

**Rules for Illinois Barrel Racing Association approved classes
Revised 2/16**

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 divisions (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. Adult, Seniors and youth are allowed to ride in open classes.

GENERAL RULES

1. Western type equipment must be used. Use of different types of bridles is the option of the contestant, however, the judge or timer may prohibit the use of bits or equipment that he/she may consider severe.
2. Contestants are allowed a running start. Time begins when the horses nose crosses the starting line and ends when the horses nose crosses the finish line. Shortest elapsed time will denote the winner.
3. No electrical devices may be used on the horses.
4. We prefer contestants to wear a collared shirt but we will allow a t-shirt as long as there is no offensive or vulgar language on it. NO tank tops or halter tops. Boots required. Hats optional, no kinds of ball caps or visors. Lack of western attire may disqualify you in certain arenas.
5. If rider is riding more than one horse, IBRA points to count on the highest placing horse in each division, if placing in more than one division.
6. No re-ride because of broken equipment after crossing starting line.
7. 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 or guaranteed money.
8. 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.
9. Rain dates are NOT APPROVED unless notified by mail via a newsletter or postcard after original date is rained out. (ELECTRIC TIMER **MUST** BE USED. IF A BACKUP TIMER IS NOT AVAILABLE AND A STOPWATCH AND FLAG ARE USED, THE POINTS WILL **NOT** COUNT.
10. A readily accessible rest room must be available to all contestants.
11. We ask that you send all entries in the approved classes. We approve Adult, Senior, Open 3D or Open 4D Barrels, Youth or Youth 3D Barrels, Open Poles or Open 2D Poles, Youth Poles, Open Flag and Open Plug.
12. We define the division for classes as follows:

<u>2D Classes</u> 1D – fastest time 2D – 1 second off fastest time	<u>3D Classes</u> 1D – fastest time 2D – 1 second off fastest time 3D – at least 2 seconds off fastest time	<u>4D Classes</u> 1D – fastest time 2D - ½ second off fastest time 3D – 1 second off fastest time 4D – at least 2 seconds off fastest time
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13. If a barrel or pole is knocked over, the rider receives a 5 second penalty for each down barrel or pole. If he/she is unable to complete the pattern or re-cross the finish line, he/she is disqualified. (EXCEPTION; During a divisional class a knocked barrel or pole is a NO TIME.)
14. Rider is allowed to touch or hold up barrel or pole.
15. In the event of timer failure during run, the contestant will get a re-ride regardless of what happens during his/her first run that the timer failed on.
16. Barrels and poles must be permanently marked. IBRA officers and board are more than willing to help with this or any problem that should arise during the show. In all Open barrel classes the barrels **MUST** be staked.

BARREL EQUIPMENT SET=UP

1. Three 55-gallon drums. If painted they should not be the same color as the fence.
2. Barrels are to be placed in a triangular position. Barrel #1 and Barrel #2 shall form the base for the triangle. These two barrels should be 6 yards from the fence. Barrel #3 is 12 yards from the fence. Pattern may be made smaller if needed.
3. Tires on top of barrels are not recommended.

PATTERN RULES

1. Contestant rides to and makes a right turn around barrel #1, then he/she rides to barrel #2 and makes a left turn around the barrel and then he/she rides to barrel #3 and makes a left turn around the barrel and rides back to the start/finish line. A horse may also run to the left barrel first and make two right turns.

POLE BENDING – FLAG RACING – PLUG RACING

1. IBRA will follow saddle club rules if not covered in above General Rules.

SANCTION FEE

The Sanction Fee of \$15 for one show or \$10 each for multiple shows must be paid to complete show approval. Make check payable to I B R A and return to:

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