arena especially the alleyway. Please do not let children climb the fence.

Any situation not covered in these rules will be resolved by the Board of Directors present and their decision will be final.