

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE
ARKANSAS BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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SECTION I - INCORPORATION

This association shall be known as the **Arkansas Barrel Racing Association, Inc.** and shall at all be times operated and conducted as a non-profit association in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation and the laws of the State of Arkansas, Act No. 176 of the 1963 Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, entitled "The Arkansas Nonprofit Corporation".

SECTION II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the **Arkansas Barrel Racing Association, Inc.** (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the **A.B.R.A.**) is exclusively for pleasure, recreation and other nonprofit purposes to associate its members together for the purpose of engaging in cloverleaf barrel racing, poles, horseback riding for pleasure and competition, and to engage in other recreational and sporting activities including the sponsoring, participating in, producing and conducting of rodeos, horseshows, parades, trail rides and other recreational outdoor events.

SECTION III - MEMBERSHIP

Any person residing in the State of Arkansas, or states outside of Arkansas as approved by the Board of Directors (*10-03*), who wishes to further the purposes of the organization and to participate therein is eligible to join. Any member having joined this Association will hereby become subject to the rules and bylaws now in force or later adopted by the Association and shall be subject to a fine (*11/08*) or expulsion for a violation of same. In all matters governed by the vote of the members, each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

Any member desiring to resign from the ABRA and remain in good standing may submit a letter to the Secretary stating their desire to remain in good standing. A member who submits a resignation will not be eligible for membership as an active member until one (1) year has elapsed unless the member pays the annual dues upon rejoining plus a penalty of five dollars (\$5). Any accumulated points, which have been forfeited for any reason, cannot be regained, and resignation automatically terminates points accumulated during the year in which the resignation occurs.

SECTION IV - MEETINGS

REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING: The regular annual meeting of the members shall be held at the Fall Major Money Maker (*5/17*), which shall be fixed by the Board of Directors. The purpose of this meeting shall be to elect officers and directors and to transact any other business as may be brought before the meeting.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING: Notice of this annual meeting shall be given by written notice to each member stating the time and place of such meeting not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such meeting.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING: A regular meeting will also be held in conjunction with the association's spring event. The purpose of this meeting will be to conduct any business brought before the Association.

NOTICE OF SECOND ANNUAL MEETING: Notice of this meeting will also be given by written notice to each member stating the time and place of such meeting not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such meeting.

SPECIAL MEETING: Special meetings of the members may be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice whenever called in writing by direction of the President, or by a majority of the Board of Directors, or by notice signed by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the members then in good standing. Notice of each special meeting indicating briefly the object or objects thereof shall be given in the same manner as provided with respect to the regular annual meeting.

VOTING PRIVILEGE: Each member in good standing has one vote. A majority of those present shall decide any question that may come before the meeting. A quorum at any meeting of the membership shall be ten members. To exercise voting privileges a member must be physically present at a meeting; voting privileges cannot be designated by proxy.

SECTION V - OFFICERS

OFFICERS: The officers of the A.B.R.A. shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Director. A person must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. Officers will be elected on a yearly basis at the annual membership meeting in the fall. A member that has been suspended from the A.B.R.A. for any reason will not be eligible to hold an office at any time. Nominations shall be made from the floor, and voting will be by secret ballot or show of hands. Candidates being nominated may be requested to leave the room by the President during voting. A simple majority is required for election of an officer. Membership dues for incoming officers will be paid by the General Fund.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT – The President shall preside at all meetings of the A.B.R.A. and shall perform such duties as are necessary and incident to the proper administration of the affairs of the Association.

VICE PRESIDENT – The Vice President shall serve as the assistant to the President in the administration of the affairs of the Association. He/She shall perform such specific duties as may be assigned.

SECRETARY – The Secretary shall send notices of meetings, keep records of all points turned in, raffle tickets, feed tickets, hours worked, shall arrange publication of the newsletter and keep a complete list of members. The Secretary will receive \$100 per month for his/her services (8/2016).

ASSISTANT SECRETARY – He/She will go to the meetings, record the minutes, help with the Major Money Makers and General Fund shows. He/She will also serve as a New Member Liaison to assist with questions and member obligations (8/29/15).

TREASURER – The Treasurer shall keep all records of business transactions of the A.B.R.A. and have custody of the A.B.R.A. funds, accounting to the Association at each meeting. The Treasurer shall submit a monthly bank statement and prepared financial statement each month to the four (4) officers. Two (2) signatures will be required on a check; the Treasurer and a person determined by the Board of Directors will serve as the legal signers.

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR – The Publicity Director will be responsible for updating the Barrel Horse World website, ABRA Facebook page, ABRA website and sending out the show reminder text (5/17). ABRA reserves the right to delete any Facebook post that they deem offensive to the organization or any of its members. (5/12)

COMPENSATION: The Association may pay compensation in a reasonable amount to its members, directors, or officers for services rendered. It may confer benefits upon its members in conformity with its purposes and make reimbursement to its members, directors, officers or employees for expenses incurred in attending to their authorized duties, said expenses to be evidenced by receipt or other proper documents.

SECTION VI – DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS – The Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, the Publicity Director and the thirteen (13) (8/29/15) Donation Chairmen; all of whom shall serve for a period of one (1) year. In addition, a card will be issued to all incoming Division Chairmen with which they will receive free gate fees at all A.B.R.A. sponsored events for the current season (5/07).

DONATION CHAIRMEN – These persons shall be in charge of raising, collecting and documenting funds and for purchasing year-end awards for their division. Each Donation Chairman will be responsible for the distribution of items among members of their division based on the year-end standings. Each Chairman should send a list of

donations as they are received, on a monthly basis, to the Secretary so that a current list of all donations received to date can be listed in the newsletter each month. There shall be a Donation Chairman for each division in the A.B.R.A. (Pony Chairman, Buckaroo Chairman, Junior Chairman, Senior Barrels Chairman, Senior Poles Chairman, Novice Horse Chairman, Novice Rider Chairman, Senior Jackpot Chairman (8/29/15) , Adult Jackpot Chairman, Junior Jackpot Chairman, Senior Rodeo Chairman, Junior Rodeo Chairman, & Lead Line Chairman).

Donation Chairmen shall also be responsible for submitting a monthly report of money raised as well as 10% of all show profits. Show profits include jackpot fees, gate fees, and horse show entries after expenses are deducted. This will be delivered to the Secretary at the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors. If a Donation Chairman cannot attend the monthly Board meeting, they will still be responsible for submitting these reports and their 10% to the Secretary or Assistant Secretary on or before the meeting date. Any division chairmen may sponsor additional fundraising activities to raise funds for their individual divisions as they wish and are not accountable for paying 10 % profit to the General Fund (5/17).

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS – It is the duty of each Director to keep an active check on all A.B.R.A. members in the area, striving to maintain the rules and regulations of the Association while offering assistance in setting and staking the barrels at rodeos and horseshows, encouraging the use of electronic timers and encouraging rodeo and horseshow committees to cooperate with A.B.R.A. in paying of moneys and other rules when possible. Each Director is responsible for informing the Secretary of forthcoming barrel races and the barrel race results or other situation; the Director can contact the entire Board of Directors for assistance.

ANNUAL MEETING – The annual meeting of the board shall be held immediately before the annual meeting of the membership; any other meetings shall be held on call by the officers or by any member of the board after given notice in writing or otherwise to all members of the board at least one (1) week prior thereto. Notice of any meeting or service of such notice may be waived in writing before or after the meeting by a director or by attendance at such meeting. No irregularity of notice of such attendance at such meeting shall invalidate such meeting or any proceeding thereat.

QUORUM – A quorum of any meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the Board of Directors present. A majority of such quorum shall decide any question that comes before the meeting. Division chairman positions may be shared by more than one individual, however each division will be allowed only one vote. If an individual holds more than one position on the board, that individual will be limited to one vote (11/08).

INFORMAL ACTION – Action taken by a majority of the Directors without a meeting in respect to any corporate matter shall be valid if, before or after such action, all board members sign and file with the secretary for inclusion in the corporate minute book a memorandum showing (a) the nature of the action taken, (b) the consent of such Board member, and (c) the names of Directors approving and Directors opposing such action.

PROXY – Directors may not vote by proxy.

VACANCIES – When a vacancy occurs in one of the executive offices by death, resignation or otherwise, the position shall be filled by the Board of Directors and that officer so selected shall hold office until a successor is chosen and qualified.

EXECUTION OF WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS – The Board of Directors may authorize any one or more officers and/or employees to execute contracts in the ordinary course of business on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

CHECK AND NOTES – Checks, notes, drafts, and demands for money shall be signed by any one or more officers and/or employees who may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors.

SUSPENSION – A two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors has the authority to suspend an officer or Director until the next special or annual meeting of the membership as a whole. The membership shall vote to retain the suspended officer or Director, or to elect a replacement.

MISCELLANEOUS

RULES AND REGULATIONS – The Board of Directors may promulgate such rules and regulations pertaining to the Corporation as it deems necessary. These rules and regulations may be amended at anytime by change, additions, or repeal by two-thirds of the members or the Board of Directors. Each change must then be voted on by the general membership at the first general membership meeting following the action taken.

BOOKS AND ACCOUNTING RECORDS – The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account. All receipts of moneys and expenditures shall be properly recorded, according to accepted accounting principles. A record of the proceedings of its members, Board of Directors, and committees shall be kept. Any member may inspect all books and records of the corporation for any purpose at any reasonable time. The auditing committee shall consist of three (3) members of the Board of Directors, and it shall be the duty of this committee to examine and audit all accounts and bills as often as the committee shall deem necessary. The committee shall investigate and report on all questions of club financing when requested to do so by the President or by resolution of the Board of Directors.

NEWSLETTER – A monthly newsletter will be published and sent to all members by the association Secretary at no charge. Any non-member may subscribe to the newsletter for fifteen dollars (\$15) per year. The newsletter must be mailed by the eighth (8th) of the month.

No flyers or announcements of shows may be sent out at the expense of the general fund except to correct an error made by the A.B.R.A. Secretary in the monthly newsletter.

A rider may change divisions (move from Pony to Buckaroo or Buckaroo to Pony), one (1) time throughout the A.B.R.A. season year. The rider's points do NOT follow them when changing divisions; the rider must relinquish all points and start from zero. When a member forfeits points in a division to move to another division during the same season year, said member will only pay donations to the new division once points have been reported to it, or to the old division if no points are ever reported to the new division. (5/08)

A participant who rides in Pony Barrels or Pony Poles cannot ride in Buckaroo Barrels or Buckaroo Poles at that show. However, a rider is allowed to ride Pony or Buckaroo at the same show for different events. (i.e. a rider can ride Pony Barrels and Buckaroo Poles)

If a rider participates in a horseshow in which the divisions are not offered that match A.B.R.A. divisions, the rider must ride in their respective age division class. (i.e. if Pony or Pee-Wee Class is offered for 8 year olds and under, then rider 9 – 10 must ride in the Buckaroo class but will be allowed to turn in points to A.B.R.A. for the Pony Division.) Shows allowing contestants to ride the same horse more than once in an event will not count for ABRA points (5/06).

Upon request by local saddle clubs or organizations, A.B.R.A. will approve their shows; however only one show each month sponsored by the same club or organization can be approved. If these clubs or organizations wish to have a flyer included with the A.B.R.A. monthly newsletter, there will be a \$5 fee per month. These will include posting on ABRA website and Facebook page. Otherwise, a line item of the list of upcoming events will be provided at no charge. Line items will be defined at (3) lines only. Any more lines will be considered a flyer and changed the fee as described above. (8/12)

If a youth enters both the Youth Barrels and the Open Barrels at a Quarter Horse Show, he/she must count the points earned in the Youth event for A.B.R.A. points. However, if he/she only enters Open Barrels, he/she may count the points.

A decision to cancel or hold a horseshow must be made at least two (2) hours prior to the starting time of the show. If one (1) member is informed by the information number listed in the newsletter that the show has been cancelled, the show will not count for points. The decision to cancel a show is at the discretion of the Board members present.

In the months of June, July and August no horseshow can start before 6:30 on Sunday's and 7:30 on all other nights of the week. This excludes Major Money Maker Events. (8/17)

No division shall have a jackpot 30 days before a Major Money Maker (MMM) with more than \$500.00 in added money.

GENERAL RULES

CONDUCT – All A.B.R.A. members must, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner that will not cast unfavorable reflections on the Association or themselves.

OUTSTANDING DEBTS - Members with outstanding debts to ABRA will have 30 days from the date of notification of such debts to make them good, or the member will forfeit all points earned for the A.B.R.A. season and member in good standing status.

MISCONDUCT – If a member is reported by another member to the Secretary or to the Board of Directors for misconduct, the member will receive one (1) written notice of reprimand from the Board of Directors. If the member is reported for misconduct a second time, the member will be notified by letter to appear at a disciplinary hearing before the Board of Directors to explain the conduct. At this hearing each instance of misconduct that has been reported may be discussed and considered cumulatively by the Board of Directors, and the member may present witnesses in rebuttal to the reported misconduct. After all matters have been presented which relate to the misconduct, the Board of Directors has the option to fine said member at an amount of their discretion before voting to retain or suspend the member (11/08). A majority of the Board of Directors must be present to vote on the suspension. Members who are suspended are not eligible to participate in any A.B.R.A. sponsored function until suspension is lifted by the Board of Directors.

DRESS – Members of the A.B.R.A. are expected to dress neatly and in good taste in western attire at all shows – hats, boots, dress pants, or jeans and long-sleeved shirts are preferred.

DUES – Annual dues for membership in the A.B.R.A. are fixed at thirty dollars (\$30) per year for an individual, and forty-seven dollars (\$47) per year for a family, and shall become due and payable on the first day of September. Memberships will become delinquent if not postmarked by October 3rd (11/08). A penalty of five dollars (\$5) will be assessed on delinquent dues and the member's name will be deleted from the mailing list and points will be forfeited. Any person desiring to join the A.B.R.A. at any time during the year must pay dues in full regardless of the date on which he/she may join.

Members living in the same household will be eligible for family memberships at the board's discretion. If a family membership application is denied, members may appeal the decision with adequate proof of residence (11/08).

DONATIONS – **Each member is responsible for securing a donation in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25) (cash or check only 5/09) for each division to which he/she reports points. If no points are reported, a donation must be made to the division of his/her choice.** All donations must be postmarked by the post office, UPS or Fed-Ex (5/26/14) with an official postmark (not metered mail) or presented directly to each donation chairman by July 31 for all divisions to which the member has turned in points. Donations are not to be turned in to the Secretary or Treasurer (11/08). Failure to secure required donation(s) will cause that member not to be eligible to receive awards for that current A.B.R.A. season and he/she will not be a "Member in Good Standing".

RESTRICTED BARREL RACES – Points do not count on barrel races which are restricted to the age of the horse, including futurities, and excluding quarter horse shows. Junior Horse points count only at Quarter Horse Shows.

CONTESTANTS – One contestant will constitute a class in all ABRA classes (5/17).

A.B.R.A. YEAR – The A.B.R.A. point year (season) will begin on the first day of September and end on the last day of August. Barrel races having one (1) pay-off with performances over both these dates will be counted in the year in which the pay-off is made, not in the year that the run is made.

MONEY MAKING PROJECT – Each member is responsible for a participation fee (\$50 per Family Membership / \$25 per Individual Membership) in the Association's annual primary money-making project with the Board of Directors designating what is to be the primary money-raising project. The annual primary money making project will be due at the Spring Membership Meeting (5/17). Failure to do so will result in the member forfeiting his/her awards for the current A.B.R.A. season. Fulfillment of this participation fee in no way releases a member from his/her obligation to secure a donation for the awards program.

POINT CARD – Members are responsible for mailing in their points to the Secretary with an official postmark by the post office, UPS or Fed-Ex (5/26/14) by the third (3rd) of the month for the points earned during the previous month only in order to be counted. (At no time will point cards be hand delivered by a member and points will not be accepted at a show by the Secretary or any Board Member.) If a holiday and/or Sunday falls on the third (3rd) of the month, one (1) extra working day will be allowed. Only official post office, Fed-Ex and UPS postmarks are acceptable, however no metered mail may be used. Any method of mailing MUST have proof of mailing date clearly posted (5/26/14).

Points will be tallied on the (5th) of the month. If the Secretary receives points properly postmarked on or after the 5th of the month, the points will appear in the following month's newsletter. The honor system is used for turning in points won. If points are falsely reported, all points for that A.B.R.A. year are forfeited immediately and member status is revoked for the remainder of the A.B.R.A. year. Further participation at A.B.R.A. sanctioned events is allowed, however points for placing cannot be turned in.

POINTS – Points are tabulated in the following manner: First place= twenty-five (25) points; Second place = twenty (20) points; Third place = fifteen (15) points; Fourth place = Ten (10) points; Fifth place = five (5) points. To these amounts one (1) point for each person who makes an honest paying run will be added. Should a tie occur, points will be averaged. (Example: if two members tie for first and second place, add twenty-five and twenty, plus the number of entries twice, and divide by two. This will result in the two persons receiving an average of the two places.)

LEAD LINE - Participants will be eligible for year-end awards only if their participation at 10 or more shows (double points do not apply) (8/29/15) is submitted on standard point sheets. No places are recorded, rather members will receive one point for reporting the place and date of each show in which they participated.

HORSESHOW, RODEO, & JACKPOT POINTS – At least seventy-five percent (75%) of the points/money must be earned in Arkansas. To figure money, add all Arkansas money and multiply by .25. This will give countable out of state money that can be added to your total winnings. Any OUT OF STATE MONEY will be put in "an account" (on hold) until the point cutoff for that season, or enough in-state money has been won to add to your total. Points earned at association horseshows will only count up to 25% of ABRA points earned in an event. Any ASSOCIATION points will be put in "an account" (on hold) until enough ABRA points are earned to add the association points.

Junior Rodeo participants can run in senior barrels **if no junior barrels are offered** at a rodeo and turn that money in to the junior rodeo division.

Any **1D** place at a major money maker jackpot can be used in either the rodeo or jackpot divisions. However, actual rodeo money must be won and reported in order to receive awards in the Junior or Senior Rodeo Divisions at the end of the A.B.R.A. season. No awards can be received for work hour, meeting attendance and/or MMM money only.

Jackpot and Rodeo money will count for BARRELS only. Money won in jackpot or rodeo poles (or any other event) cannot be turned in to Jackpot or Rodeo Divisions. No average, side pots or finals money can be turned in for jackpot divisions. Only one set of points per event per day is allowed.

POINTS FOR WORKING & ATTENDING MEETINGS – General membership meetings will be held twice yearly, at the August Major Money Maker event and at the Spring Major Money Maker event. During these events twenty-five (25) points (or dollars) will be awarded to each member for the division of her/his choice for attending the meeting. These points must be reported on the point sheet for the month in which the points were earned.

Additional bonus points can be earned at any A.B.R.A. Major Money Maker event. Members may work a minimum of two (2) hours and receive fifteen (15) extra points per day to the division of their choice, with a maximum of 30 points per event. Members must sign in and out at the show on the work hour sheet indicating time in and time out, as well as location worked. These points must be reported on the point sheet for the month in which the points were earned.

Points may also be earned by selling ads for the annual Barrel Bash - 15 points for \$25 in advertisement sales with a maximum of 25 points for selling at least \$50 in ads. These points must be reported on the point sheet for the month in which the points were earned.

Any hours worked before the Major Money Maker event actually begins must specifically be in preparation for that event. The Board requests that all members make every effort to attend the meeting at the Secretary Benefit (7/09) since new Board members and Division Chairmen are elected at this time. Children must be present during the entire meeting to receive the (25) points offered for meetings.

Members will not be *required* to work any division or general fund hours. Volunteerism is encouraged and extra points will only be awarded to those members who help work A.B.R.A. Major Money Maker events.

Each member is responsible for turning in his/her work hour points on a point card for the month in which they were earned with a detailed listing of the number of hours worked, at which show(s) and to which division they wish to apply their extra points. Each set of bonus points earned from meeting and work hours cannot be split between divisions. These reports will be on the honor system and will be kept by the Secretary.

Members will not be eligible to receive awards in any division by reporting meeting or work hour points only. Legitimate points must be earned during the season in order to qualify for division standings.

The A.B.R.A. Board has the power to declare that points will not count anywhere else when there is a General Fund Money Making Project (5/17).

A.B.R.A. ROUND UP – The A.B.R.A. Round Up will be held each fall and the A.B.R.A. officers and Board of Directors shall be responsible for arranging and coordinating the affair.

Awards will be presented at the Round Up Banquet to the following: Top Ten point earners in the Senior Rodeo Division, Top Ten point earners in the Junior Rodeo Division, Top Ten point earners in the Senior Jackpot Division (8/29/15), Top Ten point earners in the Adult Jackpot Division (8/29/15), Top Ten (5/05) point earners in the Junior Jackpot Division, Top fifteen point earners in the Senior Barrels (Horseshow) Division (8/12), Top Five point earners in the Junior Barrels (Horseshow) Division, Top Five point earners in the Buckaroo Barrels (Horseshow) Division, Top Five point earners in the Pony Barrels (Horseshow) Division, Top Fifteen (8/29/15) point earners in the Senior Poles Division, Top Five point earners in the Junior Poles Division, Top Five point earners in the Buckaroo Poles Division, Top Five point earners in the Pony Poles Division, Top Ten point earners in Novice Barrel Horse Division, Top Five point earners in Novice Rider, and all Lead Line participants who participate in a minimum of (10) shows (8/29/15) throughout the A.B.R.A. season and turn in a donation.

Failure to attend the Round Up presentation banquet automatically disqualifies a member in the year end standings to be eligible to receive awards earned. The next person in line will be declared the winner of the awards. There will be a mandatory cover charge at the banquet. The cover charge will be determined by the cost of the meal served. (This means a member will be responsible for buying the meal whether they choose to eat or not.) The only acceptable excuses for being absent from the Awards Banquet will be serious illness, death in the immediate family, qualification for other finals scheduled on the same dates or a job related obligation the evening of the Awards Banquet. In the event of a job-related excuse, a signed statement from a Supervisor must accompany the request prior to the banquet date. Any other excuse will be at the Board's discretion. If a member is excused from attending the banquet they must have someone there to pick up their awards and must purchase a banquet ticket.

All Division Champions will be required to accept the saddle voted upon by the Board of Directors unless the vendor does not make a size required by that recipient. No cash will be issued so that recipients can purchase a saddle of their own choosing.

The Sportsmanship award will also be presented at the Round Up. This will be decided by secret ballot at the Fall General Membership Meeting.

SCHEDULING OF HORSE SHOWS (11/05):

- ABRA Division Chairmen will schedule all shows and make arrangements for tractor, timers, manpower, etc.
- Each division will be allowed one (1) show per month except for Sr. Poles and Sr. Barrels (horseshow) Divisions which will be allowed (2) per month. (8/12) Two divisions may join together and put on one show for any given month. These shows will be double entry fee and will count double points. This will deduct from each divisions show for that month. (8/12)
- Lead Line Division will not schedule any horse shows. The Division Chairmen will be given a minimum of \$100 per participant from the Board of Director's for year-end awards. (8/26)
- Only one (1) ABRA show may be scheduled on a given date. (5/09)
- There will be no scheduled rain date shows.
- Weeknight shows will only be allowed from June 1st through August 15th.
- 10% of profits from all shows will go to the ABRA General Fund.
- Division Chairmen may sponsor additional fundraising activities to raise funds for their individual divisions as they wish with 10% of the profit going to the ABRA General Fund.
- There will be no shows scheduled on holidays such as Easter, Father's Day, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving, or Christmas.
- Playdays or horse shows (other than Association shows) booked on the same date as ABRA shows will not be eligible for points.
- Profits from shows in August will go to the General Fund. However, if the Board of Directors feels that any of the divisions has not raised sufficient funds to purchase appropriate year end awards, a portion of funds raised in August can be divided among those divisions at the Board's discretion.
- September and October will be available for divisions to raise funds for the previous year's (season's) awards.
- At the first ABRA Board meeting of the season (November) each division will draw a number which will determine the order in which dates will be chosen for the remainder of the season. Number 1 will choose first, #2 second, and so on. After the first meeting, number 1 & 2 will drop to the bottom and number 3 will choose first, rotating two numbers to the bottom of the list at each meeting. If a division chooses not to schedule a show for that particular month, the next division will move up.
- If a division chairman is canceling a show for reasons other than weather, they must notify the next division chairmen in order of rotation giving them the option of putting on the show for their division. The show must remain at the same time and location as originally scheduled. If the chairman passes on putting on the show they will move to the bottom of the rotation.
- Division chairman will specify poles or barrels first when scheduling shows.
- Each member must attend at least (5) ABRA horse shows to be eligible for year-end awards with the exception of Sr./Jr. Rodeo and Sr./Jr. Jackpot. (5/12)
- If a horse show location or time has to be changed after the monthly newsletter has been sent the change can be made by way of text messages and emails to all members, however cards must be sent out to members without text or email far enough in advance of the show date for that member to receive the card. (5/12)

The ABRA show season will be from September 1st – August 31st of each season. (8/26)

Once a horse show class has started, additional entries in that class will not be taken, except for late arrivals. This will be at the Show Manager's discretion. Late arrivals may not enter once the places have been called. Once a rider has scratched from a class, she may not be reinstated.

If entries are scratched for other than health or injury, money will not be refunded.

Amateur AQHA points will count toward horseshow division standings, as long as it is declared at the beginning of the year that it is the point division of your choice. If a member counts Amateur points, he/she may not change over and count (turn in) any open AQHA points for that year.

A double point or split/combine AQHA or Association Shows do not count for double points in A.B.R.A. One set of points per run.

HANDLING OF TIMER MALFUNCTIONS (5/04):

During a horse show, if a timer malfunction occurs a re-run will be awarded. Any re-runs will carry over all penalties accumulated during the first run. The re-run will not accumulate any additional penalties other than those earned during the first run. The rider must declare if he/she will accept a re-run before the next horse runs. If he/she chooses not to re-run, he/she will receive a no time. During a Jackpot, a penalty on the first run will result in a no time and no re-run will be awarded. The announcer will not indicate any malfunctions during a run.

SENIOR RODEO DIVISION

1. To be eligible for competition in the Senior Rodeo Division, a member must be sixteen (16) years of age or older at the beginning of the A.B.R.A. season (September 1). A member who turns sixteen (16) between September 1 and October 1 will automatically move to the Senior Rodeo Division. Any member who turns sixteen (16) between October 1 and January 1 must declare to which division (Junior or Senior) they will turn in points. At no time can a member have points in both the Junior Rodeo and Senior Rodeo Divisions.
2. Money won will be eligible for A.B.R.A. points if won: a) In any rodeo association or open rodeo which allows any A.B.R.A. member to participate; b) any timed event rodeo that offers 5 events with at least one rough-stock event, or c) at any sanctioned rodeo. Eligibility for A.B.R.A. points is not affected by whether or not money won counts for that association's year end awards program (5/04). The barrel race must be open to all A.B.R.A. members, thus rodeo finals, etc. will **not** count. Money won in an Open Jackpot at a Rodeo will count for Rodeo Division money (5/04).
3. Any money won at a Rodeo in a class which is limited by the age of the rider will **not** be eligible for A.B.R.A. Senior Rodeo points. All Senior A.B.R.A. members must be allowed to enter in order for the class to count.
4. Points will be awarded on the basis of one (1) point for each dollar (\$1.00) won. If any cents were won, they, too should be turned in. (Example: If \$11.26 is won, it constitutes 11.26 points) The honor system is used for turning in points won. If winnings are falsely reported, all points for that A.B.R.A. season are forfeited immediately.
5. If a rodeo is held and advertised by a stock contractor or producer to contain five (5) or more events and no contestants appear in any one (1) of the advertised events resulting in the cancellation of the said advertised event, this will not disqualify a barrel race competitor from receiving points for participation in said rodeo.
6. A championship saddle or buckle will be presented to the member accumulating the greatest number of points in the Senior Rodeo Division. A buckle will be awarded to the Reserve Champion. A trophy buckle will be awarded to the Round Up Champion and appropriate awards will be given to the top ten (10) members of the Senior Rodeo Division. The decision to make these awards rests within the discretion of the officers and the Board of Directors.
7. Points will not count from a rodeo if a member enters more than one (1) barrel race. In the case of a rodeo having an open barrel race running over a two (2) or more performance rodeo with one (1) payoff and also holding a Junior Jackpot barrel race held at each performance, a member cannot compete in both barrel races, even if held at different performances, and count points from that show.
8. Juniors can count money won through the rodeo association cut off dates. When the Juniors move up to Seniors, they can move this money with them that they have won in the Junior Division. (Example: A.B.R.A. points cut off 8/31, most rodeo associations cut off 9/30, etc.).

9. The A.B.R.A. point year will begin on the first day of September and end on the last day of August. Barrel races having one (1) pay-off with performances over both dates will be counted in the year in which the pay-off is made, not the year in which the run is made.
11. Money won in the **1D** at ABRA Major Money Maker events may be counted as **either** Rodeo money **or** Jackpot money. However, ABRA members cannot be in the final standings of a rodeo division with solely work hour and/or MMM Jackpot 1D money; members must win at least one check in an actual sanctioned rodeo during the year in order to receive awards (8/14).
12. Only (8) Rodeo winnings can be turned in for Senior Rodeo Division points per month.

JUNIOR RODEO DIVISION

Rules are the same as SENIOR RODEO with the following exceptions.

1. To be eligible for the A.B.R.A. Junior Rodeo Division a member must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Be sixteen (16) years of age or younger at the beginning of the A.B.R.A. season (September 1).
 - b. A member who turns sixteen (16) between September 1 and October 1 will automatically move to the Senior Rodeo Division.
 - c. Any member who turns sixteen (16) between October 1 and January 1 of the current A.B.R.A. season must declare to which division (Junior or Senior) they will turn in points.
 - d. Members age 16 – 19 who are enrolled in high school and who wish to compete in SJRA, ATRA or OTRA Junior Rodeos may report their **barrel racing** winnings to the Junior Rodeo Division. However, competition for these members in ACA, ARA or other Open Rodeos will not count for Junior Rodeo Division points. For competition in these events A.B.R.A. members over the age of 16 (as specified above) must report earnings to the Senior Rodeo Division of A.B.R.A. (5/07).
 - e. At no time can a member have points in both the Junior Rodeo and Senior Rodeo Divisions.
2. Money from the following associations' junior barrel racing events will count for ABRA Junior Rodeo Division points:
 - a. ACA (Arkansas Cowboy's Association)
 - b. ARA (Arkansas Rodeo Association)
 - c. ATRA (Arkansas Teenage Rodeo Association)
 - d. CALBRA (Central Arkansas Little Britches Rodeo Association)
 - e. OJRA (Ozark Junior Rodeo Association)
 - f. OTRA (Ozark Teenage Rodeo Association)
 - g. SJRA (Southern Junior Rodeo Association)
 - h. SWAHSRA (Southwest Arkansas High School Rodeo Association)
 - i. Springdale Junior Rodeo Association
 - j. Members wishing to turn in points from an association not listed above must submit a rodeo flyer to the A.B.R.A. Board of Directors for approval prior to the event.
 - k. The "Wrangler's" Jr. High and High School Rodeos do **NOT** qualify for ABRA points.
3. Only points in a Junior Barrel Race can be counted for the Junior Rodeo Division. Juniors cannot enter a Senior Barrel race and count money for the ABRA Junior Rodeo Division. The only exception to this will be that a Junior may count money earned in a Senior Barrel race only if no Junior run is available at the rodeo.

SENIOR JACKPOT DIVISION

To be eligible for Senior Jackpot Division year end awards, a member must be forty-five (45) years of age or older as of January 1st of the current A.B.R.A. season.

1. To be eligible for the A.B.R.A. Senior Jackpot Division points, jackpots must be open to all A.B.R.A. members, regardless of age, and must be a divisional format (3D, 4D, 5D, etc.) barrel race.
2. All Open Jackpots must be listed at least once in the A.B.R.A. Newsletter to be counted in the A.B.R.A. Senior Jackpot standings, **unless** the Jackpot offers \$250 or more in added money (11/08). If a member **places** at

one of the Jackpots with \$250 added or more that is not listed in the ABRA newsletter, they **must** submit a flyer from that Jackpot with their point sheet for that month, or the points will not count.

3. 3-D or 4-D Jackpot payoff will be at the discretion of the Show Manager. If there are not enough entries for a 4-D, the payoff could fall back to a 3-D payoff or less.
4. Only one (1) money per event may count. You may count up to two (2) jackpots per day.
5. All A.B.R.A. Major Money Makers will offer both Open and Youth Jackpot events.
6. Timed event rodeos with 3-D or 4-D format jackpot barrel races will be counted in the Jackpot Divisions of the A.B.R.A. standings.
7. Money won in the 1D at A.B.R.A. Major Money Maker events may be counted as **either** Rodeo money **or** Jackpot money.
8. During a jackpot, if a contestant is scratched or skipped for any reason and the draw has already been announced, the drag will still be held at the scheduled time (even if 5 full runs have not been made) in order to remain on the announced course.
9. A jackpot with a qualification requirement (e.g. Finals) will not count for A.B.R.A. points. If the only requirement for participation is a non-member or membership fee, money earned at that jackpot will count for A.B.R.A. points if it meets all other applicable A.B.R.A. rules. *(5/07)*
10. Only (8) Jackpots can be turned in per month for Senior Jackpot Division Points.
11. Jackpots offering a buy-back option or mulligan fee will not count for A.B.R.A. points *(11/08)*.

ADULT JACKPOT DIVISION

To be eligible for Adult Jackpot Division year end awards, a member must be nineteen (19) to forty-four (44) years of age as of January 1st of the current A.B.R.A. season.

1. To be eligible for the A.B.R.A. Adult Jackpot Division points, jackpots must be open to all A.B.R.A. members, regardless of age, and must be a divisional format (3D, 4D, 5D, etc.) barrel race.
2. All Open Jackpots must be listed at least once in the A.B.R.A. Newsletter to be counted in the A.B.R.A. Adult Jackpot standings, **unless** the Jackpot offers \$250 or more in added money *(11/08)*. If a member **places** at one of the Jackpots with \$250 added or more that is not listed in the ABRA newsletter, they **must** submit a flyer from that Jackpot with their point sheet for that month, or the points will not count.
3. 3-D or 4-D Jackpot payoff will be at the discretion of the Show Manager. If there are not enough entries for a 4-D, the payoff could fall back to a 3-D payoff or less.
4. Only one (1) money per event may count. You may count up to two (2) jackpots per day.
5. All A.B.R.A. Major Money Makers will offer both Open and Youth Jackpot events.
6. Timed event rodeos with 3-D or 4-D format jackpot barrel races will be counted in the Jackpot Divisions of the A.B.R.A. standings.
7. Money won in the 1D at A.B.R.A. Major Money Maker events may be counted as **either** Rodeo money **or** Jackpot money.

8. During a jackpot, if a contestant is scratched or skipped for any reason and the draw has already been announced, the drag will still be held at the scheduled time (even if 5 full runs have not been made) in order to remain on the announced course.
9. A jackpot with a qualification requirement (e.g. Finals) will not count for A.B.R.A. points. If the only requirement for participation is a non-member or membership fee, money earned at that jackpot will count for A.B.R.A. points if it meets all other applicable A.B.R.A. rules. (5/07)
10. Only (8) Jackpots can be turned in per month for Adult Jackpot Division Points.
11. Jackpots offering a buy-back option or mulligan fee will not count for A.B.R.A. points (11/08).

JUNIOR JACKPOT DIVISION

Rules are the same as SENIOR and ADULT JACKPOT with the following exceptions:

1. To be eligible for the A.B.R.A. Junior Jackpot Division points, jackpots must be open to all A.B.R.A. members 18 (5/05) years of age and younger as of January 1 of the current A.B.R.A. season, and must be a divisional format (3D, 4D, 5D, etc.) barrel race. Any Junior placing in a open jackpot may turn money into the Junior Jackpot division.
2. All Youth Jackpots must be listed at least once in the A.B.R.A. Newsletter to be counted in the A.B.R.A. Junior Jackpot standings, **unless** the Jackpot is held in conjunction with an Open Jackpot that offers \$250 or more in added money, regardless of how much money is added to the Youth Jackpot. (5-08). If a member **places** at one of the Jackpots with \$250 added or more that is not listed in the ABRA newsletter, they **must** submit a flyer from that Jackpot with their point sheet for that month, or the points will not count.

HORSESHOW DIVISION

1. To be eligible for competition in the Pony Barrels (Horseshow) Division a member must be zero (0) to ten (10) years of age on a pony 52" or under. To be eligible for competition in the Buckaroo Barrels (Horseshow) Division, a member must be thirteen (13) or younger. To be eligible for competition in the Junior Barrels (Horseshow) Division a member must be between the ages of fourteen (14) and eighteen (18). All persons over eighteen (18) will compete in the Senior Barrels (Horseshow) Division. The age of a member on January 1 of that A.B.R.A. season (January FOLLOWING the September 1 season start date) will be maintained throughout the calendar year. However, if a person wants to change categories as of January 1, the member must move at the beginning of the A.B.R.A. season because he/she will not be able to take points earned in a younger category into a older one. At no time can a member have points in more than one (1) division. When starting a new point season, the age of a member on January 1 of the current A.B.R.A. season will determine the division in which a rider will participate.
2. In order for a barrel race to count, the Senior barrel race must be open to all Seniors, and there must be age groups offered for Buckaroos and Juniors. The only exception to this is that a combined Buckaroo-Junior class may be considered legal. If any one class is short in contestants, a member will automatically move up a class, thus making the barrel races legal.
3. Only eight (8) shows per month can be counted for the Horseshow Divisions. This may consist of four (4) double-point ABRA shows, or a combination of ABRA shows and other (Association, AQHA, or APHA, etc.) shows with any other approved show only counting as one set of points.
4. A minimum entry fee of one dollar (\$1.00) must be collected from each contestant in each event.
5. Any open horseshow or playday (except Arkansas State Horseshow Association horseshows, Paint Horse Approved Horseshows and AQHA shows) must be listed in the A.B.R.A. newsletter at least one time.
6. An officer or a member in good standing of the sponsoring organization must submit a signed flyer of an upcoming horseshow to the Secretary of the A.B.R.A. before it can be included in our newsletter. The flyer

must show date, time, events, telephone number and other pertinent information and must be in the A.B.R.A. Secretary's hands by the first (1st) of the month.

7. A minimum of six (6) events must be offered in order for points to count toward A.B.R.A. year end standings. The six (6) events do not have to be filled, just offered.
8. A member may enter more than one (1) horse if the sponsoring club will allow this; however, points count on only one (1) run per event. No two (2) contestants in the same class may ride the same horse. Shows allowing contestants to ride the same horse more than once in an event will not count for ABRA points.
9. Shows will not count prior to the eleventh (11th) of the month, unless it has appeared in a previous newsletter.
10. A trophy saddle or buckle will be presented to the Senior member accumulating the greatest number of points for the year in the Horseshow Division. The same award will be presented to the Junior, Buckaroo and Pony accumulating the most points. Awards will be given to the top fifteen (15) Seniors (8/12), the top five (5) Juniors, the top five (5) Buckaroos, and the top five (5) Ponies. The decision to make these awards rest within the discretion of the officers and the Directors.
11. The A.B.R.A. Poles Divisions will follow the same rules as the Horseshow Divisions (Barrels). Awards will be given to the top ten (10) Seniors, the top five (5) Juniors, the top five (5) Buckaroos, and the top five (5) ponies.
12. Riders ten (10) years of age and under, riding horses or ponies measuring more than 52" inches, must ride in the Buckaroo Division.
13. Lead Line awards will be given to contestants who have secured their donation and participate at a minimum of (10) shows (double points do not apply 8/29/15) throughout the season.

MEASURING PONIES

1. All ponies will be subject to measurement any time during the year if any member suspects the pony is over the legal height. Owners will have two weeks' notice of when the pony is to be measured. If the pony is found to be over legal height the rider will forfeit all pony points earned for the season.
2. Ponies will be measured at the highest point of the withers; the shoe will not count in measurement. The pony must measure 52" or less in height.
3. The pony and rider do not have to stay together (i.e. if a pony measures within approved heights, any rider ten (10) years of age or younger may ride it and receive points).

NOVICE RIDER RULES

1. A person is eligible for Novice Rider if he/she has not won more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) or one hundred fifty (150) points (as tabulated by the A.B.R.A. point system) in barrel racing competition or more than (3) Association points in barrel racing competition or qualified for state in barrels or poles as tabulated by the Arkansas State Horseshow Association or more than one (1) AQHA point in barrels or poles (5/17). Points will not be counted against the rider that have been earned in the year (Sept. 1st) of which they are applying for Novice Rider approval. (5/12) The Novice Rider may not have received any payment or remuneration for training of horses in any discipline prior to their Novice Rider season. Once a Novice Rider receives year end awards in any ABRA events excluding lead line, they will no longer be eligible for novice approval regardless of the number or points earned. (5/09)
2. The class will be open to all participants but will use the "buddy system" in counting points for the approved A.B.R.A. members (example: there are ten (10) entries in the class, only eight (8) entries are approved novice members, the top five (5) places will be announced as usual, then the top five (5) A.B.R.A. places will

be announced. When the novice rider turns in their points, they will turn in appropriate place plus the total number of entries in that class. 1st place is 25 pts. + 10 entries = 35 total pts.)

3. The Novice Rider can turn in eight (8) A.B.R.A. approved shows (4 double-point shows) per month. Novice Rider points can only be obtained at A.B.R.A. sponsored events.
4. A Novice Rider may not be considered a Novice Rider at the Board's discretion.
5. Novice Rider list will be updated by the 8th of each month and division chairmen will have this list on hand at their shows to determine who has applied and is approved for the novice classes.

NOVICE BARREL HORSE RULES

1. A horse (any age) is eligible for this division if the horse meets the following criteria:
 - The horse cannot have placed in any open rodeo or in the 1D division of a divisional format (2D, 3D, 4D, 5D, etc.) barrel race.
 - The horse cannot have won more than \$250.00 in a divisional format (2D, 3D, 4D, 5D, etc.) barrel race.
 - The horse cannot have accumulated 150 points or more in the A.B.R.A. or open horseshow competition as tabulated by the A.B.R.A. point system.
 - The horse cannot have accumulated more than three (3) total barrel racing points (maximum) as tabulated by the Arkansas State Horseshow Association point system (5/17).
 - The horse cannot have earned more than one (1) total barrel racing point (maximum) as tabulated in AQHA or APHA points (5/17).
 - Once a Novice Horse receives year end awards in any ABRA events, they will no longer be eligible for novice approval regardless of the number or points earned. (5/08)
2. A form must be filled out for the nomination of a horse. A copy of the horse's registration papers must also be submitted with the Novice Horse application, if the horse is registered. The Board will approve or decline Novice Barrel Horse nominees upon completion of a thorough review by the Board of Directors. All forms and associated documentation are to be mailed to the Secretary.
3. Whoever nominates a Novice Barrel Horse will remain on the horse for the point year, with one condition that the rider can be excused with a Doctor's Release. Under this circumstance, an alternate rider can be appointed for the horse and will remain with the horse for the rest of the season, or until the first rider is able to return to his/her horse. This appointed rider must be an A.B.R.A. member. Members with medical excuses allowing a substitute rider for a Novice Horse may not turn in points to another class (Horseshow Division, Open Jackpot, etc.) while using the release on the Novice Horse.
4. The Novice Barrel Horse class will be open to all novice horses, but the "buddy system" will be implemented in counting points for the approved A.B.R.A. horses. (Example: there are ten (10) entries in the class, only eight (8) entries are approved novice horses. The top five (5) places will be announced as they actually placed, then the top five (5) A.B.R.A. approved Novice Barrel Horse places will be announced. When the Novice Barrel Horse turns in points, they will turn in the appropriate place plus the total number of entries in that class. (1st place is 25 pts. + 10 entries = 35 total pts.)
5. Only six (6) (3 double-point shows) (11/13) A.B.R.A. sponsored horse shows may be turned in per month for the Novice Barrel Horse standings. Novice Barrel Horse points can only be obtained at A.B.R.A. sponsored events.
6. There will be a maximum of two (2) horses nominated by a rider per season. The rider will be responsible for turning in one (1) donation per horse, if he/she turns in points on both horses. If only one (1) horse turns in points, only one (1) donation will be required. Both horses can be in the standings and receive awards at the end of the year.

7. If an A.B.R.A. member is competing on two (2) approved Novice Barrel Horses, that member can run against himself/herself and count points on both Novice Barrel Horses if no other horses are entered in that class.
8. Any horse may not be considered a Novice Barrel Horse at the Board's discretion.
9. Novice Rider list will be updated by the 8th. of each month and division chairmen will have this list on hand at their shows to determine who has applied and is approved for the novice classes.