



Midwest Barrel Racing Association Rules and Regulations (MBRA)

2016

The purpose of MBRA is to promote equine activity in the Midwest area,
to encourage diversification of both the person and the horse by participation in more events,
to broaden all scopes of ability and to meet the needs of sports minded people

Officers and Board of Directors:

1. The officers of the MBRA will consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary/Point Recorders. There will also be a Board of Directors, comprised of 4 individuals.
2. The Officers and Board of Directors will assist in the general operation and promotion of the association. Officers/Directors will also help coordinate and secure the year-end awards. No decisions should be solely made by one or two officers but should be jointly made by all Officers/Directors to encourage fairness to all members represented.
3. The MBRA Officers/Directors cannot be held responsible for any and all claims of action for injury to the member or his/her horse or any and all loss of damage to member's personal property. A signed liability waiver is required from all participants.

Officers Roles and Responsibilities:

President:

The President will preside at all meetings and perform duties necessary to maintain the proper administration functions of the association. The Officers are responsible for sending communications and scheduling all activities pertaining to the association.

Vice President:

The Vice-President will preside at any meeting or function in the event the President is unable to do so. The Vice-President will be responsible for assisting the President and other officers in their duties as needed.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer will have custody of the funds accounting to all members and directors at each meeting. The books will be subject to audit at any time. She/he is to furnish a monthly income statement for the newsletter.

Secretary/Points Recorder:

The Secretary/Points Recorder will be responsible the following items:

1. Meeting minutes
2. Printing of the newsletters, show bills, advertising
-Newsletters should be published no later than the 10th day of the month and be made available to the members at the jackpots, by email, or by mail.
3. Keeping an accurate mailing list of members.
4. Updated work list available, point standings, and monies won for all MBRA jackpots.
-This information should be available at each MBRA show for members to review.

Election of Officers:

Officers will be elected by secret ballot or show of hands at the election meeting. Officers will be elected by a majority vote of members present and will hold office for one year. Nominations will be accepted from any member in good standing. Members nominated for office must be present in order to be included in the vote.

Membership Dues and Responsibilities:

The MBRA year begins January 1st and ends December

1. Annual dues for membership are as follows:

Single: \$40 per year. A single membership is only one person

Family: \$60 per year. A family membership is your spouse and any member of the same household 18 years or younger.

2. For safety of the members, horses, and spectators, any horse or rider showing lack of control or inability to stop may be asked to discontinue competition at MBRA functions by the officers of the MBRA. For the safety of all participants and spectators, horses that kick will be required to have a red ribbon tied in their tail at all times.
3. Any and all "unsportsmanlike" conduct that reflects badly upon MBRA, its members, Officers, or directors will not be allowed. In the event that a member has a problem, or an issue, it should be reported to an Officer, or Board member of MBRA. The Officers and Board members will act fairly in MBRA's and everyone's best interest to alleviate or remedy the problem. **SPORTSMANSHIP IS MOST IMPORTANT**
4. Electronic devices, including but not limited to, cell phones, stopwatches, timers, etc., shall not be utilized by any racers, whether a member or non-member, directly or indirectly, through a family member, friend or coach in order to speed up or slowdown in an attempt to place in a particular division. Any member or non-member observed by an officer or Board member violating this rule will be asked to leave immediately; and, if a member, any and all points for the day will be forfeited.

Member Meetings and Rule Amendments:

1. Any meetings held to conduct business of MBRA must be written and published to the general membership in the monthly newsletter to constitute as legal business. There will be at least 2 general membership meetings during each year.
2. The President may call an officers and board member meeting at any time. Any general membership request to hold a meeting must be submitted directly to the President.
3. The rules and regulations of MBRA may be amended at the general membership meeting by a majority of the members present, including those voting by proxy. Prior notice to all members should be given before an election of officers.
4. Any proposed amendment to the by-laws may also be petitioned in writing to the President signed by a simple majority of the members of which $\frac{3}{4}$ of the petitioners must be senior setting forth the proposed amendment.
5. Amendments and rule changes will become effective as of the date of the meeting, and will remain in effect through the end of the year December 31st.

General Show Information, Scheduling/Cancellation, and Weather Concerns:

1. The MBRA Officers will schedule shows throughout the term of the year to achieve the maximum amount of participation for all members. The MBRA maintains that once a shows time and location are publicized, the time and/or location cannot be changed, except for inclement weather or safety concerns for participants.
2. The MBRA maintains that the temperature must be 35 degrees and rising by the start before the show can be held. If the temperature is not 35 degrees by the start time, the jackpot must be cancelled.
3. MBRA show classes and entry fees will consist of the following:

Warm up Barrels	\$3.00 each	Warm Up Poles	\$3.00 each
Open 4-D Barrels	\$20.00 each	PeeWee Poles	\$5.00 each
Lead Line Barrels	\$3.00 each	Open 3-D Poles	\$15.00 each
PeeWee Barrels	\$5.00 each	Youth 3-D Poles	\$10.00 each
Youth 3-D Barrels	\$12.00 each		

- No entries for Open 4-D Barrels or Youth 3-D Barrels will be accepted after the first contestant runs. No entries for Open 3-D Poles or Youth 3-D Poles will be accepted after the first contestant runs.
- Payback is awarded on 80% of the total paid entry fees **per class**. All contestants, whether a member or non-member, shall pay all entry fees for races/shows in **CASH ONLY**. Checks will not be accepted for entry fees - NO EXCEPTIONS.
- No refunds** will be made on paid entry fees unless injury or illness to the horse or rider occurs.
- If a member or non-member rider has sustained an injury that required emergency medical attention at any event prior to the MBRA event, a physician's release will be required before the rider is permitted to compete or participate in any MBRA event.
- If an individual writes the MBRA an insufficient check, they will be contacted by an MBRA Officer. The person will be informed that they must bring the amount of the bad check plus a fee of \$25.00 in cash to the next MBRA jackpot or the MBRA Treasurer and will not be allowed to compete at a MBRA jackpot until the insufficient check issue resolved.
- Payment of an Office Charge is required for all entries, with exception of Lead Line. The charge is as follows:

\$5 for outdoor arenas	\$6 for indoor arenas
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- Only members will be allowed to work in the "office" during a show or race.

Dress Code for Shows:

The MBRA maintains that participants wear boots or heel down type tennis shoes. Footwear must have a heel. No regular tennis style footwear will be allowed. This applies to **ALL** contestants in **ALL** age divisions.

Year End Awards:

The MBRA year begins January 1st and ends December 31st – Points are accumulated during this period.

- Points earned from competing and worked show credits will determine end of the year award winners. In the event of a points tie, monies won will determine the winner.
- Awards are designated by the number of placing's in the standings, and will depend upon the number of qualifying contestants in each event during the year. See Member Point Accumulation for details.
- The value of the awards will depend on financial condition of the association at the year's end. All members (including officers), are encouraged to seek donations of items, including "horse/barrel racing type items" for raffle during the show year. These items will be used for additional funding to go towards the purchase of the year end awards.
- Members receiving year-end awards should be present at the awards ceremony or designate a proxy to accept the award. The member must notify any MBRA officer of the proxy prior to the event and receiving the award.

Worked Shows:

1. All MBRA members/family must work a minimum of eight shows to be eligible for year-end awards.
2. The member is required to visit the office on the date of the event and confirm receipt of credit for working.
3. If a member is a contestant in a class and has committed to also working that same class, it will count only as one half of a show credit unless the member has a pre-registered or pre-authorized "fill in" for the time while they are competing.
4. Members that provide a tractor for use during a show will receive credit for that show as a worked show. Any arena sponsorships obtained by members must have MBRA Officer and Board of Director approval prior to show scheduling. **For safety of the members and horses, anyone hosting a jackpot must have the arena sufficiently disked. If the arena/ground is not considered safe the jackpot may be cancelled at the discretion of MBRA Officers and Board of Directors.**
5. Members may exercise a "buyout" of show points, to still be eligible for year-end awards. A single membership buyout will be \$50. A family membership buyout will be \$75.
6. Worked show points will accumulate as follows:

Barrels:

Barrel Set-Up		2 points
Barrel Warm Ups	Entire Session	5 points
Lead Line or Pee Wee Barrel Classes	1 – 5 entries	1 point / per barrel monitored
	6-10 entries	2 points / per barrel monitored
Open 4D or Youth 3D Barrel Classes	1 – 5 entries	1 point / per barrel monitored
	6-10 entries	2 points / per barrel monitored
	11-15 entries	3 points / per barrel monitored
	16-20 entries	4 points / per barrel monitored
	21 or more entries	5 points / per barrel monitored
Barrel Clean-up / Tear down		2 points

Poles:

Pole Set-up/ Clean-up and Warm Ups	Entire Session	5 points
Open 3D or Youth 3D Pole Classes	1 – 5 entries	1 point / per pole monitored
	6-10 entries	2 points / per pole monitored

Office:

Registration Desk	5 points
Payouts / Payout Assist	5 points / 3 points
Timer / Announcer	5 points
Registration Set-up / Take Down / Clean Up	5 points

Member Point Accumulation:

The age group class will have a cap of 10 points. The number of entries in the class determines the number of points awarded, not to exceed 10 points. ***If there are 30 entries, the maximum number of points awarded for first will be 10. If there are 5 entries the maximum number of points awarded for first will be 5 points.***

1 st place = 10 points	6 th place = 5 points
2 nd place = 9 points	7 th place = 4 points
3 rd place = 8 points	8 th place = 3 points
4 th place = 7 points	9 th place = 2 points
5 th place = 6 points	10 th place = 1 point

However, there are two exceptions:

1. In the event that a non-member places above a member, the member moves up and receives those points.

Example: 10 Entries in class:

- 1st place is a member. Member receives 10 points.
- 2nd place is a non-member. No points given.
- 3rd place is a member. Member receives 9 points
- 4th place is a member. Member receives 8 points.

2. If a member rides two horses in the PeeWee, Youth or Open classes, the member is awarded the highest points and the second set of points are thrown out and not awarded.

Example: 10 Entries in class:

- 1st place is a member. Member receives 10 points.
- 2nd place is a member on Horse "A". Member receives 9 points.
- 3rd place is a member. Member receives 8 points.
- 4th place is a member on Horse "B". No points are given.
- 5th place is a member. Member receives 7 points.

BARREL RACING GENERAL RULES

1. For the purposes of Age Division classes a contestant's age will be determined as of January 1.
2. Barrel racing is a timed event. Time will begin and end when the horse's nose crosses the starting line. In the event that our time source fails, the contestant will be granted a re-run.
3. The barrels should be at least 15 feet from the fence, the score line 60 feet from the 1st and 2nd barrels, 90 feet from the 1st barrel to the 2nd barrel, and 105 feet from the middle distance to the 1st, to the 2nd barrel. If the arena size does not permit these specifications, measurements in proportion to the size of the arena will be marked off. The starting line may be shortened to allow enough room to start and stop the contestant's horse.
4. Barrels will be staked or markers on the fence must be used to ensure the placement of the barrels remain the same for all competitors. Barrels are to be set inside the stakes.
5. A broken barrel pattern (a failure to complete the cloverleaf pattern) will result in a no time.
6. In the event that the time fails after a completed pattern, the contestant will be issued a re-run. If there was no penalty, the re-run will be considered a clean and penalty free run. In the event that a contestant has a penalty on their original run, the penalty will be carried over to the re-run.
7. A horse can only be entered one time in a barrel class with the exception of the PeeWee rule.

Warm-Up Barrels Rules:

1. There is a time limit of 60 seconds set for warm-up barrels. Any contestant, excluding PeeWee riders, going over 60 seconds will be charged an additional warm-up fee. Any additional warm-up fees must be paid prior to any competition in ANY class.

Lead Line Rules:

1. Lead Line class will be for children ages 6 and under who will be led around the barrels by another party. Participants of the Lead Line Class are ineligible to compete in PeeWee Barrels.
2. There will be no arena charge for a lead line contestant if a family member of said contestant is entering at least one other class at the show.
3. There will be **no** payback for the lead line class though each contestant will receive either \$1, or a small prize at each show. Prizes are purchased at the President's discretion.
4. Lead line contestants will qualify for year-end awards. Year-end awards are determined by participation, and are not point based.

Pee Wee Class Rules:

1. Ages 12 and under. Participants of the PeeWee class are ineligible to compete in the Youth 3-D barrels.
2. Point standings will be kept on the rider (not the horse and rider combination) in the age division classes.
3. PeeWee Barrels **ONLY**: If a family has more than one pee-wee rider but only one horse, then they can compete on the same horse in the peewee class.
4. A knocked down barrel will result in a 5 second penalty.

Open 4-D Barrels:

1. There will be a ½ second split between 1-D and 2-D; a ½ second split between 2-D and 3-D; and a 1 second split between 3-D and 4-D. [½, ½, 1]
2. If specified upon entry, the contestant may carry their Open 4-D time through to the Youth 3-D. Paid entry for both classes is required.
3. A horse can only be entered once in the Open 4-D. **It is not allowed** for a horse to be entered by 2 family members in Open 4-D.
4. Points will be kept on each horse/rider combination. A contestant may enter more than one horse with the points accumulating on each horse they ride.
5. Numbers drawn upon entering the Open 4-D are assigned to a specific horse. The horse ran under the assigned number must match the Open 4-D entry sheet.
6. In the event of the sale of the horse, the buyer must have a current MBRA membership for the points to stay with the horse.
7. In the event of a hardship, a family member may ride a horse in the Open class in lieu of the original rider, once approved by MBRA Officers.
8. A knocked down barrel will result in a no time. A broken pattern (a failure to complete a cloverleaf pattern) will result in a no time.
9. The payoff will be as follows:
 - 1-D 35%
 - 2-D 27%
 - 3-D 23%
 - 4-D 15%

Junior Horse Side Pot:

1. If specified upon entry, a contestant may enter the Junior Horse Side Pot. Entries must be paid for both the Open 4-D and the Junior Horse Side Pot. The Open 4-D time the contestant runs will be used to determine the placing in the Junior Horse.
2. Horse must be 5 years of age or under. A copy of the registration papers or a vet statement is required.
3. A Jr. Horse Nomination Form and proof of age must be submitted along with a \$10 nomination fee.
4. Points will be awarded for the Jr. Horse barrels based on the number of contestants in that class up to a maximum of 10 points.

Youth 3-D Barrels (17 & Under):

1. There will be a 1 second split between each of the 3 divisions.
2. If specified upon entry, the contestant may carry their Open 4-D time through to the Youth 3-D. Paid entry for both classes is required.
3. A horse can only be entered once in the Youth 3-D. **It is not allowed** for a horse to be entered by 2 family members in Youth 3-D.

4. All points will be combined and counted toward year-end awards, regardless of what division they are earned in.
5. Points will be kept on each horse/rider combination. A contestant may enter more than one horse with the points accumulating on each horse they ride.
6. Numbers drawn upon entering the Open 3-D are assigned to a specific horse. The horse ran under the assigned number must match the Open 3-D entry sheet.
7. In the event of the sale of the horse, the buyer must have a current MBRA membership for the points to stay with the horse.
8. In the event of a hardship, a family member may ride a horse in the Open class in lieu of the original rider, once approved by MBRA Officers.
9. A knocked down barrel will result in a no time. A broken pattern (a failure to complete a cloverleaf pattern) will result in a no time.
10. The payoff will be as follows:
 - 1-D 45%
 - 2-D 30%
 - 3-D 25%

POLE BENDING GENERAL RULES

1. Pole bending is a timed event that will begin and end when the horse's nose crosses the starting line. In the event that the time source fails, the contestant will be granted a re-run.
2. Poles should be placed 21 feet apart and the first pole should be 21 feet from the starting line. Poles will be set on top of the ground and be 6 feet in height.
3. In the event that a contestant has a clean run and both time sources fail, the contestant will be issued a re-run. In the event that a penalty is assessed on the re-run, the run will be considered a clean and penalty free run.
4. In the event that a contestant has a penalty on a run and both time sources fail, the contestant will be issued a re-run. The penalty from the original run will be carried over to the re-run.
5. A horse can only be entered one time in a pole class.

Pee Wee Class Rules:

1. Ages 12 and under. Participants of the PeeWee class are ineligible to compete in the Youth 3-D Poles.
2. For the purposes of Age Division classes a contestant's age will be determined as of January 1. The contestant must compete in the age division throughout the MBRA year.
3. PeeWee Poles **ONLY**: If a family has more than one pee-wee rider but only one horse, then they can compete on the same horse in the peewee class.
4. A knocked down pole will result in a 5 second penalty.
5. Points will be awarded for the PeeWee poles based on the number of contestants in that class up to a maximum of 10 points.

Open 3-D Pole Bending Rules:

1. Open 3-D poles will be 2 second splits between each division. If a pole is knocked down, it will result in a no time. If the pattern is broken, it will also result in a no time.
2. If specified upon entry, the contestant may carry their Open 3-D time through to the Youth 3-D. Paid entry for both classes is required.
3. Open 3-D poles points are kept on the rider. Open 3-D will be combined from all 3 divisions. Points will be awarded 6 per division. A contestant's time must fall within the time range for the division to receive points.
4. The payout per division will be as follows:

1-D 50%
2-D 30%
3-D 20%

Youth 3-D Pole Bending Rules (17 & Under):

1. Youth 3-D poles will be 2 second splits between each division. If a pole is knocked down, it will result in a no time. If the pattern is broken, it will also result in a no time.

2. If specified upon entry, the contestant may carry their Open 3-D time through to the Youth 3-D. Paid entry for both classes is required.
3. Youth 3-D poles points are kept on the rider. Youth 3-D will be combined from all 3 divisions. Points will be awarded 6 per division. A contestant's time must fall within the time range for the division to receive points.
4. The payout per division will be as follows:
 - 1-D 50%
 - 2-D 30%
 - 3-D 20%