

**ILLINOIS BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION
I.B.R.A.**

**BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS
Revised 2/16**

ARTICLE I

The purpose of the association is to promote and encourage barrel racing at the horse shows, to foster good sportsmanship and to further spread interest in all barrel racing.

ARTICLE II

Membership shall be open to anyone wishing to participate in our approved shows using our rules. A youth member shall be any boy or girl who is 18 years and under as of January 1st.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP: Any member reported guilty of misconduct, constant complaining, willfully causing disturbances or unnecessarily aggravating show officials shall appear with the Board of Directors and officers and if found guilty will be suspended from the IBRA. If complaints arise, or problems, the officers and board members shall resolve the problems.

ARTICLE III

Meetings shall be held at a centrally located place in the state according to membership. Board of Directors meeting shall be held at a location convenient to all officers and directors. A quorum shall consist of those present. If the situation arises, a meeting can be called at the discretion of the president at any time or place.

ARTICLE IV

Elections shall be held every year at the discretion of the Board. Any member in good standing is eligible to vote. If an officer resigns during their term, replacement is left to the discretion of the officers and board.

ARTICLE V

Officers of the association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Show Chairman.

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of members and Board of Directors.

Vice-President: The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence. He or she will act as publicity chairman of the association and also act as awards chairman of a 3 person award committee.

Secretary/Treasurer: The secretary shall keep minutes of meetings, furnish members with the notice of shows, and oversee points of IBRA shows. He or she may also have a Co-secretary if desired, to be voted on by members. He or she shall pay all the bills and collect all money and dues. He or she must furnish a monthly report to all members. Two officers signatures, not in the same household, are required on all checks.

Show Chairman: The Show Chairman shall oversee approvals, supply the Show Secretaries with the necessary information (rules, result forms etc), and handle all correspondence pertaining to horse shows. The Show Chairman or any IBRA member may get the results to be sent to the Secretary.

ARTICLE VI

There shall be not less than three appointed directors to be appointed by the president. This should include one youth director, one lady director, and one man director.

ARTICLE VII

Dues shall be payable by the first of every year. To be eligible for points in a class, dues must be paid **BEFORE** entering said class. Dues shall be \$40.00 per year for a single membership (ladies and men 19 and over as of January 1st) and a family membership is offered for \$60.00 per year. This will include immediate family members with children over the age of 19 responsible for their own membership. Anyone may request a newsletter for a fee of \$10.00.

ARTICLE VIII

Points: Points shall be accumulated from March 1 through October 31 of each year.

Approvals:

Approvals of all shows will be submitted to the secretary by the 15th of the preceding month. A notice of all approved shows will be sent to all members by the secretary prior to the first of each month.

Each show approval received by the Show Chairman will then be sent IBRA rules and patterns to apply.

We approve shows that have at least a \$3.00 entry fee (\$2.00 for youth classes) that have a minimum 70% payback with added money. The show bill must have the % to be paid back, the amount of added money, the number of entries required for added money, or the amount of money guaranteed for each class.

After the original show bill has been approved any changes will cancel approval unless the new show bill is submitted and meets approval rules. **NO SHOW APPROVAL WILL BE CANCELLED THE DAY OF THE SHOW**
Rain dates are not approved unless on the monthly calendar or special notification.

In order for the IBRA to approve a show the sponsor must pay a sanction fee. The sanction fee is \$15.00 if only requesting 1 show approval and \$10 per show if requesting multiple approvals.

Age limits must appear on all show bills. Ages are as of January 1st. Age limits are Adult 19 and over and Youth are 18 and under. If a show has age limits of 18 and under, or divided age division (such as 13 and under, and 14 to 18) those classes will be approved and we will allow those points. If no Youth class is offered, there will be no youth points. Poles, Flag and Plug should be open. Adults, Seniors and youth are allowed to ride in open classes.

An IBRA approval will not be given

- a:) if there is another approval within a 50 mile radius and the times conflict
- b:) if it has been decided previously by IBRA members to be unfit for further approvals
- c:) same date as IBRA fundraising show

An arena can have as many shows as they pay to approve per month.

Any show may be approved within a 30-mile radius of the Illinois state line.

It is strongly suggested, though not required, that all entry cards be shuffled for running order before each IBRA class.

Show Points: Points shall count according to the number of entries in the class. For example: 10 entries give first place 10 points, second place 9 points, etc.

We will figure points, based on the number of entries in Open 4-D Barrels, Youth 3-D Barrels and Open Poles 2-D as follows:

	9 & under	10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90	91-100	101-110 & so on
1 st	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2 nd	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
3 rd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4 th		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
5 th			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6 th				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

2D Classes

- 1D – fastest time
- 2D – 1 second off fastest time

3D Classes

- 1D – fastest time
- 2D – 1 second off fastest time
- 3D – at least 2 seconds off fastest time

4D Classes

- 1D – fastest time
- 2D – ½ second off fastest time
- 3D – 1 second off fastest time
- 4D – at least 2 seconds off fastest time

For the Open 4-D Barrel points if the class is ran as a 3-D barrel race the 2nd division will be calculated.

We will approve Adult, Youth Barrels, Open 3D Barrels and Open Poles but you must send entries for the entire class so it can be converted to the division class we need.

If we do not get them from the arena and no officer or member takes the times we will not be able to approve points for that class.

For all IBRA shows only there will be double points given for members placing at these shows.

If running more than one horse, points to count are the highest horse per class or division.

Year-end awards will be given to the highest placing *individual in each class or division who has entered the class at 5 different approved shows.*

SHOW RESULTS MUST BE TURNED IN WITH 30 DAYS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF SHOW TO THE POINT SECRETARY OR POINTS WILL NOT COUNT WITH ALL RESULTS TO BE IN BY OCTOBER 31ST.

Awards: A fund raider will be held each year to raise money for the awards.

Our awards will be based on the money available in the treasury.

Distribution of such money shall be as follows:

- General fund balance minus fundraiser will be split
- 10% back to the club general fund
- 90% remaining will be used for awards

In the event that the treasury is short, we are going to try to take care of first place in each division first.

The awards in all divisions are as follows:

Belt buckles or an award of equal value will be awarded to top riders in each division.

In the 2-3-4-D divisions, we will guarantee a belt buckle or an award of equal value for 1st place in each division and more awards will be based on the money available in the treasury.

The same percentage of award money will be used for each place every year.

1st place - 35%, 2nd - 25%, 3rd - 20%, 4th - 15% and 5th - 5%.

All awards will be divided at the end of the year by the officers and the Board of Directors only and will be presented at the awards banquet.

Youth 3-D Division Any member 18 and under can participate in this division. (see Article II) You will participate in this division throughout the year. All rules and by-laws govern this division.

Adult 4-D Division: Any member that is 19 and over can participate in this division. You will participate in this division throughout the year. .

Open 4-D Division: Any member can participate in this division. You will participate in this division throughout the year. All rules and by-laws govern this division.

Senior Barrels Division: Any member who is 50 years or older can participate in this division. You will participate in this division throughout the year. All rules and by-laws govern this division. **The Senior points will be taken from an approved Senior Class.** The Seniors will also be eligible to run in the Open or Adult classes.

Open 2-D Poles: Any member can participate in this division. You will participate in this division throughout the year. All rules and by-laws govern this division.

Youth Poles: Any member 18 and under can participate in this division. (see Article II) You will participate in this division throughout the year. All rules and by-laws govern this division.

Open Flags: Any member can participate in this division. You will participate in this division throughout the year. All rules and by-laws govern this division.

Open Plug: Any member can participate in this division. You will participate in this division throughout the year. All rules and by-laws govern this division.

A member **MUST ATTEND** the yearly awards banquet to receive her or his awards unless there is an emergency situation, or approval by the board prior to the banquet.

ARTICLE X

These by-laws may be altered, amended, or appealed and new by-laws adopted by a majority of the Officers and Board Members after a survey is taken by mail following the yearly November by-laws meeting. Current year members will be sent the surveys in advance to be returned prior to the meeting.

AMENDMENTS

In case someone is disqualified from getting their awards, the members following shall all be moved up.

In case of a tie for first place in any of the divisions, the first and second would split moneys 50/50, and the rest of the awards would be split per discretion of the board.

A member should get results if he or she does not know for sure they will be mailed (especially fairs and October shows). If you get results you must get results for all approved classes for that show. A member will send the results and a show bill to the point secretary as soon as possible.

Officers will receive a free single membership and if a family membership is desired, then the difference will be paid by the officer.

A horse/pony may not be shown by more than 1 person in a class unless:

- a) Neither contestant is riding any other horse/pony and
- b) Both contestants are members of the same immediate family (husband, wife, children, siblings and grandchildren)

In no case will the horse/pony be shown more than twice in the same class.

Non members will be skipped when awarding points. Points will not be given to any member more than 20 places down in the results of any division at a show.