

BLUEBONNET BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION



2023 Rulebook

SECTION I POINT SHOW

A. Point Shows Guidelines

1. At least one set of exhibitions will be run before the start of Barrel/Pole classes. Exhibition barrels will not be placed on the competition stakes.
2. All entry fees for point shows must be paid in **CASH** and must be paid **BEFORE** the entrant runs. If the fees are not paid before the entrant runs the run will result in a no time and run will not be counted in the payout, race count, or any other applicable tallies.
3. Pre-Entries need to be paid by 12pm for day races and 6pm for night races for the Top 50 in the combined race.
4. Point Show Rules:
 - a. Point shows must be approved by BBRA for points to count.
 - b. Point shows will be listed in the newsletter, Facebook and available on the BBRA website.
 - c. An electric eye will be used when available.
 - d. There will be a drag a maximum of every 10 runs. More drags may be permitted at the discretion of the point show sponsor, as the ground demands. If skips of three (3) or more occur the gaps will move up. Only if there are three (3) or more.
 - e. Point shows may be postponed up to three hours before the first set of exhibitions start on the day of the race. The website will be updated if this happens.
 - f. Stakes for barrels will be located on the outside of the barrels at all BBRA point shows. The stake should be placed between the barrel and the fence. If laser is used the light is placed at designated area on top of barrel.
 - g. All emergency decisions regarding BBRA point shows and business will not be made until all officers and directors can meet and talk about it. At that time, the membership will be notified by newsletter, website or at the next point show. All members need to check the website or telephone an officer or director before hauling.
 - h. All participants have a one-minute time limit for working (training) a horse during exhibitions and competition. The member will be asked to leave the arena when one minute has elapsed.
 - i. A horse may not be shown by more than one (1) in a class for points. This does not apply to Future Champs.
 - j. The horse/rider shall receive a no time for the following:
 - 1) Loss of forward motion, re-crossing the plane of the pattern or backing up.
 - 2) Passing the barrel beyond point of the horse's shoulder on the incorrect side required lateral motion or backing up to recover.

- 3) Making more than 3 turns during the barrel pattern.
- 4) Crossing the timer line before completing the pattern.
- 5) Knocked down barrel will result in a No Time in the following classes: 5D Open, 3D Juniors, 3D Youth, 3D Adults, 3D Seniors, 3D Poles and Novice
- 6) If the electronic timer fails during a class, a three number digital hand timer will be used. The flag person will be one of the Directors. The same Director will flag from start to finish of the class. Each run will be flagged from nose to nose. Anyone competing in the class when the timer fails has the option of rerunning using the flag person time. If any contestant does not wish a rerun, they may receive a refund of their entry fee and office charge for the class.
- 7) If a contestant knocks down a barrel(s) during a run and the timer malfunctions, the contestant will be given a re-run without penalties. A re-run may be granted for a timer malfunction, incorrect stake, or other unusual circumstances as decided by BOD. There will be no re-run for tack failure or horse falling during a run.
- 8) The rider has the choice of running immediately at the time of the timer failure or at the end of the class with no additional drag. If the timer failure occurs at the end of class, the rider will be given time to allow horse to recoup before re-running.
- 9) All classes will be run as a combined event. With exception to the Future Champions class, this class will start thirty (30) minutes prior to the main point show. Rider may make one run per class entry or make one run and carry the time between the classes that the rider and/or horse qualify for. Contestant must declare if they are roll over prior to running.
- 10) When entering, members must use the horse's registered name. If the horse is not registered, members must use the horse's barn name with the member's last name.
- 11) The correct rider and owner must be listed on the entry form for tracking of rider status (membership) and 1099 purposes. If incorrect rider is listed horse will receive no points for that point show.

B. Classes

1. Novice Barrels

- a. Open to any rider, but the horse is restricted to the amount of money won in any barrel racing event, regardless of owner. The horse must not have won over the specified amount of the class entered. Classes offered are: Green (\$0), \$150, \$500, \$1000, and \$2500.
- b. At the time each novice horse is entered at the first point show, members must first nominate the horse for a fee of \$10 using the horse's registered name and the horse's lifetime earnings for points to count. If a horse is not registered, members must use the horse's nickname combined with the member's last name. The BBRA Secretary must be advised on the registered and nickname of the horse to be kept on file. At each following point show, you must continue to use the registered name and lifetime earnings.
- c. If the amount of money is not shown on the entry form, no points will be given to that horse that day. If a member thinks he/she wrote the wrong amount down for the horse's lifetime earnings, they

have 72 hours (3 days) from the day of the point show to notify the secretary. Otherwise, horse's lifetime earnings shown on the entry form or on the horse's record sheet (whichever is higher) will stand. Any member competing in the wrong class based on lifetime earnings of the novice horse will be fined \$20, lose any points they have accumulated, and points will be given to the next horse in line. The money earned will remain as paid out.

- d. A horse may enter as many classes as possible for which he is eligible based on money won that day, but points will only count in the lowest class of eligibility for that day. A novice horse cannot be entered twice in the same class.
- e. If your novice horse has won less than \$2500 when joining BBRA, you are eligible to nominate in the \$2500 novice class for the remainder of the year and compete for novice awards.
- f. When a novice horse graduates to the \$2500 novice class, the horse remains in this class throughout the association year. Non-members will have to graduate out of the \$2500 class. Once a non-member has graduated out of the \$2500 novice class; they may not then join BBRA and go back to the novice class on the same horse. However, they may join and get in novice classes on an eligible horse.
- g. If you are riding a novice horse and would also like to compete for points in the other classes, you are eligible to do so; but only points won in the novice will count for the novice horse standings. If money is won on your novice horse at BBRA or at any other function, your horse is still required to move up in class according to the amount of money (LTE) it has won.
- h. If there are less than 3 entries in a Novice class, the class will be combined with the next class. Except the \$2500 Novice class, they will not move down a class. 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.
- i. The BBRA Secretary is empowered to publish an "uh-oh" list on the website. This list will identify all members who have reported discrepancies in the lifetime earnings of their novice horse (but are running in the correct class) and will serve as a notice that these members have contacted the Secretary. The Secretary is not responsible for contacting each member. (This list DOES NOT apply to those members who run in the wrong class) (See 4c above)
- j. Lifetime Earnings: Declaration of money won at the conclusion of any event competed in (whether received or not). Any questions will be voted on by the attending BOD. The BBRA member is responsible for finding out earnings before entering a BBRA point show.
- k. Any member competing in the wrong class based on lifetime earnings of the novice horse on more than two occasions may no longer enter that horse in the novice division. The horse may compete in the open or aged classes.
- l. This class will be ran during the combined open.

2. Future Champions

- a. This class will be comprised of children that may still need adult assistance or children that are walking/trotting the pattern without adult assistance.

- b. Entrants must be 10 years or under as of January 1st of the current BBRA year.
- c. Future Champions is a non-competitive class. All contestants receive one (1) participation point for each race they've completed.
- d. All entries will receive a daily payout of \$5.00.
- e. The director to coordinate day awards if deemed.
- f. By joining the association on behalf of a youth exhibitor, the father, mother, sister, brother, grandparents, stepparents, legal guardian, or other representative acting on behalf of the youth exhibitor, hereby releases, indemnifies & forever hold harmless the association, its officers, directors, and members.
- g. All Rules pertaining to the BBRA apply to the youth exhibitor. When a youth exhibitor and/or his or her father, mother, sister, brother, grandparents, stepparents or legal guardian or other representative acting on behalf of the exhibitor is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, the BOD can suspend the rights of the child to accumulate points or participate in, for such a period as judged appropriate.
- h. This class will start 30 minutes prior to the main point show.
- i. Each contestant must participate in five (5) point shows and receive ten (10) work points to qualify for yearend awards.

3. 3D Juniors

- a. Entrants must be 12 years or under as of January 1st of the current BBRA Year.
- b. Entrants may enter more than one horse and accumulate points on each horse. However, contestant will accumulate points on the highest placing horse in each D.
- c. By joining the association on behalf of a youth exhibitor, the father, mother, sister, brother, grandparents, stepparents, legal guardian, or other representative acting on behalf of the youth exhibitor, hereby releases, indemnifies & forever hold harmless the association, its officers, directors, and members.
- d. All Rules pertaining to the BBRA apply to the youth exhibitor. When a youth exhibitor and/or his or her father, mother, sister, brother, grandparents, stepparents or legal guardian or other representative acting on behalf of the exhibitor is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, the BOD can suspend the rights of the child to accumulate points or participate in, for such a period as judged appropriate.
- e. This class will be 3D with full second split.
- f. This class will be ran during the combined open.

4. 3D Youth

- a. Entrants must be 18 years or under as of January 1st of the current BBRA Year.
- b. Youth entrants may enter more than one horse and accumulate points on each horse. However,

contestant will accumulate points on the highest placing horse in each D.

- c. By joining the association on behalf of a youth exhibitor, the father, mother, sister, brother, grandparents, stepparents, legal guardian, or other representative acting on behalf of the youth exhibitor, hereby releases, indemnifies & forever hold harmless the association, its officers, directors, and members.
- d. All Rules pertaining to the BBRA apply to the youth exhibitor. When a youth exhibitor and/or his or her father, mother, sister, brother, grandparents, stepparents or legal guardian or other representative acting on behalf of the exhibitor is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, the BOD can suspend the rights of the child to accumulate points or participate in, for such a period as judged appropriate.
- e. Youth Class will be a 3D with one second splits.
- f. This class will be ran during the combined open.

1. 5D Open

- a. The 5D Open is open to any rider.
- b. Open will be a 5D with half second splits.
- c. Points shall be accumulated on the horse.
- d. 5D Open entrants may enter more than on horse and accumulate points on each horse.

2. 3D Adult

- a. Entrants must be 19-44 as of January 1st of the current BBRA year.
- b. Adult entrants may enter more than one horse and accumulate points on each horse. However, contestant will accumulate points on the highest placing horse in each D.
- c. Adult Class will be 3D with one second splits
- d. This class will be ran during the combined open

3. 3D Seniors

- a. Entrants must be 45 years or over as of January 1st of the current BBRA year.
- b. Senior entrants may enter more than one horse and accumulate points on each horse. However, contestant will accumulate points on the highest placing horse in each D.
- c. Senior Class will be 3D with one second splits
- d. This class will be ran during the combined open

4. 3D Poles

- a. The pole pattern will be set 21 feet from the starting line. Each of the six poles will be spaced 21 feet apart and at least 21 feet from back fence.
- b. Points will be kept on the Horse. They will be accumulated regardless of the division placed.

- c. A knocked down pole will result in a no time.
- d. Books will close when the 1st pole runner enters the arena to run.

SECTION III Work Points, Points, Payout and Fees

A. 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 must earn 10 work points by the end of the point show prior to the finals. A Future Champ only has to earn 10 work points. Even if the individual is the primary member. 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 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 work points at a BBRA sanctioned race by:
 - a. One (1) work point will be given for every thirty (30) minutes worked by setting barrels, setting poles, opening gate, cleaning trash after race etc.
 - b. One (1) work point for every \$25 donation they secure for BBRA with proof of purchase. Also, one (1) work point can be purchased for \$25.
 - c. One (1) work point will be given for every thirty (30) minutes worked during exhibitions.
 - d. Two (2) points will be given to the announcer and timekeeper for every thirty (30) minutes worked. This person must be 18 years of age or older. This person will be responsible for making sure that all barrel setters set their barrels on the stakes or markers correctly. (Fence-Stake-Barrel). The announcer and timekeeper will also determine if the pattern was run correctly. This person must be 18 years of age or older.
 - e. Fifteen (15) points will be given to up to three (3) members for sponsoring a barrel race. If you sponsor a race, you must let the Vice President know in advance which members will receive to work points for sponsoring the arena. Not day of race or after race. You must provide arena, tractor, a tractor driver, announcer, and ground ready to go (barrels Stakes).
 - f. 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.
 - g. We will pay \$10/hour to work at races that we do not have volunteer workers for points.

B. Points

1. Points will count from approved point shows only and will be awarded to members only. 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.
2. 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.

3. 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.
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. If there are less than 3 entries in a Novice class, the class will be combined with the next class. Except the \$2500 Novice class, they will not move down a class. 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.

C. Payoffs, Entry Fees, and Office Charges

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

- a. Future Champions: all entries will receive a daily payout of \$5.00

- b. Novice classes:

Of Contestants-Places-Percent

- 1 - 5 pay 1 @ 100%
- 6 - 10 pay 2 @ 60%, 40%
- 11 - 15 pay 3 @ 50%, 30%, 20%
- 16 - 20 pay 4 @ 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
- 21 - 25 pay 5 @ 32%, 25%, 18%, 15%, 10%
- 26 - 30 pay 6 @ 32%, 24%, 18%, 12%, 9%, 5%
- 31 + pay 7 @ 28%, 22%, 17%, 12%, 9%, 7%, 5%

- c. 5D Open Barrel Class

(American West Payout)

The total point show fees will be divided:

- 27% to the 1st division (the fastest time)
- 23% to the 2nd division (1/2 second off fastest time)
- 19% to the 3rd division (1 second off fastest time)
- 17% to the 4th division (1 ½ second off fastest time)
- 14% to the 5th division (2 seconds off fastest time)

Of Contestants-Places-Percent

- 1-20 pay 1 @ 60%, 40%
- 21-40 pay 3 @ 50%, 30%, 20%
- 41-80 pay 4 @ 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
- 81-150 pay 5 @ 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%
- 151-200 pay 6 @ 28%, 22%, 18%, 14%, 10%, 8%
- 201+ pay 8 @ 24%, 18%, 15%, 12%, 10%, 8%, 7%, 6%

- d. 3D Juniors, 3D Youth, 3D Adults, 3D Senior and 3D Pole Classes
(NBHA Payout)

The total point show fees will be divided:

- 50% to the 1st division (the fastest time)
- 30% to the 2nd division (1 second off the fastest time)
- 20% to the 3rd division (2 seconds off the fastest time)

Of Contestants-Places-Percent

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

2. Entry Fees

- Exhibitions \$5
- Future Champions \$25 (\$15 retained for awards) \$5 payout
- 3D Juniors \$35 (\$12 retained for awards) 67% payout
- 3D Youth \$35 (\$12 retained for awards) 67% payout
- 3D Adult \$35 (\$12 retained for awards) 67% payout
- 3D Senior \$35 (\$12 retained for awards) 67% payout
- Novice Classes \$35 (\$12 retain for award) 67% payout
- 5D Combined \$40 (\$8 retained for awards) 80% payout
- 3D Poles \$35 (\$9 retained for awards) 75% payout.

3. Office Fees

- a. A \$5 office fee will be charged to each rider. This income will pay the secretary's salary, or will go towards office supplies, awards, diesel fuel or however the board sees necessary.
- b. A \$5 office fee will be charged to each rider that draws out from race after books close. Refer to Section E. Pre-Entries (3).

D. Maximum Expenditure

BBRA will attempt to obtain donated arenas for point shows. Approved financial reports will be available at each point show. The BOD will have a planning meeting annually after the general election. The BOD will review the upcoming year's schedule, expenditures and rules associated with the BBRA. The BOD must approve all expenses. No member or Board Member may incur an expense on behalf of the BBRA without prior approval from the BOD or general membership. The BBRA is a non-profit organization and must adhere to all rules and regulations including but not limited to expenditures. Members, Officers, and Directors cannot benefit from the revenues, contributions, and expenditures of the BBRA. All services are volunteer and cannot receive a salary or reimbursement. Only services approved by the BOD can be paid to a member, non-member, or contracted services.

E. *Website/Newsletter*

A Newsletters will only be mailed Quarterly upon written request of member. The website will list approved point shows, current standings, donations and point show results. The website address is www.bluebonnetbarrelracindassoc.com and Facebook can be found under BBRA. Personal/Classified ads are available to members for \$5 with a 20-word limit (non-members \$10) plus five cents per additional word per issue.

Business card ads are available for \$10 per issue. Non-members may be placed on the mailing list and receive newsletters for \$15 per year.

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

F. Pre-Entries

1. Once you have pre-entered you may not change your run number. Point show secretary will try to accommodate to the best of his/her ability especially for riders with multiple horses. If Member wants to release one number and get a different one; one entry fee must be paid for each number and the released number can be re-sold. The additional fees will be considered a donation alternating between classes. The Wednesday prior to the point show between the hours of 7-9pm will be a call day for those that do not have internet access and/or acceptable computer software to use the online entry form.
2. If you Pre-Enter and are a NO SHOW 3 times and do not pay your fees you cannot pre enter for the rest of that year.
3. If you pre-entered and draw a horse out after the Friday Noon deadline before the race you will be charged a five dollar (\$5.00) fine. You will have to pay this fine before you are able to race.

G. Substitute Rider

If a member has a medical issue preventing them from riding per Board approval, the following applies:

1. Horse Based Categories (Open, Novice, Poles)
 - a. Another paid member can ride horses entered.
 - b. The member requiring a substitute may not ride any other horses during that race.
2. Rider Age Based Categories (Future Champions, Juniors, Youth, Adult and Seniors)
 - a. No substitutions are allowed as it is specifically rider based.

H. Concession Stand

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

SECTION II FINALS

A. Finals

1. The Finals will be held at the end of the year, will be open to members in good standings (see section III A and B) and non-members. Points at the Finals will be included for year-end awards.
2. **Formal western attire is recommended, but not mandatory for the Finals.**
3. Finals attendance is not mandatory as long as a member is in good standings.
Member must have someone present to work for their one work point and must have someone present to accept year-end awards.
4. To be in good standing:

- a. Individual Memberships and the “Primary” member of a Family Membership must have fulfilled 15 work points and “each additional” member in a Family Membership must have fulfilled 10 work points by the conclusion of the point show before the finals.
- b. Members not fulfilling their work points by the conclusion of the point show before the finals will still be able to compete but for money only, NOT for points and NOT for awards.
- c. Earn at least one work point at the Finals if the BBRA member decides to compete at the Finals, that work point will count towards next year requirements.

B. Awards

1. There will be awards given in each category purchased by the income from the point shows. Year-end awards for all classes will be based on 20% of class participation and/or available association funds.
2. Saddles awarded in each class will be based on income raised by that class or donations. Saddle sponsors must be received by June 1st.

C. Eligibility for Awards

- Open, Novice & Poles – The HORSE must compete in a minimum of six (6) point shows.
- Juniors, Youth, Adult, and Senior - The RIDER must compete in a minimum of six (6) point shows.
- The rider must compete in a minimum of five (5) point shows combined for Future Champs.
- Must be a member in good standing prior the year-end finals to be eligible for awards.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Conclusion

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

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

