

Bluebonnet Barrel Racing Association



2021 Bylaws

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SECTION I ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

A. ARTICLE ONE

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

B. ARTICLE TWO

The corporation is a non-profit corporation.

C. ARTICLE THREE

The period of its duration is perpetual.

D. ARTICLE FOUR

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

E. ARTICLE FIVE

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

F. ARTICLE SIX

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

Wendy Nixon	Kathy Boren	Lynda Harkins
402 Plestex	Post Office Box 809	Post Office Box 477
Pleasanton, Texas 78064	Helotes, Texas 78023	Kingsbury, Texas 78638

G. ARTICLE SEVEN

1. INCORPORATORS: The name and street address of each incorporator is:
 - a. Wendy Nixon 402 Plestex, Pleasanton, Texas 78064
 - b. Kathy Boren Post Office Box 809, Helotes, Texas 7802

SECTION II BY LAWS

A. Name

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

B. Definition

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

C. Colors

The colors for the BBRA are blue and white.

D. Officers and their Duties

The officers of the BBRA shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Race Day Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor. Each officer will receive 15 non-transferable work points. An officer can only hold one position per year.

1. The **President** shall preside at and prepare for all meetings and shall perform such other duties as are necessary to the proper administration of the association. The President shall coordinate all point shows and the Finals to include arena, timers, tractor, barrels, etc.
2. The **Vice President** shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President, serve as assistant to the President with the affairs of the association, will perform such duties as "Thank You" notes to all donors, and assist the BBRA Awards Director with all awards for the finals. The Vice President will also govern the work points. A record of up to date work points must be provided at every race. They will also ensure the 1099's are executed properly for each payment prior to checks being issued.
3. The **Secretary** shall keep all records of the business transactions of the BBRA send notices of meetings maintain a complete roster of memberships and keep records of points, lifetime earnings, and money won. This will also include minutes of BOD regular and special meetings and the general membership meetings of the BBRA. The Secretary will read prior general meeting minutes at the general meeting and/or any regular or special meeting of the BOD and submit results of rule changes and or decisions relating properly filed complaints or disputes to the Editor for publication. The Secretary will calculate the payout at each race and submit point show results and cumulative standings to the Editor for publication. The Secretary may receive a salary of \$30 per month. If there is not a member that is a certified Notary Public, the secretary will need to be one. (The organization will pay the cost).
4. The **Race Day Secretary** will be responsible for taking entries and money and keeping the computer up to date with entries and times on race day.
5. The **Treasurer** shall have custody of BBRA funds, accounting to the BOD and will provide a financial report at the BOD meetings for review and approval. The BOD will meet prior to each point show and review the financial report. All expenses due or outstanding will be reviewed and approved by the BOD. The general membership will be provided an annual report at the final point show with projected expenditures for upcoming year. The BOD will discuss any potential expenditure's for consideration, example equipment replacement or assets needing to be purchased. Expenditures in excess of \$300

must be approved by the general membership unless the expense is directly for costs associated with arena, tractor or ordinary point show expenses previously approved by the BOD. Expenditures relating to point show must be approved by BOD any expenses incurred during the point show must have the BOD approval prior to reimbursement. BOD and Race Sponsors are not entitled to utilize any funds of the BBRA all expenses must be approved in advance relating to point shows and/or costs associated with running in BBRA. The treasurer will have a treasurer's report available at every point show. The treasurer will also have quarterly financial statements prepared and ready for member review in April, July, October and January point shows. Individual point show balance sheets will be available at the following point show for member review. Any member may request a financial audit, must be by an accredited CPA. Member must provide a written request of such audit and a \$100 deposit for independent audit expenses the remaining balance and/or any costs associated with such audit request will be paid by member at the completion of such audit.

E. The **Editor** shall oversee the editing, arranging and adding information that is to be published on the website or newsletter. NEWSLETTERS WILL BE MAILED OUT QUARTERLY TO MEMBERS BY WRITTEN REQUEST ONLY. The Editor will update the website or newsletter in a timely manner, no more than two weeks after a point show. BBRA Website, Facebook and Social Media sites may be used to communicate timely information to members. It will be the Editor's duty to monitor these sites and delete any defamatory comments and report member to the BOD.

F. Directors and Their Duties

The directors of BBRA shall consist of Awards, PeeWee, Youth, Senior and Pole Directors. Each Director will receive 15 non-transferable work points.

1. The **Awards Director** shall oversee the Awards Committee, composed of the officers and directors. The Awards Director shall be responsible for getting bids for prizes unless otherwise delegated by the Awards Director to others.
2. The **PeeWee, Senior and Youth Director** responsibilities - Coordinate fundraisers, sponsorships and concession stand efforts within the members that are competing in the PeeWee, Senior and Youth classes.
3. The **Pole Director** responsibilities – Coordinate fundraisers, sponsorships within the members that are competing in the pole class. Help coordinate setting up and breakdown of the poles. It also their duty to transport the poles to and from the race.

G. Board of Directors (BOD) and Their Duties

1. The Board of Directors (BOD) shall consist of the Awards, Pee Wee, Senior, Pole, and Youth Director and the association officers. A quorum of 2/3rds of the BOD in (attendance) is necessary for a vote.
2. The BOD will receive at least two weeks' notice, by either phone or email, of all meetings. Officers and Directors must notify the President within one week if they are unable to attend the meeting. If it is not possible to get a quorum at a called meeting or if an emergency meeting/vote must be conducted, teleconferencing should be used to obtain input from all BOD members. A proxy vote may be used as a last resort; however, teleconference is the first option to complete a quorum.
3. The BOD will sponsor the BBRA Finals. Each officer/director will earn one point toward the following years work point requirements.

4. The BOD has the authority to act in the event an officer is not meeting duties as expected without calling a general membership meeting. BOD decisions about officers or directors should be explained on the website or newsletter. If an officer resigns or is asked to step down, that position will be replaced with the member who received the second highest number of votes at the general membership meeting. If none, the BOD would make an executive decision to appoint a replacement.
5. The BOD must be a paid member on or before the first point show of the year they are serving office.

H. Rule change process

1. A rule change can only be made at the final general membership meeting of the current year.
2. Members may submit written rule changes to the secretary. These proposed rule changes must be signed by the member who presents them seven (7) calendar days before the final general membership meeting of the current year to be discussed and voted on. Any rule changes not submitted will not be open for discussion at this time. **NO RULE SUBMITTED DURING THE MEETING BE CONSIDERED.**
3. The Board will review proposed rule changes in their next meeting. The Member proposing the rule change is welcome to come to the meeting where the rule is reviewed but must contact the president to be put on the agenda if they would like to formally present the rule change.
4. The board will vote of the legitimacy of the proposed rule change.
5. If the rule changes up for concertation is denied by the Board an expiation regarding the denial will be discussed at the final general membership meeting of current year.
6. If a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of the attending Board vote that the proposed rule change is a legitimate concern, the proposed rule change will be posted on the website promptly and brought up to be voted on by membership at the next general membership meeting.
7. At the final general membership meeting for the current year. If the membership has a majority vote regarding changing the rules, it will be changed at that time.

I. Process to remove an officer/director from position

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

5. The BOD will notify the General Membership of its actions by posting a written statement on the website or in newsletter.

J. Election of Officers and Directors

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

K. Meetings

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

SECTION III MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

A. Member Obligations

1. Membership in the BBRA is open to any interested barrel racers within the State of Texas. Bexar County serves as the base county for BBRA. All point shows will be held within a **125-mile radius (as a crow flies or downtown)** of San Antonio. To become a member, an application must be filled out and returned to the secretary. Dues are payable upon receipt. Points will not be counted until the current years' membership is paid.
2. BBRA dues will be \$40 for individual members and \$25 for any additional family member **(IMMEDIATE FAMILY ONLY EXAMPLE: TWO CHILDREN, MOTHER AND CHILD, HUSBAND AND WIFE 18 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER AND STILL RESIDES AT HOME)**. The membership dues are to be paid to the secretary before the point shows begins for that day. To qualify for family membership, children must be under 18 years of age as of January 1st of current year. Members not paying dues will be dropped from the roster.
3. BBRA health restrictions will always coincide with state health regulations. A negative coggins is required on all horses. All members are responsible for maintaining a current coggins test and be able to present one if asked.
4. If and when a protest should arise, a fee of \$50 must be paid. Anonymous protests will not be accepted. Fees must be paid in cash or by cashier's check. If the BOD should decide in the complainant's favor, the fee will be given back. Awards will be withheld until the BOD reaches their decision on the protest. The time limit on all protests will be until the next point show.

The grievance procedure will be:

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

B. Work Points

1. All “Primary” members must earn 15 work points by the end of the point show prior to the finals. Each additional “family” member, 18 years of age and younger living at home, must earn 10 work points by the end of the point show prior to the finals. Any discrepancy or questions concerning the work points must be brought to the attention of the Vice President.
2. There will not be transferring of work points from member to member for purposes of fulfilling the work points requirement; except in the case of family members (mother, father, son, daughter, sister, brother, husband or wife). You may have someone work for you during a point show and indicate it on the worksheet by the end of the race day. If a family joins, the “primary” family member is required to earn 15 work points. Each additional family member, 18 years of age and younger living at home, is required to earn 10 points. For example, if a family of three joins, they will need to earn 35 work points.
3. Members can earn one work point for each half hour worked during the a BBRA sanctioned race. Work points can be earned at every point show by setting barrels, setting poles, opening gate, arena judge, cleaning trash after race etc. Members can also obtain one work point for every \$25 donation they secure for BBRA with proof of purchase.
4. A person working the barrels during exhibitions can earn 1 point for every 30 minutes worked.
5. The person working the first barrel must be 18 years of age or older and will be the arena judge during that time worked. The arena judge will be responsible for making sure that all barrel setters set their barrels on the stakes. This person will receive two points for taking this responsibility.
6. Announcer and Timekeeper must be 18 years of age or older.
7. The Vice President will keep work points from worksheets signed by the members at each point show. The announcer at any BBRA point show will call members who are signed up to work a class.
8. We will pay \$10/hour to work at races that we do not have volunteer workers for.
9. Sponsoring a barrel race can be up to three people must have tractor driver, announcer and ground ready to go (barrels Stakes). If you sponsor an arena you must let the Vice President know in advance how their getting the points for sponsoring the arena. Not day of race or after race.

C. Points

1. Points will be kept on members standings for 1st through 10th place as follows in 5D Open, **3D classes, and Poles**: 10 pts for 1st, 9 pts for 2nd, 8 pts for 3rd, 7 pts for 4th, 6 pts for 5th, 5 pts for 6th, 4 pts for 7th, 3 pts for 8th, 2 pts for 9th, 1 pt for 10th.

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

SECTION IV CONDUCT

A. Behavior

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

1. Penalties shall be
 - 1st offense: a written call down
 - 2nd offense: suspension of points, current points will not be lost, but points will not count for the following two point shows.
 - 3rd offense: suspension from the association for one year from the time of offense and loss of all points and a fine to be determined by the attending BOD.
2. Violation of any of the following provisions may subject a member to disqualification from the event, being denied entry to BBRA events, loss of points, or suspension from the association. Any act deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the BBRA may result in the suspension of a member, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Using abusive or intemperate language or attempting to threaten, bribe, Influence, or harass any contestant, show official or BBRA official. Also, any remarks made with the intent to cast

aspersions on the character or integrity of a BBRA member.

- a. Moving or attempting to move markers at any time.
- b. Use of an electronic and/or remotely controlled device to alter the outcome of a run.
- c. Abuse of a horse in any way.
- d. Misidentifying a horse in any BBRA class will disqualify a contestant.
- e. Other conduct that is not in the best interest of the BBRA or its members.
- f. Failure to make good on a returned check to the BBRA.
- g. Threatening the association of legalities. (If charges are filed, said member will not be able to act as an active member, including competing and/or being present at BBRA sanctioned shows until both parties have come to an agreed settlement).
- h. Social networking sites will not be used inappropriately. Complaints or comments must be submitted to the BOD pursuant to the BBRA rules. Defamatory remarks associated in any manner relating to BBRA, its members, officers, directors, associates or non-members will be removed immediately, and action may be taken by the BOD pursuant to the rules of the BBRA. BBRA will not be responsible for any member's actions on any social media sites, website or internet.

