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# Billings Barrel Racing Series

Rule Book

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## CLASS DIVISIONS

1. Class Divisions
  - 1.1. The BBRs will consist of six (6) divisions.
    - 1.1.1. **Platinum Division:** 1st tier competition horse who typically runs within half a second of the winning time at a local jackpot barrel race, rodeo horse caliber.
    - 1.1.2. **Gold Division:** 2nd tier competition horse who typically runs a half second slower than the winning time at a local jackpot barrel race, on average places in 2D.
    - 1.1.3. **Silver Division:** 3rd tier competition horse who typically runs one second slower than the winning time at a local jackpot barrel race, on average places in the 3D.
    - 1.1.4. **Bronze Division:** 4th tier competition horse who typically runs two (2) or more seconds slower than the winning time at a local jackpot barrel race, on average places in the 4 or 5D.
    - 1.1.5. **Diamond (in the rough) Division:** amateur horse that has never been entered in a barrel race nor won money prior to May 1 of the current competition year.
    - 1.1.6. **Quartz Division:** novice rider that has not won more than \$500 in their lifetime prior to May 1 of the current competition year.
  - 1.2. These divisions are subject to change each year.

## MEMBERSHIP RULES & GUIDELINES

2. Membership
  - 2.1. Only Members are allowed horseback at BBRs events.
    - 2.1.1. Membership fees are \$35.00 for an adult or youth.
    - 2.1.2. Membership includes one (1) nominated horse.
    - 2.1.3. Additional nominated horses will cost \$10.00 per horse.
    - 2.1.4. Non-competing membership is \$20.00 for an adult or youth. This permits the member to be horseback at events, complete time only runs, and voting privileges.
      - 2.1.4.1. No refunds of the membership fee will be given.
  - 2.2. A participant must be a member of the BBRs.
  - 2.3. A non-member may compete and/or exhibition for an additional \$10.00 fee per event.
  - 2.4. The Release and Agreement Not to Sue must be signed and is a requirement as a member or non-member to compete and/or complete time only runs.

## NOMINATIONS

3. Nominations
  - 3.1. Any horse may compete at the BBRs events.
  - 3.2. A person (owner, rider, member, non-member) may nominate more than one (1) horse to any division.
  - 3.3. No nominations will be accepted prior to May 1. After nomination, the horse may compete anywhere and will remain in the nominated division.
  - 3.4. If the horse is not registered with a breed organization, an age will be documented and the horse must have a complete description, including any brands and markings with location(s).

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- 3.5. A horse shall be nominated in only one of the following six divisions: Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Diamond and Quartz.
- 3.6. Payment must accompany the nomination form in order for the nomination to be accepted.
- 3.7. No refunds for the nomination fee will be given.
- 3.8. Once a horse is nominated to a division, it will remain in that division for the entire season unless a change is deemed appropriate and approved by the Board of Directors.
  - 3.8.1. If a horse wins their division by one-half (1/2) a second or greater at two consecutive races, the rider will be moved up a division. Points earned up to that date will be carried with the horse.
- 3.9. Once a horse is nominated, no other horse may be substituted for the originally nominated horse.
- 3.10. Nominations into a division are based on a horse-rider combination. A horse may only be nominated one (1) time per season. This nomination qualifies this specific horse-rider combination for points towards year-end awards. If an additional/alternate rider is to ride an already nominated horse, then this additional combination is not eligible to accrue points or year-end awards.
- 3.11. The Board of Directors and Officers will follow the inquiry procedure for any questions pertaining to improper nomination of a horse to a division.
- 3.12. If a horse/rider runs in the wrong division (Diamond and/or Quartz), the horse will be removed from that division.
- 3.13. If a member feels another contestant competed in the wrong division (Diamond and/or Quartz), you must submit a discrepancy form (found on BBRS website) to the board before the next event, or results will stand.

## RACE RULES & GUIDELINES

### ENTRIES

4. Entries
  - 4.1. Each horse will be allowed one (1) run per night.
  - 4.2. If a rider has more than one (1) horse entered within the same division, the rider will draw for the first horse and the second horse will drop to the last entry in the division.
  - 4.3. Once a contestant pays their entry, it shall not be refunded.
    - 4.3.1. Exception only when there are less than two entries for a division.

### DRAW

5. Draw
  - 5.1. There must be at least two (2) entries in a division for the barrel race to be held.

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### FEES

#### 6. Fees

6.1. Distribution of fees is as follows:

Class	Entry Fee	Distribution of Fees			
		Jackpot	Arena	BBRS	Event Sec.
Platinum	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Gold	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Silver	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Bronze	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Quartz	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Diamond	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Time Only	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$0.00
Special Events	(finals) To Be Announced				

6.2. The Ground Rake (tractor) fee is \$75.00 per event. The additional arena/rake fees are paid out of the membership fees and office charges.

### PAYOUT

#### 7. Payout

7.1. Series race payout is as follows:

Payout		
# of Entries	Places	Percentages
3 and Under	1	100%
4 - 7	2	60 - 40%
8 - 11	3	50 - 30 - 20%
12 - 15	4	40 - 30 - 20 - 10%
16 - 19	5	37 - 27 - 19 - 10 - 7%
20 - 28	6	36 - 26 - 17.5 - 9 - 6.5 - 5%

7.2. Finals payout will follow the same format as the regular season.

7.3. Finals payout is as follow:

Class	Added Money	Entry Fee	Distribution of Fees					
			Jackpot	Average	Arena	Ground	BBRS	Event Sec.
Platinum	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$9.00	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Gold	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$9.00	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Silver	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$9.00	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Bronze	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$9.00	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Quartz	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$9.00	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Diamond	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$9.00	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

7.4. Added money in finals will be \$50.00 per division: \$20.00 to each go (finals 1 & finals 2) and \$10.00 to the average.

### TIME ONLY RUNS

8. Only members may purchase time only runs. Non-members may purchase time only runs with a \$10.00 non-member fee per race.

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### YEAR-END AWARDS

9. YEAR-END AWARDS vary from year to year and are dependent upon money raised through nomination fees, memberships and sponsors.
- 9.1. Total points earned throughout the BBRS season will determine year-end standings.
- 9.1.1. Only points earned at BBRS events will be counted for year-end awards.
- 9.2. Points will be tabulated beginning on the date of nomination.
- 9.3. Points will only be awarded to nominated horses at each race
- 9.3.1. If a non-nominated horse places in the top 10, points will skip that horse and be carried down to the next nominated horse.
- 9.4. Points will be earned as follows:

Placing	Points Earned
1st Place	10 Points
2nd Place	9 Points
3rd Place	8 Points
4th Place	7 Points
5th Place	6 Points
6th Place	5 Points
7th Place	4 Points
8th Place	3 Points
9th Place	2 Points
10th Place	1 Point

- 9.5. A nominated horse must compete in a minimum of 50% of the series events (including the finals) in order to be eligible for year-end awards.
- 9.5.1. The only exception to this rule is an injury to the nominated horse or rider of said horse.
- 9.5.1.1. Requirements for an exemption of the 50% rule are:  
 (horse) a veterinarian's signature will be required confirming the reported injury. If a nominated horse is injured and cannot run for a period of time, a veterinarian's release must be received by the Board of Directors before additional money can be awarded to that horse.  
 (rider) A physician's release upon returning to run his/her nominated horse.
- 9.6. The owner/rider on record at the time of nomination shall receive any year-end awards won by the nominated horse.
- 9.7. Award Details:
- Saddle(s):** Saddles may be awarded dependent upon money raised. If only one saddle is awarded, it will be drawn for by the leading point earners of each division at the awards ceremony and be presented to the nominated horse's owner/rider.
- Top 10 (or less/more) awards:** given to the top over-all points earned by year-end.
- Horse of the Year:** This award is determined by a membership vote (one vote per member). Ballots will be distributed approximately two weeks prior to the finals. Votes are counted and the winner will be announced at the awards ceremony. Horse must have attended 50 % of the events to be eligible for this award. The owner of the horse may not vote for their own horse.
- Rookie of the Year:** This award will go to a first time BBRS member that has earn the most



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points. They must have attended 50% of the events to receive this award.

**Division Awards:** These vary from year to year.

- 9.8. The awards ceremony will be held one week after the finals or at the earliest convenient time after the finals.

### GENERAL RULES

#### Responsibilities of the BBRs Board

10. The BBRs Board is responsible for the following:

- 10.1. To provide the membership forms, nomination/registration forms, entry forms, bylaws and the rules and guidelines.
- 10.2. To keep the earnings standings and give out any awards.
- 10.3. To provide any added money, year-end or monthly awards.
- 10.4. To have in their possession a copy of the equine law and risk/safety alerts.
- 10.5. To make mandatory announcements as to safety procedures and warnings.
- 10.6. To carry a liability insurance policy.

#### Responsibilities of the BBRs Members

11. The BBRs Members are responsible for the following:

- 11.1. To follow the rules and guidelines set up by the BBRs and the official rulebook, which shall be the WPRA rulebook (where applicable).
- 11.2. Seven to eight members (when possible) will sign up to work each weekly event.

#### Responsibilities of the Arena

12. The arena has a responsibility to provide and condition the arena as well as provide a tractor with operator to rake approximately every five (5) runs.

#### Event Guidelines

13. Event Guidelines are for arenas to be used to ensure safe and fair competition for all contestants and their animals.

- 13.1. The WPRA rulebook is considered the official rulebook to be consulted in resolving any questions or disputes.
- 13.2. The officers and board members of the BBRs will supervise the BBRs and their decisions shall be final.
- 13.3. One electronic timer will be used at each race. Flagmen will be used at the discretion of the arena committee if the timer fails 5 times during a race.
- 13.4. Rainouts: Makeup events will be left to the discretion of the board of directors.
- 13.5. Barrel races may be held on weekends during school months. Sundays are preferred. No runs will be held on holidays.

#### Race Rules

14. Race Rules

- 14.1. There is to be only one contestant and one horse in the arena at a time during the barrel race, without exception.
- 14.2. The arena gate will remain the same throughout the entire barrel race.
- 14.3. The Start/Finish line MUST BE THE SAME.
- 14.4. Any time the contestant crosses the starting line, the time will begin.
- 14.5. The Start/Finish line and the position for the barrels must be marked permanently for the entire barrel race.

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- 14.6. Contestants will be assessed a five-second penalty for knocking over a barrel. Touching a barrel is permitted.
- 14.7. Should a barrel be knocked over and it sets up on its opposite end, the five-second penalty will be assessed.
- 14.8. If a flag judge is necessary, the flag judge should flag each contestant's horse's nose at the start/finish line (nose in / nose out).
- 14.9. Should the barrels not be placed on the markers or the flagman is not in the correct place, things must be put in the correct order and all contestants who ran on the incorrect course must be rerun with no penalties assessed.
- 14.10. Contestant will be disqualified for the missing pattern, consisting of a cloverleaf pattern around the barrels of one right and two left turns or vice versa.
- 14.11. Disqualification consists of turning a barrel twice or crossing the finish line, prior to completion of run.
- 14.12. If a horse falls or similar incident occurs, contestant cannot have a rerun.
- 14.13. No contestant will be allowed a practice run once the barrel race has started.
- 14.14. Prior to the weekly barrel races, the barrels shall not be set on the stakes or markers.
- 14.15. If for any reason a time is missed, a rerun will be given.
- 14.16. The barrel pattern shall be marked using the standard pattern measurements (attached). In an arena where these measurements cannot be followed, the measurements for smaller arenas will be used as per the WPRA rulebook (attached).
- 14.17. The barrels shall be INSIDE CENTER of the markers.
- 14.18. Rake: The arena will be raked at intervals specified by the arena director and/or her/his representative irregardless of the beginning and/or end of each division to allow for more efficient use of time and resources.

### Event Equipment

#### 15. Event Equipment

- 15.1. Equipment necessary: Complete electric eye timer. During FINALS: Two timers will be used.
- 15.2. If the electric timer fails to operate, a rerun will be given.
- 15.3. Read out box times must be read and recorded by official timer. One timer will record the times that appear on the electric eye controlled readout. Additional timers will operate the back-up time shown. The official time will be RECORDED IN 1000's.
- 15.4. Flag judge in the barrel race (if used) should not leave her/his position at any time. Whenever manual times are used, record the times in 10's, two watches must be used and the times averaged.

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### WPRA Rule for Smaller than Standard Size Arenas

(excerpt from 2010 WPRA Rules)

1. The following shall be used in smaller arenas.
2. Barrels one (1) and two (2) should be at least eighteen (18) feet from the sides of the arena. In extra small arenas they may be less. In no instance should they be any closer than fifteen (15) feet from the sides of the arena.
3. Barrel three should be no closer than twenty five (25) feet to the end of the arena.
4. Barrel pattern should be situated in such a manner as is centered to the gate with the first and second barrel equal distance from the gate.
5. If arena size permits, a standard pattern should be set and no larger.
6. In small arenas, it is recommended the pattern be reduced proportionately to a standard barrel pattern. By no means shall the stopping distance be less than forty five (45) feet.
7. A "run out" alley may be included as part of the stopping distance, when necessary, or when the overall length of the arena does not allow for forty five (45) feet stopping distance. Decision is subject to Director Approval. An open gate into a "safe" alley may be used as part of the forty five (45) feet stopping distance when necessary and upon Director approval. A "safe" alley must be a minimum of ten (10) feet wide, meaning that there will be a minimum of ten (10) feet between any obstructions in the alley. Alley way and any subsequent crossbars must be a minimum of twelve (12) feet high. Any bars, boards, wires or cords crossing the alley floor must be covered with dirt. The alley must be well lit, free of people and horses and have a dirt floor. The stopping distance in the alley must be at least as long as the stopping distance provided in the arena.

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## Barrel Pattern

### STANDARD BARREL PATTERN TO BE USED IN ALL SERIES BARREL RACES

