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## **RCBR BASIC RULES 2010**

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### **Riders it is your responsibility to read and understand the following rules of the club!**

This club was formed so that we could offer local barrel racers a place to compete at all levels of ability and speed and receive money and awards for their efforts. We also are here to ensure your safety and to oversee the entire event. Many times throughout the day, we make management decisions - and that is our right. We have always tried to be fair and make clear concise choices when making decisions. Most often, the decision is made by involving several people to come up with the most agreeable decision. As with any club or organization, we cannot please everyone, but we can please the majority. We put a lot of hours into this club for you and hope that you realize we are not prejudice against anyone, nor do we favor anyone. We treat everyone equal. We are human, and do make mistakes, and hope you realize that we want you to be safe and have fun at our events. Different situations come up all the time when we need to make an important decision. Please read the following rules as most of these are standard decisions that we have made in the past. Sometimes the situation varies, but for the most part, these rules have already been hashed out and discussed in length since many situations have arisen during our 10-year stint as well as our past experiences with other organizations. It is important that you understand these rules, so please, if you have any questions or need clarification, please call us. We are here to listen to you and value your input.

Co-Sanctioning – RCBR may co-sanction races with other associations, i.e. BRN Barrel Racers National, IBRA or WPRA. Events will be governed by the prime sanction rules, in this case RCBR.

#### **Qualifying for YEAR END Awards**

**To qualify for year end awards, each member must fulfill the following requirements per horse:**

- 1) Be a current 2010 member in good standing,**
- 2) Ride in 5 of the 8 point races for the season,**
- 3) Turn in a \$50 sponsorship before July 1st per horse, per division.**

Proper Riding Attire & Tack - Saddles, jeans and boots are required when riding with our club. No shorts or tennis shoes as there is a safety factor we must all consider. We encourage a western dress code as we usually have photographers at the races.

HELMETS – All children riding in a race under the age of 5 must wear a helmet. Includes the Youth or Pee Wee class.

Rider Behavior - All riders are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. Please be nice to your fellow riders and encourage others to do well. Use common sense and courtesy to others at our events. Riders using foul language, screaming, yelling, harassing, intimidating or making detrimental remarks to the club staff or about the club will be asked to leave without a refund. The RCBR has the right to refuse any membership or any entry!

Right to Refuse Entries - Our club has the right to refuse entry to anyone for any reason.

Bad Checks - If you know your check is going to bounce. CALL US. Don't wait for us to contact you. Anyone writing a check to our club that is returned by the bank for any reason will be assessed a \$25 fine and will be on a cash-only basis from then on. You will be put on the ineligible list for all clubs - NBHA, American West, PCBRA, BRN4D, IBRA, and ACBRA etc until your debt is paid. We work closely with all other barrel racing clubs/organizations and will also honor their "black lists". If you bounced a check with them and haven't paid for it yet, you will be required to pay what you owe them to us prior to you running at any of our functions. This includes debts also owed to our sponsors, vendors or photographer.

Downed Barrels - All barrels knocked down (down meaning they have touched the ground with another part of the barrel other than the bottom) - will receive a NO TIME and members will receive only 1 point for participating. We keep the time with a +5 to determine what division your 1 point will be assigned.

Points - Points are issued for everyone who shows up to the event and rides without getting disqualified. If you hit a barrel, you will receive 1 point. Points are totaled for all horse/rider combinations.

Re-Runs - Re-runs are offered in the event of a timer malfunction or ground hazard if deemed by show management. Rider has the option of riding at the end of a section before a drag, or at the end of the race. No refunds if you don't wish to re-run, unless the timer malfunctions twice. Also refer to **TIMER MALFUNCTIONS**.

Ground safety - Management reserves the right to offer re-runs if they deem the ground unsafe.

Timer Malfunctions - In the event of a timer malfunction, the rider will be given the option of a re-ride, but will carry over any penalty that may have been incurred during the original run. The re-run will be available at the end of a set, or the end of the event. There are no refunds for timer-malfunctions, unless the timer malfunctions twice.

Refunds - Refund only if the horse or rider are injured. Refunds will be issued in the form of a credit slip for entry fees only. No cash refunds for any reason! There are no refunds for grounds fees or for Time Onlys!

Pre-Entries - Pre-entries are encouraged to avoid long lines at sign-up time. Members may pre-enter by mail, phone, fax or email by the day before the race. You are responsible to check in at the race and for any entries if you are a late or no-show. If the privilege is abused it will be removed. In case of an emergency, you must cancel by phone no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the race or you are still responsible for the entry fees. Non-members may pre-enter BY MAIL ONLY and must be received the Friday before the race via U.S. mail only to the club's P.O. Box. Riders who turn in pre-entries will have premium draw numbers - provided that all information is filled out correctly, signed properly, and the full amount is enclosed with the entry. Otherwise, your paperwork will remain "undrawn" until you show up to fix your paperwork. Pre-entries work well for people that want to run and leave early. There are no pre-entries for Time Onlys. Those are on a first-come, first serve basis. At larger races we will limit the time onlys to 2 per rider.

Late Entries - Late entries are discouraged however accepted up until we start working on the payout. All late entries after we have done the draw will run at the bottom.

Payoff - All payoffs are by club checks. Payoffs are 70% of your entry fees (plus any added money) added broken down in percentages based on the number of riders. We use the America West pay-off program. If you are not present, checks will be mailed within 48 hours.

#### **Division 1 30% Division 2 27% Division 3 23% Division 4 20%**

For specific percentages see the pay scale below:

1 Place 100  
2 Places .60 .40  
3 Places .43 .33 .24  
4 Places .40 .30 .20 .10  
5 Places .33 .27 .20 .13 .07  
6 Places .28 .24 .19 .14 .09 .06  
7 Places .25 .21 .18 .14 .10 .07 .05  
8 Places .23 .19 .17 .14 .11 .07 .05 .04  
9 Places .21 .18 .16 .135 .11 .08 .05 .04 .035  
10 Places .20 .18 .15 .125 .10 .08 .06 .04 .035 .03

**UNEVEN PAYOFFS:** In the event that after the initial payout amounts have been figured, and there are not enough riders in a division to distribute the full places, the remaining places in that division will be divided back and given to the other riders in that division per the percentage payout shown above.

No-Times / Disqualifications - Any rider who goes off course or falls off before they have crossed the timer - will receive a No Time and will be disqualified. A downed barrel is also a no-time.

Entrance into the arena - Riders need to be aware of their surroundings coming in and out of the arena. This should be done with as much control as possible. If your horse sours, you will have about 2-3 minutes to get into the arena to make your run. No more than 2 circles before running. If you are not ready when your name is called, you can and may be turned out without a refund!!! If you need help by other riders to enter the arena, they must exit before you begin your run.

Exiting the arena - Be aware of your surroundings and exit the arena in complete control. Attempt to slow your horse after the timer, do not allow your horse "to stop on his own" because there is a fence or gate there.

When to ask questions - We are here to answer your questions about anything, HOWEVER there is a time and place for those. Think about your question before you ask it - we are extremely busy hosting these events and do not have time to sit down and discuss points, etc. Please contact us during the week to answer your questions - not at the race. Questions maybe asked during the drags - not while we are announcing riders into the arena. Please be patient and do not enter the booth for any reason. If we have someone able to leave their post (during a drag), then we will have them come to you. Please do not be offended if we need to ask you to leave the booth because we are busy! Email us at RCBRCclub@aol.com or call us at 888-653-9255

Time Onlys – Please be prepared with cash at the gate. Do not hold up other riders or the time onlys. Time onlys will be shut down once we have filled up the time allotted. We try to run everyone, but sometimes we need to stop them in order to start our race in a timely manner. Please arrive early if you want to get a time only. All time onlys will have a 60 second time limit. If you exceed this or abuse the privilege, you will be asked to leave the arena and you will be fined \$10!

SHARING HORSES: A horse may only be ridden once in a class. A single horse shall not be competed on more than 3 times in any one day. An exception to this rule would be a re-run due to ground or equipment malfunction.

Circling – Two (2) Circles are allowed prior to your run.

Schooling – There shall be no schooling during a jackpot. If your horse runs off course or misses the barrel you are NOT TO circle the barrel or go back on the pattern. A \$25 FINE WILL BE ASSESSED for each offense.

Picking Up Barrels & Resetting them - Members are asked to pick up barrels and reset them. Depending on the location of the marker, place the barrel back in the EXACT location it needs to be. THE MARKER should be set to the outside edge of the barrel. If in doubt, PLEASE ASK. Do not assume. Money & points are at stake and we want the same pattern for everyone.

Announcing - Announcing is a vital part of any barrel race. Make sure that you have the volume set and speak loudly and clearly. Call the rider up and the next three and when the drags are. Make sure to turn the microphone off in between runs. Pay attention to the arena, who's coming in, who's going out, the gate person, and especially the timer! It is your responsibility that the timer is set before the rider runs.

Course Measurements & Set-Up - Course measurements vary from arena to arena. Most courses have a 30'-60' score, with barrels 2 & 3 being 15' longer than the length between barrels 1 & 2. Members are encouraged to help set up the course prior to the race. It's a good way for you to become involved!

Tack & Equipment Malfunctions - If you have a tack problem before you run, you can either fix it within the 2-minute time frame to begin your run, or forfeit your draw position and run last. If you have a tack problem during your run that causes you a disqualification, you will not get a rerun.

CARRY OVERS – You may “carry over” your time from the open to the youth, novice or senior classes if stated on your entry and before the race begins. You run once in the open and your time is used for both classes. If you hit a barrel that “no time” is carried over.

Dogs - dogs must be kept tied up or on a leash. You are responsible for your dog! If your dog becomes a nuisance, or is found wandering around unattended the club or property owner has the right to dismiss you from the race - and your run will be forfeited!

Stallions and Unruly Horses - Please be aware of stallions at an event! These horses need extra space when warming up. Their "personal space" is larger than most and other riders need to be aware of this. Stay away from them - (especially if you own a mare.) If you own a horse that kicks... YOU MUST PUT A RED RIBBON ON ITS TAIL AND TIE YOUR HORSE AWAY FROM OTHER CONTESTANTS. You are responsible for anything that happens!!

Cruelty to Animals - Cruelty in any way - which includes excessive whipping, spurring or jerking - will not be tolerated during any event! You are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike conduct at all times and if not, you will be asked to leave the grounds. You will be disqualified and forfeit your entry and any points and you may have earned. This includes anyone with you, in or out of the arena. Respect your animals - please.

Parking - Please be courteous of others when you park. Make sure that how you park allows others to park around and near you safely. Please do not hog more than one space for your rig - your fellow rider wants a good spot too!

Disposal of Trash - Please be courteous of the grounds in which we hold events. Our club has an excellent reputation for leaving our facilities neat, clean and void of any trash. Help us keep it that way and dispose of any trash that you might use or find. Thank you!

Lost & Found - If you find an item that does not belong to you, please turn it in! Chances are someone has asked for it already- or will be requesting it from us soon. Imagine if you lost something important - you would hope someone would turn it in so that you could get it back. Please use the same courtesy. Please email the club if you have lost an item.

GENERAL DRESS CODE A formal dress code will not be enforced at every race, however we encourage you to dress appropriately as a photographer may be present at our jackpots. We usually take pictures of the winners each day. You must wear boots, no tennis shoes!

FORMAL DRESS CODE The formal dress code for events at public arenas or special events is as follows; hat or helmet, jeans, long sleeve shirt (western or otherwise), belt and boots.

CLUB COMPUTER The sign-ups will be done with a computer, so that the order of go, results, division break-ups, points and payouts will be done quickly and accurately. Normal order of go at our races will be Time Only, Open, Time Only, Youth, Novice, and Senior.

CLUB WEBSITE The club website is the best place to get up to date information about our races and where they will be. We also post the results of all our races within 24-48 hours and have other interesting tidbits on the site for your to view. Please check it out at [www.RCB4D.com](http://www.RCB4D.com)

HORSES NAME: If your horse is registered, it must used on your entry form. Points are calculated on a horse/rider combination.

PROTESTS: Riders who protest winnings or places or another rider must notify the booth immediately. You then have 48 hours to provide documentation to the board regarding the issue.

### HOW THE 4D FORMAT WORKS FOR DAILY PLACING:

All riders will sign up and run. Once the last rider has ridden, we then calculate the placing by the rider who rode the fastest time of the day. The fastest time of the day will determine the other divisions.

EXAMPLES:

OPEN , YOUTH, SENIOR			Time Cutoff	NOVICE UNDER \$200			Time Cutoff
1D	Fastest Time of the Day		17.827	1D	Fastest Time of the Day		17.827
2D	Fastest Time plus 1/2 second		18.327	2D	Fastest Time plus 1 second		18.827
3D	Fastest Time plus 1 second		18.827	3D	Fastest Time plus 2 second		19.827
4D	Fastest Time plus 2 seconds		19.827	4D	Fastest Time plus 3 seconds		20.827

### GENERAL CLASS INFO

**OPEN:** Open to any riders of any age or ability. You may enter other classes and carry over from this class to others as long as you declare your carry-over intentions before your run.

**YOUTH:** Open to youth riders under the age 17 as of January 1.

**SENIOR:** Open to riders over the age 45 as of January 1.

**NOVICE HORSE OR RIDER UNDER \$200:** Open to any age rider. For a novice rider and/or novice horse who has won under \$200 in lifetime barrel racing winnings as of the date you enter a race with RCBR or join as a member of RCBR. Novice members may exceed the limit throughout the end of year to complete the year end requirements.

**PEE WEE:** Open to riders under the age of 10 not entered in any other class. Children can be parent assisted, on leadline or walk-trot themselves. Children under 5 must wear a helmet. RCBR will provide a helmet if needed.

### MONEY DECLARATION – NOVICE UNDER \$200 HORSE/RIDER

Riders should know the amount that their horse has won, including any amount won by previous owners. You are required to investigate how much money that your horse has won if your horse is new to you. Declaring the amount won properly will avoid any embarrassment or protests that could arise towards you in the future. You will also be required to list your horses registered name and nickname(s) on your membership form. Please help us at registration time and have your information calculated and ready! Any horse in question will be subject to a hold on their winnings and/or awards until clarification is presented.

### POINTS

Please read! Our point system is different than other clubs. Points will be given for each rider/horse combination in the following places each division:

OPEN CLASS		YOUTH CLASS		UNDER \$500 CLASS	
1st Place	15 points	1st Place	7pts	1st Place	7pts
2nd Place	13 points	2nd Place	6 pts	2nd Place	6pts
3rd Place	11 points	3rd Place	5 pts	3rd Place	5 pts
4th Place	9 points	4th Place	4 pts	4th Place	4 pts
5th Place	7 points	5th Place	3 pts	5th Place	3 pts
6th Place on down	5 points	6th Place on down	2 pts	6th Place on down	2 pts

All riders will receive 5 points for entering, participating and making a clean run - even if they don't place. Even if you knock a barrel over, you still will receive 1 point for showing up. NOTE: Riders that knock a barrel over will place in the division of their base time, with the penalty of course, and will only receive 1 point.

**POINTS BASED OFF THE FASTEST MEMBER**-Daily points are given to only to RCBR members and the member with the fastest time will be the determination of all other divisions. If a non-member wins the race, the time of the fastest member will be used to determine the rest of the divisions. This does not mean that non-members can't win money; it just means they won't get any points. Points and placing will be posted in each newsletter. Daily race results will be posted on the website.

**POINTS AFTER JULY 1ST** - After the July 1<sup>st</sup> Sponsorship cutoff date, points at the remaining races will only be awarded to those members that turned in a sponsorship and are qualifying for year-end awards. Points will cease to be awarded for those members that did not fulfill the sponsorship requirement. Points will not be retroactively changed for prior races.

**YEAR END PLACING** - Points are accumulative - riders can receive points in all divisions (since it is based on their time), however, at the end of the year, we don't want riders to have points in three divisions and end up placing three times at the bottom of three groups. Therefore, at the end of the season, all points accumulated throughout the year in all divisions will be combined and totaled up, and you will place for year-end awards in the division that you placed with the most points in. We determine your division for year end by using the following guide:

*For example: if you had:*

*3 pts in 1D all year*

*15 points in 2D all year*

*16 points in 3D all year*

*10 pts in 4D all year*

*Your total points would be 44 pts. But since you placed and had more points in 3D for the year than any of the other divisions, that is why we would place you in the 3D division for year end. Your 44 total points would then be put into that division and we would then determine your place (1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>) in the 3D by your total points. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS, PLEASE ASK!*

In that the event that someone places in two divisions equally throughout the year, they will be placed in the division where they would place the highest. In the event that someone rides equally in more than 2 divisions, we will run down how many firsts each person had, how many seconds, etc., to figure their year-end division placing. We will look first in the division they placed, then in other divisions if necessary.

### **BREAKING TIES**

**Year end point Total ties** (riders who qualify for the same division and have the same amount of year end points) - Ties will be broken by the rider who has the most points in that particular division. Example:

	1D	2D	3D	4D	Total Points	Division
Rider A	10	26	28	22	86 pts	3D
Rider B	0	9	53	24	86 pts	3D
Rider C	27	7	40	12	86 pts	3D

Rider B would place highest because they have more points in the 3D than Riders A or C

Rider C would place 2nd highest

Rider A would be in 3rd place of "tie"

### **Year end point Divisional Ties:**

Riders who have the same amount of year end points and the same amount of points in the division they are placing. Ties will be broken by looking at how many first places were obtained first in the division they placed, then in other divisions if necessary.

## **SUBSTITUTION OF HORSE/RIDER**

Substitute Horse or Rider & Transferring Points- RCBR allows each member **one (1) transfer** of points during the show season. However, it is the member's responsibility to fill out a Sub form requesting the transfer of points. This **MUST** be done when they sign up. This applies to all horse/rider combinations in all divisions.

Examples:

- 1) A substitute horse may be used if a horse is injured, sick, sold, died, etc. The member has the option of substituting another horse for A) just a race or two, or B) the rest of the show season (if necessary). A sub form requesting a transfer of points (stating the reason for the substitution) must be filled out and turned in for approval.
- 2) A substitute rider may be used in the event that a rider is sick, injured or otherwise cannot make the race. Again, a sub form requesting the transfer of points (stating the reason for the substitution) must be filled out and turned in for approval when signing up.
- 3) IF your horse becomes lame before a race begins, you may also use a substitution if you have not already used one for the year and you provide the proper paperwork *before* your run.

Once a transfer of points has been done once, there is not another transfer of points allowed involving another sub horse or sub rider. However, a rider that uses a sub horse during the year most likely will attempt to return to the original horse. Sometimes that original horse comes up sore again. The member will be allowed to use that SAME sub horse at another race provided they inform the club of their intentions and reason by filling out another sub form. This would not be considered a different sub or a second transfer of points, but rather it would fall under the original substitution request.

## **THE ORDER OF GO aka "The Draw"**

Member pre-entries and other pre-entries (that are complete) will get the benefit of early draw numbers. Others will get their numbers drawn (1-150) the day of the race. The number selected will be placed next to your name on your entry form. **IT IS THE RIDERS RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK THE DRAW TO KNOW WHEN THEY ARE UP AND ON WHAT HORSE.**

## **SPONSORSHIPS**

Every member is required to obtain a \$50 year-end sponsor for the club for each horse/rider combination. You must fill out a sponsorship form and staple a check and/or business card to the form and have it turned in **NO LATER THAN JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2009**. There are no deadline extensions this year! Your sponsorship can be in the form of cash or \$50 worth of horse items that we can give away. We encourage all riders to obtain sponsors. Money donations are extremely helpful when it comes to year-end awards. It also helps when someone finds an arena that is donated (all or part!). For every club sponsorship of \$150, we will give you a free ride at our next jackpot as an incentive. Your sponsorships can be cash, gift certificates, or donated horse related items (**items donated will need approval prior to getting credit**). We are looking for buckle sponsors, saddle sponsors and sponsors for our daily raffles. We reserve the right to refuse donations if we deem the not worth the amount you specify or we feel that they would not be useful to us. **ALSO, SEE DONATIONS BELOW.**

## **DONATIONS**

Money donations are extremely helpful when it comes to year-end awards. It also helps when someone finds an arena that is donated (all or part!). **For every club donation of \$150, we will give you a free ride at our next jackpot!** We are also looking for buckle & saddle sponsors, as well as vendors/people to sponsor our daily raffles. Please download a Sponsorship Form from our website. Contact us if you need Sponsorship Letters - they can be used as an introduction letter about RCBR so that you can give it to your potential sponsor. We also have letters acknowledging their donation that can act as a receipt if they need it for their taxes

## DAILY PAYOUT & AWARDS

Open Class: Daily awards include 70% of all the entry fees going to the winners, plus added money (if any), plus misc. awards (shampoo, wallets, feed buckets, etc). How far we place down depends on the number of riders in the class.

Under \$200 Class: Payoff is 70% of the entry fees going to the winners, with an award to the division winners only.

Youth Class: Money paid out is 70% of the entry fees collected for that class. Age is under 17.

Pee Wee: New class for the children under 10. Entry is minimal and only daily awards will be given, no year end awards. Children under 5 must wear a helmet, RCBR will provide if needed.

<b>DAY MONEY Ties:</b>	1st	\$50	Rider C	1st	17.862	\$50
	2nd	\$30	Rider A & B	split 2nd/3rd	17.931	\$30+\$20 = \$25 each
	3rd	\$20	Rider D	4th	18.006	\$0

Example: Two riders with the same time will split that placing and the placing below them (if any).

Rider A	17.931
Rider B	17.931
Rider C	17.762
Rider D	18.006

## YEAR END AWARDS & SADDLES

In order to qualify for year end awards, each member must fulfill the following requirements per horse:

- 3) Be a current 2010 member in good standing,
- 4) Ride in 5 of the 8 point races for the season,
- 5) Turn in a \$50 sponsorship before July 1st per horse, per division.

The club has a 4D format and saddles will be awarded to every champion in the Open\* 4D division.

\*There are no saddles for the Youth or Under \$200 classes - these classes are "stepping stones" and are meant for beginners. That is why the membership fees are kept down and the daily entry fees are at a minimum. We offer really nice belt buckles to all the 4D divisional winners in the Youth as well as awards. We are trying to protect these classes for the TRUE youth and novice riders. If we offer a saddle, that will encourage a rider to come in and sandbag - and that will defeat the purpose of those classes. In addition, we would be forced to charge as much for them as for the Open class - both membership and in daily fees. We are keeping the costs down for beginners and new riders. If you know someone who can win the Youth or Novice, then they probably belong competing in the Open class anyway. We don't want to encourage sandbagging.

For year-end awards in the Open 4D, we place down to 10th. We give great stuff to last place as well, so don't be discouraged! We will try to place down further if we have the money.

## WORKING

You will no longer be required to work at the races. However, if you wish to volunteer to help the show run quickly and smoothly, we would love your help! We need help setting up the course, announcing, working the gate, picking up barrels through the day, taking the course down or selling raffle tickets.

## RULE CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS

From time to time, changes will be made to these rules and regulations – it is your responsibility to keep informed of such changes and review the web site for updates and new information.