



## OREGON BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION

### 2017 - 2018 Rule Book

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### OREGON WEST – AREA 1

Clatsop	Multnomah	Clackamas	Columbia
Yamhill	Hood River	Washington	Tillamook
Lincoln	Polk	Marion	Klamath
Lane	Linn	Benton	Douglas
Coos	Curry	Jackson	Josephine

### OREGON EAST – AREA 2

Wasco	Sherman	Jefferson	Wheeler
Deschutes	Crook	Morrow	Umatilla
Union	Wallowa	Grant	Baker
Lake	Harney	Malheur	Gilliam

### WASHINGTON

Races that are held in Washington, within 100 miles of Oregon and Washington border, may be co-approved or co-sanctioned.

Cities must be south of these cities to qualify.

Ocean Shores	Aberdeen	Elma	Olympia
Tacoma	Yakima	Moses Lake	Ritzville
Colfax			



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### FORWARD

The Oregon Barrel Racing Association, OBRA, has been organized to promote the sport of Barrel Racing throughout the State of Oregon.

The OBRA maintains a website which contains current information about approved races along with current class nominations, standings of the Open class, 2500 Novice class, 1000 Novice class, 4D class and Rookie class. [www.oregonbarrelracing.com](http://www.oregonbarrelracing.com)

The Oregon Barrel Racing Association is an independent non-profit organization. It is a men's and women's association for the State of Oregon and Washington.



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A Non-Profit Organization

Originally Established October 1959

## **PURPOSE**

1. To establish a method of communication and central addresses for the convenience of all members.
2. To make known to all members, the information concerning dates of barrel races, the year's standings and winners and other particulars in which members are interested.
3. To establish a point system by which a yearly Oregon State Championship Barrel Racer,

who is an Oregon or Washington resident, will be named and awarded a suitable prize or prizes. Points to be awarded at OBRA approved barrel races with the Open Class, Novice

Classes and 4D/5D class to be awarded 20 points for a first place graduating down by 2 points per placing with the 10th place to be awarded 2 points. Novice horses must run in class according to lifetime earnings throughout the year, except at the finals race, where

they must run in the class they originally nominated in. All points acquired in each

4D/5D division will count towards the members Year End Standings Points.

4. To establish dues, which will be kept by the Secretary-Treasurer. The dues are to be used for the association's necessary costs, postage and supplies. Should a sizable sum accumulate in the treasury after all necessary expenditures have been paid, it shall be used at the discretion of the Executive Board. There shall be a minimum of \$2,500 left in the account for operating capital.

## **BY-LAWS**

1. Any person becoming a member of the Association shall comply with all of its rules, by-

laws, decisions and bound by the same. Only members in good standing shall be eligible to participate in the activities of the OBRA and shall be eligible to receive any awards or benefits sanctioned by the rules of the OBRA.

2. It shall be the policy to accept any Oregon or Washington resident man or woman who desires membership. OBRA does not discriminate against race, creed or religion.
3. Should a member be suspended, he or she will remain so until the Executive Board sees fit to reinstate him or her.
4. No member shall refuse any reasonable request to assist the Association, its officers, committees or agents in the proper conduct of the affairs of OBRA.
5. OBRA barrel races are open to all men or women that care to enter.
6. Annual membership dues are hereby affixed at \$50.00 per fiscal year and are due at time of nomination in order for points to be counted. The Non-Contesting Membership fee hereby affixed at \$25.00. Fiscal year is October 1st through September 30th. Non-Contesting Membership fee shall become due and payable on the 1st day of October. Any member not paid by January 1st shall be dropped from the Board of Directors and Office. When signing up for membership a copy of your horse's papers must be provided within 30 days or in the event a horse is grade, a minimum of four photographs of the horse and all distinguishing marks will be provided with membership applications.
7. Dues must be paid for membership and nominations before receiving points.
8. WPRA (Women's Professional Rodeo Assoc.) permit and card holders are eligible for membership.
9. Membership shall not be transferable.
10. At open barrel races we will only guarantee our own members.
11. Non-Contesting Fees.
  - 11.1 Non-Contesting memberships are entitled to have voting privileges.
  - 11.2 Non-Contesting fees shall not apply toward an OBRA membership.

## **MEETINGS**

1. Meetings shall be held at any designated place, advance notice must be sent to all members. Efforts are to be made to have the meeting place in a central location.
2. Rule changes can be made only at the annual fall meeting with any rule change proposals being submitted on the website 10 days before the fall meeting. Any proposals

submitted after shall require the general membership vote at the Fall Meeting as well as a Board vote. Said proposals to be in By-Law format. Changes to be submitted to the President.

3. All OBRA meetings will be run in a civil and orderly fashion. All attempts are to be made to follow the guidelines of Robert's Rules of Order.

## **OFFICERS**

1. Election of officers to be made at the annual fall meeting by the majority present.
2. Officers will serve for one year, from election date to election date.
3. The Officers of the OBRA shall be as follows: President, Vice- President, Secretary-Treasurer, Novice Chairman, Webmaster, Awards Chairman, Finals Chairman, and Ways and Means.
4. All candidates for all offices must be at least 21 years of age.
5. The Executive Board consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Novice Chairman. Executive Board of Directors and Board of Director's shall be involved in major decisions.
6. All members elected to the Executive Board and Board of Director's positions shall have their membership fee, limited to two nominations (ie., two classes, a class and a 4D or two 4D) and one entry into finals with two nominations, (ie., two classes, a class and a 4D or two 4D a class and 4D), waived.

## **DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of OBRA and will work with the Officers of OBRA to perform duties necessary for the proper administration of OBRA, including: approval of races submitted, sending an updated race packet, rule book and necessary forms to each producer as needed race approval packet to each race secretary producer upon approval of an OBRA race, backing up the webmaster, maintaining appropriate insurance coverage and monitoring financial documents. The President will work directly with the Secretary-Treasurer to file appropriate reports with the Internal Revenue Service, Oregon Department of Revenue and the Oregon Secretary of State. They will work with the Secretary-Treasurer to insure the status and continuation of the nonprofit status of the organization.
2. The Vice-President shall be back-up points keeper for the Open, 2500 Novice, 1000 Novice, 4D classes and Rookie. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President will preside at meetings, compile the yearly progress report and perform duties assigned to her.
3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall record and keep meeting minutes, keep complete roster

of membership and keep records of business transactions. She will have custody of OBRA funds accounting to the Association at the meetings. It shall be her responsibility to prepare and have a monthly financial statement and send to the Executive Board for review. It will be available to all members in good standing by request. sent to webmaster to post on the website. She will send the nomination forms onto the Novice Chairman and Vice President within two weeks, of receipt.

4. The Novice Chairman will be the primary points keeper for the Open, 2500 Novice, 1000 Novice, 4D classes and Rookie. She will also send the webmaster a list of the Open, 2500 Novice, 1000 Novice, 4D and Rookie nominations to be published for further verification by the members.

4.1 The Novice Chairman is to also maintain an accurate record of lifetime earnings on nominated Novice horses including money won in non-OBRA races. Non-OBRA winnings are to be reported to the Novice Chairman within 10 days of the race. The Novice Chairman is also to notify a member through the website when the nominated horse moves out of their nominated class.

4.2 Open, 2500 Novice, 1000 Novice, 4D and Rookie nominations are to be submitted by the Vice-President for publication on the website for further verification by members. It is the nominee's responsibility to make sure all information is correct. Changes must be made within 30 days. Nominated horses that move out of their nominated class throughout the season are also to be submitted for publication on the website.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. The Webmaster shall be in charge of updating the website at a minimum of every 2 weeks, this will include but is not limited to all race information, nominations, points, forms and advertising updates. She will be responsible for monitoring and responding to the comments on the website. She will work with the Executive Board to manage all social media sites, including but not limited to the Facebook page. She will also mail any supplements, which must be published. There will be a designated webmaster who will be responsible for our publications on our website.

1.1 Any discrepancies are to be brought to the attention of the Vice-President or Novice Chairman as soon as possible.

1.2 Advertising on the website shall be done at a cost based on ad size. OBRA members shall receive 2 line ads at no cost (Maximum of 4 free ads per year per member) and any larger ads shall be at half price. OBRA sponsors shall receive as much free advertising as deemed possible by the webmaster.

1.3 The Webmaster shall be responsible to keep OBRA activities known to others by sending results of elections, barrel races, OBRA activities, race schedules, etc. to as many publications as possible. Duties will also include assisting in the advertising for OBRA sponsors and assisting with all aspects of recruiting new

members.

2. The Awards Committee will be responsible for obtaining year-end and final's weekend awards. Written communication with Executive Board and Finals Chairman to include budgets and awards lists to be submitted 90 days, 60 days and 30 days prior to finals. ( The purpose of this is to keep communication between committees and the executive board in order to decrease last minute issues with prizes)
3. The Ways and Means Chairman shall be in charge of facilitating OBRA sponsorships and fundraising projects fundraisers throughout the year, as well as assist with recruiting new members. They will work with the Webmaster and Finals Committee chair for insuring the advertising for sponsors is completed. Fundraising projects are to have the advance approval of the Board. Monies generated from these projects to go to the  
OBRA general account to be used for operation of OBRA and for year-end awards.
4. The Registered Agent will work directly with the Secretary-Treasurer to file appropriate reports with the Internal Revenue Service, Oregon Department of Revenue and the Oregon Secretary of State. The purpose of the Registered Agent is to insure the status and continuation of the nonprofit status of the organization.
5. The Finals Chairman will be responsible for overseeing the Final Race for the year. Finals Chairman to provide dates, bids and locations to the Executive Board to vote on by November 30th. Budgets to be provided to Executive Board at 90 days, 60 days and 30 days prior to finals.
6. The Board of Directors' duties are to work closely with the Executive Board, make contacts necessary for running of the races, and make known to all members the prize donations, dates and other particulars in which members are interested. They are to see that points are up to date and accurate.
7. Any Officers in charge of handling funds for a particular division must prepare a financial statement to be available per their positions description. Documents will be available for review at the request of any member in good standing, along with a statement to be presented at the annual finals meeting.
8. Officers may be removed at any time with legal cause by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
9. Resignation from any office shall be made in writing to the Board of Directors with 30 days notice being given.
10. In the event of a resignation of a board member during the year, the Board may agree among themselves on a replacement.
11. When a board member resigns or is asked to resign they shall pay the \$50 membership fee to continue accumulating points towards year end.

## **RULES AND PENALTIES**

1. If a member is reported for misconduct, which may include but will not be limited to unsportsmanlike behavior, harassing fellow members, cyber-bulling, etc., one written grievance will be given by the President or the Vice President with the approval of all Executive Board Members; then if he or she is reported again within the same year, a letter will be sent advising him or her that they are automatically suspended from OBRA for the remainder of the year or until the board sees fit to reinstate him or her. All membership fees and fees paid for nominations, plus points accumulated for the year will be forfeited. All complaints are to be sent to the President with supporting information and all information collected will be kept confidential unless permission from complainant is received.
2. Any complaints, criticisms, protests or grievances by a member are to be directed to an Officer, in writing. If said complaint, criticism, protest or grievance is due to not abiding by criteria in the rule book then the member in question will be responsible for providing supporting information the rule book was being followed. The Board will review the information provided by both parties and a decision will be sent to both parties. If a rule was found to be broken the Board will determine if points or money won will be needed to be re-distributed.
3. If a complaint is filed by 2 persons, complaining party and a witness, that points were awarded at a race to a member not abiding by the rule book criteria, the Board will investigate, with the possibility of the points being revoked
4. Fines are not to exceed \$25.00 and are due 14 days after notification.
5. If the Executive Board has reason to believe an OBRA member is harassing a race producer, board member or another OBRA member, a warning for the harassment will be issued. If a second offense occurs the member will be immediately notified in writing and suspended for the remainder of the year and shall forfeit all fees paid for membership and/or nominations and points accumulated for the year will be forfeited. At the end of the year, the outgoing Executive Board and the incoming Executive Board will meet and determine if suspended members will be allowed to re-join in the upcoming year based on level of infractions and a letter will be sent to notifying said member of the Executive Boards decision. The Executive Board reserves the right to revoke a member's membership and nominations if said member causes undue financial or monetary damage to OBRA or race producers, with the exception of NSF checks.

## **MINOR VIOLATIONS**

1. First check to be returned for NSF funds, written to OBRA, a race producer, a fellow member or racer, must be made good with payment along with all fees/expenses incurred and must be postmarked within 48 hours after notification by a member of

the Executive Board or a race producer. If within 10 days, the check is not made good a \$25.00 fine will be added and the contestant will be on a cash only basis.

The second NSF check, could result in the contestant being suspended for the remainder of the year. This decision is up to the Executive Board. Contestants will be notified by registered mail. Contestant responsible for the NSF check, fines or outstanding entry fee will not be allowed to enter any race and points (if member) will not count during the period of indebtedness. If the Executive Board deems it necessary to suspend the contestant or place them on a cash only basis, their name will be placed on a list indicating the decision. This list will be posted on the website.

2. Abuse of horse in view of public: The accusations must be brought in front of the Executive Board by at least two persons, the complaining party and one witness. If complaint is found to be valid by the Executive Board, a \$25.00 fine will be assessed for the first offense. A second offense will result in suspension.
3. Pre-Entering Races: If a member pre-enters a race and is going to be unable to attend she needs to give the race secretary a courtesy call. After three times of drawing out with no courtesy call member will be liable for entry fees on 4th violation.
4. Member shall pay a fine not to exceed \$5.00 payable to the Director, due within 10 days after notice by a Director, who has the final word, for any of the following offenses listed below. If deemed intentional by the Director, an offense committed more than once can incur a \$20.00 fine to be paid by the member in addition to the original \$5.00 fine. Fines collected to be sent to the OBRA Secretary-Treasurer.
  - 4.a. Offenses:
    - 4a.1. Quarreling in the arena or on the grounds.
    - 4a. 2. Talking with flagman or timers while barrel race is in progress.
    - 4a. 3. Unnecessary training of horse in the arena.
    - 4a. 4. Failure to abide by clothing regulations and/or dress code. Dress codes at a race is determined by the governing association rules. At all other approved races blue jeans may be worn unless stated on the website by race director.
    - 4a. 5. Losing hat before end of a run where dress code is enforced.
    - 4a. 6. Working horses on the barrel markers. Barrels and turning must be at least 15 feet off the marker.
    - 4a. 7. Exceeding more than three circles before a run in any OBRA class, will incur a \$10.00 fine.
5. A race producer reserves the right to refuse riders entry for current or future events for misconduct, harassment. The rider may file a grievance to dispute this. It will be the Executive Board's decision to rule on this issue.
6. Any family member or person representing an OBRA competitor, complaining to show management or Arena Director on behalf of said OBRA member makes that member

liable to fine or suspension. Fine not to exceed \$25.00.

### **BARREL RACE APPROVALS AND ENTRY FEE SCALE**

1. Races are subject to the President's approval and must appear on the website at least 10 working days prior to the race. All race approval forms must be submitted to OBRA President at least 14 days prior to race date. The President may approve races within 30 days of finals, for the next year.
2. No sanctioned rodeos will be co-approved.
3. Approved OBRA races during the week including Open, novice and 4D/5D classes with the approval at the discretion of the president. Races will start no earlier than 5 pm. An attempt will be made by the president to equalize the number of weeknight races per side. Friday night races are not considered as a weeknight race. Double Header Races shall have a minimum of one hour between races or less if agreed upon by all contestants. The hour to begin after the end of the last scheduled class as opposed to the last time only run. \*The exception being enough time to work the ground if warranted. There shall be a maximum of one and one half hours between; if there is a specific advertised time on the website then the race may not start before that time.
4. A race cannot be approved unless it can be attended by any OBRA members in good standing.
5. The State is divided into 3 areas; Area 1 (OregonWest), Area 2 (Oregon East) and Washington. Refer to the forward of rule book for breakdown of the areas by counties. No two races that are PRIME OR CO-APPROVED will be scheduled within 90 miles in the same area, on the same race day (4D CO-SANCTION races do not apply to this rule). Scheduled dates will be on a first come first serve basis.
6. **PRIME OBRA RACES:**
  - 6.1 Are to include an Open Class, \$2500 Novice Class, \$1000 Novice Class and 4-D or 5-D class with no more than 5 OBRA classes total and must have at least two contestants to constitute a race and qualify for points to count in that class. There will be no Novice Classes offered higher than the \$2500 at OBRA races. In the event of added money, entry fees may be increased.
  - 6.2 The Open entry fees are a minimum of \$23.00, NOT INCLUDING OFFICE CHARGES, with \$20.00 going to the jackpot.
  - 6.3 The \$2500 Novice entry fees are a minimum of \$13.00, NOT INCLUDING OFFICE CHARGES, with \$10.00 going to the jackpot.
  - 6.4 The \$1000 Novice entry fees are a minimum of \$13.00, NOT INCLUDING OFFICE CHARGES, with \$10.00 going to the jackpot.
  - 6.5 The 4D entry fees are a minimum of \$23, NOT INCLUDING OFFICE CHARGES, with

\$20 going to the jackpot.

- 6.4 The additional \$3.00 in the above entry fees include the \$3.00 per run OBRA fee. OBRA \$3.00 per run fee is to be collected in both prime, co-approved and co-sanctioned races. Race producers have the option to charge a producer fee of \$10.00 for first horse and \$5.00 for second horse, not to exceed \$15.00 per race. No other fees will be allowed, ie, tractor, water truck, lights, fuel, etc.
- 6.5 Call-ins for all prime OBRA races are to be the Wednesday night before the race, if convenient for the individual taking entries. Call Backs to be announced if deemed necessary. Call-in entries will be in the draw and will receive a courtesy call should the race be canceled. Entries will be taken on the grounds but will not be included in the draw or receive cancellation notification.
- 6.6 The Race Secretary at the race is to get the completed race results with Open, Novice classes and 4D \$3.00 per run monies and any other membership forms, fees or fines collected within 10 days, to the Secretary-Treasurer. The Race Secretary at the race will list all new nominations on race results sheets and fax/email completed race results of the Open, Novice classes and 4D or 5D to the Webmaster, Novice Chairman and Vice President within 72 hours of race. Entire race results are to be submitted. Entire means whole race results-not just a quick list of the top ten. This should also include times. THIS IS TO BE DONE WITHIN 72 hours OF THE RACE or a \$25.00 fine will be incurred by the Race Secretary; fine to be turned in with the race results. Non-compliance will result in further race approvals at the discretion of the President.
- 6.7 When offering Time onlies prior to race barrels must be moved off markers or course must be raked prior to scheduled classes.
- 6.8 Age limited classes are excluded from the \$3.00 per run and do not count for points, as they are not open to all members.
- 6.9 Prime OBRA races and series must go by the standard OBRA rules.
- 6.10 Prime OBRA races: if the race is a double header and the course does NOT change; the contestant has the option of rolling their time from the first race to the second race. Riders can run in the Open or Novice classes and roll to the 4D/5D as well as roll to the afternoon Open or Novice class and 4D/5D. Rolled times are excluded from average awards or average money.
- 6.11 There will be a \$55.00 fee for PRIME race approvals to cover liability insurance on race dates if requested by the race committee.
- 6.12 Any person or committee who puts on a PRIME race is responsible for paying the arena fee. If it is not paid within 30 days, and responsible party is an OBRA member, all points will be withdrawn, membership revoked and they will not

full. have any more races approved until a \$25.00 fine and the arena fee is paid in full. If responsible party is a non-member, committee or club, they will not be allowed any more races until fine and arena fee are paid in full.

**7. CO-APPROVED RACES:**

- 7.1 Co-Approved races must include an Open Class, \$2500 Novice Class, \$1000 Novice Class and 4D or 5D class with no more than 5 OBRA classes total. Classes must have at least two contestants to constitute a race to acquire OBRA points. There will be no Novice classes offered higher than the \$2500 Novice at OBRA races.
- 7.2 Entry fees, race rules, payoffs, etc. will be according to the rules of the organization that is having the race.
- 7.3 In all Co-Approved races the \$3.00 per run is to be collected for the OBRA in classes that are eligible for OBRA points and 4D \$3.00 per run.
- 7.4 Age limited classes are excluded from the \$3.00 per run and do not count for points, as they are not open to all members.
- 7.5 A copy of the co-approving organization rules must accompany the race approval form. A copy of the co-approving organization's insurance policy, with OBRA named as additional insured, must be mailed or emailed to the President with the approval form before approval can take place.
- 7.6 The Race Secretary at the race is to get the completed race results with Open, Novice classes and 4D \$3.00 per run monies and any other membership forms, fees or fines collected within 10 days, to the Secretary-Treasurer. The Race Secretary at the race will list all new nominations on race results sheets and email/mail completed race results of the Open, Novice classes and 4D to the Webmaster, Novice Chairman and Vice President within 72 hours of race. Entire race results are to be submitted. Entire means whole race results, not just a list of the top ten. This should also include times. THIS IS TO BE DONE WITHIN 72 quick HOURS OF THE RACE or a \$25.00 fine will be incurred by the Race Secretary. Fine to be turned in with the race results. Noncompliance will result in further race approvals being at the discretion of the President.
- 7.7 It is to be stated on the OBRA website prior to the race if the jack potted monies are significantly lower than the standard OBRA jackpot minimums.
- 7.8 Organizations putting on a race cannot make a nominated novice horse stay in the class that they nominated for their series. Novice horses must move up to class according to lifetime winnings as stated in the rule book.
- 7.9 When offering Time Onlies prior to races, course must be remarked prior to scheduled classes.

**8. CO-SANCTION RACE:**

- 8.1 Producers can elect to co-sanction an OBRA 4D/5D class.
- 8.2 Any monies won at a co-sanction race will not count towards OBRA monies won just points. Monies won will count for lifetime earnings.
- 8.3 Members must pay an additional \$3.00 to have their race count.
- 8.4 Co-sanction race producers can set own entry fee and rules.
- 8.5 OBRA money classes CANNOT be offered if 4D or 5D class is another Prime Association. Prime Association rules would have no rules regarding money classes.
- 8.6 Race Secretary at the race is to get the completed results with 4D results, \$3.00 per run monies, and any other membership forms, fees or fines collected within 10 days to the Secretary-Treasurer. The race secretary will send all results, payouts and co-sanction list to Webmaster, Novice Chair, and Vice-President within 72 hours of race. A \$25.00 fine will be incurred by race secretary if not done. Non-compliance will result in further race approvals being at the discretion of the president.

**9. FUNDRAISER RACE:**

Fundraiser Race approvals must follow Prime criteria with the exception of:

- 9.1 When a fundraiser race is approved it will be advertised as a regular or adjusted payoff.
- 9.2 At any fundraiser race, all monies made over and above expenses, (arena fee, eye fee, OBRA \$3.00 fee) OBRA will receive.
- 9.3 No booking of any other OBRA Prime, Co-Approved or Co-Sanctioned races on day of a fundraiser.
- 9.4 A fundraising committee of 2-4 people will be elected at the annual fall meeting to put a fundraiser race on. The committee will be responsible for locating a good, reliable arena with good ground and for putting on this entire race. The OBRA President and Board should not be responsible for the East side and West side fundraiser races. It is at the discretion of the membership and/or Producers to provide this or these events. Unless there is a volunteer for each side to put on these races then the fundraiser race for either the East side or West side will not happen.
- 9.5 Double points will be awarded for all contestants at an OBRA Fundraiser race.  
Double points will only be offered and limited to the \$1,000 added fundraiser races with a maximum of 2 fundraiser races per the east and west

areas. Race committee may divide \$1,000 funds between two races during the weekend, i.e., \$500 in each am/pm race. Double points will only be awarded on those races with added money.

- 9.6 If 20 races have been met the extra points will replace points if they are higher.
- 9.7 If 20 races have not been met then the extra points will be counted towards your 20 races.
- 9.8 If no points are received the run will be counted as 2 races and is applied to the contestants qualified races.
- 9.9 At no time may a member will exceed 400 points before finals. Ex: You currently have a 4th and a 5th place and you place 1st place at a fundraiser race you will receive two 1st place points for a total of 40 points. The two 1st place points will replace the 4th and 5th place points if 20 races have been met. The full 40 points will be counted if 20 races have not been met.
- 9.10 At each of the fundraiser races, novice horses shall run in their original nominated class, the same as they would at finals.
- 9.11 Riders can run in the Open or Novice classes and roll to the 4D/5D as well as roll to the afternoon Open or Novice class and 4D/5D. Rolled times are excluded from average awards or average money.

### **CLASSES:**

#### **OPEN CLASS:**

1. You must be an OBRA member to nominate a horse in the Open class. Open races are open to any person. Only OBRA members in good standing who are Oregon or Washington residents will be eligible for Open Awards at finals. Only points won in OBRA races that are open to all persons nominated in the Open shall count for points. Must have entered and competed in 8 races to compete at finals.
2. Horses must be nominated before the OBRA race by turning in the nomination form to the race secretary or by sending via mail or electronically to OBRA Secretary-Treasurer, prior to the start of the OBRA race. All forms submitted to the race secretary will be sent into Secretary-Treasurer with all appropriate fees.
3. A \$25.00 nomination fee shall accompany nomination form.
4. The Novice Chairman will submit the nomination information for publication on the website. It is the nominee's responsibility, not the Novice Chairman, to make sure ALL the information is correct. Changes are to be made within 30 days.
5. Open points will be accumulated on the nominated horse. Should the

a nominated horse be sold to a current OBRA member or someone who becomes member after the purchase date, the points and nomination will be transferred to the new owner's name.

6. Open horses are eligible for OBRA approved races.
7. If a contestant runs in a class lower than their nominated lifetime earnings, the points for that race will be forfeited, any winnings returned and entry fees will be forfeited. The payoff will be adjusted accordingly.
8. If a contestant nominates a horse in a class lower than the horse's lifetime earnings, the points earned will be forfeited, any winnings returned and entry fees will be forfeited. A \$25.00 fine must be paid with a new nomination to the higher novice class according to the actual lifetime earnings. The fine will go toward year-end awards.

**NOVICE DIVISION (\$2500.00 and \$1000.00 Classes):**

1. You must be an OBRA member to nominate a horse in the 1000 Novice Class or the 2500 Novice Class. Novice races are open to any person. Only OBRA members in good standing who are Oregon or Washington residents will be eligible for Novice Awards at finals. Must have entered and competed in 8 races to compete at finals. Only points won in OBRA races that are open to all persons nominated in Novice classes shall count for points. However, all monies won anywhere must still be reported to the Novice Chairman to keep accurate records of lifetime earnings. It is the responsibility of the owner/rider to keep accurate records of novice horses' Lifetime Earnings (LTE). The LTE on the OBRA Standings on the OBRA web page should only be used as a verification, not as the sole record/log of money won
2. Horses must be nominated before the OBRA race by turning in the nomination form to the race secretary or by sending via mail or electronically to OBRA Secretary-Treasurer, prior to the start of the OBRA race. All forms submitted to the race secretary will be sent into Secretary-Treasurer with all appropriate fees.
3. A \$25.00 nomination fee shall accompany nomination form.
4. The Novice Chairman will submit updated nomination lists for publication on the website.
5. It is the nominee's responsibility, not the Novice Chairman, to make sure ALL the information is correct. Changes are to be made within 30 days.
6. All Futurity and Derby earnings are counted in lifetime earnings for OBRA records. Division monies won in the Futurities will not count towards lifetime

earnings. Any monies won in a competitive barrel race is to count toward lifetime earnings.

7. Anyone found guilty of not reporting her lifetime earnings to the Novice Chairman will not be able to compete in future novice races; or fined if she wishes to continue riding in the approved novice races. A \$25.00 fine will be imposed for each offense and said points will not count towards yearly standings, the second offense contestant will forfeit all accumulated points and awards. A third offense, membership will be revoked.
8. All Non-OBRA winnings should be reported to the Novice Chairman WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE RACE. If not reported within the 10 days a \$25.00 fine will be imposed.
9. Novice points will be accumulated on the nominated horse.
10. Novice horses are eligible for OBRA approved races.
11. If a contestant runs in a class lower than her lifetime earnings, her points for that race will be forfeited, any winnings returned and entry fees will be forfeited. The payoff will be adjusted accordingly.
12. If a contestant nominates a horse in a class lower than the horse's lifetime earnings, the points earned will be forfeited, any winnings returned and entry fees will be forfeited. A \$25.00 fine must be paid with a new nomination to the higher novice class according to the actual lifetime earnings. The fine will go toward year-end awards. Once a horse is nominated in a Novice class they will run in the nominated class throughout the year regardless of accumulated winnings after nomination.

#### **\$2500 NOVICE:**

All rules for Novice Division apply, in addition to the following:

1. The \$2500 Novice race is for horses that have not won more than \$2500.01 lifetime in barrel racing.
2. Each year a novice horse will start out with "0" points towards yearly standings, but once the total lifetime accumulations are over \$2500.00 the horse is no longer eligible to nominate for novice class. Horses will remain in the nominated class for the year and for finals.

#### **\$1000 NOVICE:**

All rules for Novice Division apply, in addition to the following:

1. Horses with lifetime earnings under \$1000.00 at the time of nomination, may ONLY nominate in the \$1000 Division.

2. The \$1000 Novice race is for horses that have not won more than \$1,000.01 lifetime earnings in barrel racing.
3. Each year a novice horse will start out with "0" points toward yearly standings, but once his total lifetime accumulations are over \$1,000.00 he is no longer eligible to nominate for the \$1000 novice class. Horses will remain in the nominated class for the year and for finals.

#### **4D/5D CLASS**

1. 4D/5D race will be a standard OBRA class offered at both Prime and Co-Approved Races. You must be an OBRA member to nominate to 4D class for year-end awards. 4D/5D races are open to any person. Only OBRA members in good standing who are Oregon or Washington residents will be eligible for 4D Awards at finals. Must have entered and competed in 8 races to compete at finals.
  2. A \$25.00 nomination fee shall accompany registration. Nomination is on the rider only, not on the horse, if rider wants to run more than one horse at the finals then they must pay an additional nomination fee and accumulate the equivalence of 8 races per nomination on at least one nomination. Example: 2 nominations must have at least 16 races, 3 nominations must have at least 24 races, etc.
  3. Points in the 4D/5D class will be awarded as follows: 20 points for a 1st place graduating down by 2 points per placing down to 10th place for 2 points. Points counting towards year-end standings must be acquired in OBRA approved classes by each nominated rider.
  4. The best points from the best 20 races throughout the year will go to the finals. All points won at the finals race shall count toward 4D year-end standings. Any year-end ties will be broken by the rider that won the most OBRA money in the best 20 races counted for year-end points.
  5. Riders entering more than one horse in an OBRA approved 4D/5D race will get points on the horse, (horse number 1) that has the most points. If a contestant has paid a nomination on a second horse, (horse number 2) the horse with the lower points will go to the second nomination. It does not matter which horse the contestant rides. The points are awarded on the rider, not the horse.
- Average placings will be on horse/rider combo. Unless higher points cannot be applied to your 1st nomination, then they go to your second nomination.
- Example: If you have two nominations and your first nomination has met their 20 race limit and cannot replace points then those points will be applied to your second nomination. Horse #1 needs 1st to replace points. Contestant runs two horses and places 3rd and 4th. Then the 3rd place would be applied to horse #2

since the 3rd place cannot be applied to horse #1. In the case of a member having more than one 4D nomination, but only runs one horse at any race, any points obtained at that race can only be applied to horse #1 nomination.

### **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

1. To be eligible for Rookie of the Year you must be a 1st year OBRA member with less than \$1,000 lifetime earnings on the rider.
2. Rider must designate on membership application that they are eligible for this class and must declare their lifetime barrel racing earnings. Only OBRA members in good standing who are Oregon or Washington residents will be eligible for Awards at finals.
3. To accumulate points for the rookie nomination you must be nominated in the Open, \$2500 Novice, \$1000 Novice, or 4D OBRA classes. If nominated in more than one class and you have entered and placed in both nominated classes, the highest placing points will be applied to your rookie nomination.
4. Rookie class will be on the standard OBRA point system.
5. Member must have entered and competed in 8 races during the year to be eligible to run at finals.
6. Rookie of the Year will only be awarded a buckle.

### **ENTERING AND PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES**

1. Call-ins or pre-entry date will be at the discretion of the race producer. Call backs if necessary shall be at the discretion of the Race Director.
2. Call-in entries will be in the draw and will receive a courtesy call should the race be canceled. Entries on the grounds will be run after the drawn positions.
3. All entry fees must be paid to the race secretary prior to competing.
4. The \$3.00 per run of OBRA monies collected throughout the year will be used for year-end awards, \$.50 will go towards finals added money and awards.
5. All OBRA entries will be done using the registered name of the horse at all races and in all classes. In the event a horse is grade, then the name chosen by the member to sign up under should be used at every event they enter. If entries are made using different names, than points and monies won will not be counted towards finals unless the member can prove it was on same

horse.

6. Novice horses may enter in a class higher than lifetime earnings, but must enter according to lifetime earnings when entering a novice class to acquire OBRA points. If there are not enough contestants to constitute a class the contestant must move up to the next OBRA prime class (Open, \$2500 Novice, \$1000 Novice class) or a lower class must move up to make an OBRA prime class. The entry fee will remain that of the larger class that was affected. A racer may enter an individual horse only once per class. (ex: One contestant in the \$500 novice class must move up to the \$1000 Novice class. One contestant in the \$1000 Novice class with a lower novice class offered, lower novice class must move up to the \$1000 Novice class. One contestant in the \$1000 novice class and no lower novice classes offered, then contestant must move to \$2500 novice. If one contestant in the \$2500 novice, then they must move to the Open. If one contestant in the Open, then the \$2500 moves to the Open).
7. Novice horses must enter in the lowest class available according to LTE as of the time of entry into the class; a called-in entry or if entering on the grounds the day of the race. Ex: If nominated horse goes over class amount after a called-in entry before race day, the nominated novice horse can still run in the class previously entered.
8. If a contestant entering a race does not know the money won on their horse, then they must run in the Open, (if applicable on rider) or 4D or 5D until legitimate proof can be made.
9. Riders can elect to have their time rolled from any other class. But rider must declare at time of entering if they are having their time rolled or are going to run twice. No changes after the race starts.
  - 9.1 If rolling time and a barrel is knocked down a NO TIME is rolled to the 4D. NO EXCEPTIONS!
  - 9.2 You can only run both the Open, Novice and the 4D/5D at a race if you pay two complete entry fees at time of entering and declare that you are making two complete runs. When rider declares at time of entering (and pays two complete entry fees) that they are running in both and not rolling their time and after the first run, rider opts to pull out of the 4D run, then their time is NOT ROLLED to the 4D/5D and rider forfeits entry fees in the 4D/5D. (Same as drawing out of any race after the race starts).
10. Once books have closed you cannot turnout with a refund of money unless there is an injury to horse or rider (i.e. bad ground).

## **PAYOFF/POINTS**

1. Points will be awarded as follows: 20 points for a 1st place graduating down by 2 points per placing down to 10th place for 2 points. Points counting towards year-end standings must be acquired in OBRA approved classes by each nominated rider. The best points from 20 races throughout the year to go towards Finals. Finals' points are to be added to their points for year-end awards.
2. In case of ties, all points will be added and split to go towards the OBRA year-end standings. In case of an individual prize, a run off or flip of the coin shall be held. In the case of tie situations, the monies are to be added and split as well. Any year-end ties for the Open, 2500 and 1000 class will be broken by the horse that won the most OBRA money. Any year-end ties for the 4D/5D will be broken by the rider that won the most OBRA money.
3. Points in the Open, Novice and 4D or 5D classes will be awarded as follows: 20 points for a first place graduating down by 2 points per placing down to 2 points, regardless the number of checks written. Points counting towards year-end standings must be acquired in OBRA approved classes by each nominated horse and must be ridden by an OBRA member in good standing in order to receive year end points. If a nominated Open or novice horse is sold, points will stay with nominated horse and new owner must become a member if they elect to compete for points.
4. All OBRA members attending the annual fall meeting will acquire 10 points in each class nominated. These 10 points will be added to the year-end points for each class nominated for the present season. A sign in/sign out sheet showing each member attending a minimum of 75% of the meeting time. All OBRA members are required to donate one auction item per year and attend the year-end finals meeting for the extra 10 points in each class nominated. The item can be donated at either fundraiser race or finals auction. Whoever is in charge of the auction can turn in the list of names to the Ways and Means chairman.
5. All race result sheets sent by the race secretary to the appropriate officers shall stand as is regarding the horse's name. It is the responsibility of the member to make any corrections necessary before the end of the race day or will stand as submitted.
6. If you are nominated in the \$2500 class and you move to the open based on your horse's lifetime earning points acquired in the Open class will be applied to your 2500 Novice nomination. You can elect at that time to nominate in the Open and your points will be applied to your Open and \$2500 nominations. If you are nominated in the \$1000 Novice class and you move to the \$2500 Novice class based on your horse's lifetime earnings points acquired in the \$2500 class will be applied to your \$1000 Novice nomination. For example, if a \$500 class is offered and the rider is nominated in the \$1000, her points earned in the \$500 will count toward her \$1000 nomination. Horse must still compete in the correct class according to their lifetime earnings to acquire points.
7. Contestants are to correct any discrepancies in their posted points or monies within 60 days of the date of the race with the Novice Chairman.

8. In all classes, points awarded shall be awarded to each nominated horse and must be ridden by an OBRA member in good standing in order to receive year end points. With the exception to the 4D, 5D since points are based on rider only.
9. A novice horse earning points in an open class will acquire points for the novice class the horse is nominated in as well as receive points on the horse, if nominated, for the open standings. Under no circumstances are double points to be counted for any one class.
10. No points will be awarded and contestant will receive a no time if the contestant knocks over a barrel or runs off-course.
11. \$3.00 per run fee must be paid in order for points to count on a nominated horse.
12. Standard Payoff Guideline (Open, 2500 Novice, 1000 Novice Classes):

ENTRIES	PLACES PAID	PAY OFFS
1-3	1	100%
4-6	2	60% 40%
7-9	3	50% 30% 20%
10-12	4	40% 30% 20% 10%
13-15	5	32% 26% 20% 14% 8%
16-18	6	29% 24% 18% 13% 9% 7%
19-21	7	24% 20% 17% 14% 11% 8% 6%
22-24	8	22% 18% 15% 13% 11% 9% 7% 5%
25-33	9	21% 17% 15% 13% 11% 8% 6% 5% 4%
34 or more	10	21% 18% 15% 12% 9% 7% 6% 5% 4% 3%

13. If an error is made on the payout, member and Novice Chairman must be notified immediately and the difference in the winnings is to be returned to the race secretary or amount must be the same amount submitted to the Novice chairman.
14. For every third contestant a placing is to be paid until 9 places paid and then payoff is to allow last placing to receive winnings at least the amount of their entry fee.
15. In the event of added money at a PRIME OBRA race, the payoff format will remain the same as above noted standard payoff guideline. Paying out more money per place instead of paying more places.
16. Race secretary can opt for ½ second splits in arenas with less than 60 feet between 1st and 2nd. Race producers have the option of having a 4D or 5D Format. All points acquired in each 5D division will count towards their Year-End Standings Points.
17. Complete race results and \$3.00 per run fee (to be collected from every runner and rolled time whether an OBRA member or not) to be sent to the OBRA Secretary-Treasurer and all race results with the new nominations listed at the bottom

are to be sent to the novice chairman and vice-president.

18. A knocked down barrel, and/or off course is a no time. Must make an attempt to maintain forward motion. If rider intentionally slows down or pulls up horse, rider will get a no time.
19. Entry fee \$20.00 (to pot), plus office charge, \$3.00 per run OBRA fee.
20. The 4D pay off system to be as follows:

4D DIVISION PERCENTAGES:

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

- 20.1 If times break down where one division has no riders in it, then the payoff must be 43%, 33% and 24% respectively. Two divisions have no Riders, then the payoff must be 60%, 40%. If only one division, then 100% goes into that division. The last place in the 4th D should pay back no less than the amount of the entry fee. If there are 10 riders or less, payoff may be less than the entry fee.

21. The 5D pay off system to be as follows:

1D:	Fastest time
2D:	Fast time plus 0.5 seconds
3D:	Fast time plus 1.0 second
4D:	Fast time plus 1.5 second
5D:	Fast time plus 2 seconds

5D DIVISION PERCENTAGES:

Division 1	26%
Division 2	22%
Division 3	20%
Division 4	18%
Division 5	14%

22. All awards and monies, not picked up by winner at time race will have arrangements made within 21 days of race for retrieval of said awards or monies. If arrangements have not been made within 21 days between producer and winner, The Board of Directors or Executive Board will be notified to assist with delivery arrangements.

## **CONTESTANTS**

1. All barrel racers must be waiting their turn outside the arena and enter when called.

- Contestants must run in order drawn.
2. Running positions must be drawn for by the race secretary and the order reversed for each go-round. Positions for all go-rounds are to be posted. If entries are taken on the grounds, these entries are to be placed at the end of the entries that were in the draw and after order is reversed these entries are to be reversed and added at the end.
  3. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully. Failure to understand rules will not be accepted as an excuse.
  4. Contestant may see the records of all contestants at the end of each go-round provided the request is at a convenient time for the secretary.
  5. Upon entering a barrel race, every contestant waives all claims against the show, rodeo or gymkhanas management for any damage to property or injury sustained.
  6. When dress code is in effect members are expected to wear western hats, long sleeve shirts, boots and colored pants or like new jeans.

#### **CLOVERLEAF BARREL RACE RULES**

1. Barrel Racing is a timed event, using brightly colored 55 gallon barrels. No plastic barrels are to be used at Prime races.
2. Both ends of the barrel must be closed.
3. There is to be only one contestant, horse in the arena at a time during the barrel race, any exceptions shall be the decision of the contestants present with the consensus taken by the Race Director.
4. The starting gates or gate will remain the same throughout the entire race.
5. The start/finish line and the position for the barrels must be marked permanently for the entire race.
6. If possible and if ground and arena allows, course shall be set square with the arena, not at an angle.
7. Any time the eye is broken by the runner after their name has been called time will begin. No restarts unless the runner was interrupted by someone. (ex: such as someone or something running across the arena. This to be at the discretion of the race producers.
8. Contestants will receive a no time for a knocked down barrel. Touching a barrel is permitted.

9. A barrel is considered down if it lies completely on its side.
10. May go either right or left barrel first, but must make two left turns and one right or two right turns and one left.
11. Running start is allowed. May cross the starting line anywhere between the first two barrels. Only three circles are permitted in all OBRA classes. Should a contestant exceed this, a \$10.00 fine will be incurred with monies going to OBRA Secretary-Treasurer.
12. Failure to follow the course disqualifies contestant for the go- round and the average.
13. If any classes are ran before the Open class, ground must be raked before the start of the Open class.
14. All novice classes must be ran before the 4D/ 5D class.

### **RE-RUNS**

1. Re-run will be given should a default occur due to race management.
2. A re-run shall be made within a reasonable amount of time, not less than 10 minutes later; OR contestant may have the option of running at the end of the class that default occurred. Any other options shall be at the agreement of both the contestant and the Race Management.
3. In the re-run situation any penalties will be carried forward.
4. If electric eye fails, contestant must declare if she wants a re-run before knowing what her back up time is.
5. In the event that the electric eye fails, the contestant will be offered a re-run. If the first run is clean without any penalty assessed (hitting a barrel), that will be carried forward to the re-run. For example: if a barrel in the re-run is hit, but had not hit a barrel in the first run there will not be assessed a no time. If the contestant hit a barrel on the first run, but still chooses a re-run, that no time will be assessed on the re-run even if the contestant has a clean run on the re-run.

### **GROUND PREPARATION**

1. Committee should be asked to prepare ground in the arena to be consistent throughout the event.
2. If time onlies are ran prior to the start of the race, course must be remarked and raked.
3. If any classes are ran before the Open class, ground must be raked Before the start of

the Open class.

4. Ground must be raked or tractor dragged after every 5 runs.

### **BARREL PATTERN**

1. If the arena size permits, barrels must be set in standard course. Standard course is 60 feet (20 yards) score and 90 feet (30 yards) between 1st and 2nd barrels, 105 feet (35 yards) between 1st and 3rd as well as 2nd and 3rd.
2. In small arenas it is recommended the pattern be reduced proportionately to a standard barrel pattern.
3. Starting line suggested is at least 60 feet (20 yards) from the first two barrels.
4. Starting/Finish line must be 45 feet (15 yards) from the chutes or fence. If under 45 feet (15 yards), an opening must be provided and kept clear for contestants to run through.
5. Distance between barrels and fence or bucking chutes must be at least 15 feet (5 yards).
6. Suggestions for Small Arenas: Score line should be 45 feet (15 yards) from the chute. Barrels 1 and 2 must be 15 feet (5 yards) from side of the arena. Barrel 3 must be 30 feet (10 yards) from the back of the arena.
7. When having a Double Header jackpot, all efforts should be made to run the same size pattern.

### **MARKING THE BARRELS**

1. Person measuring and marking the barrel pattern must give a copy of the measurements to the race secretary when there is more than a single go on the pattern.
2. If electric timer is used then permanent markers should be set for it.
3. When setting the barrels on marker, center of the barrel should be positioned over where marker comes out of the ground.
4. Recommended manner of marking barrels is to use a 2"x 2" stake 1 foot long. Sharpen one end and bore a 1" hole 3" down from the end. Put 3 feet of 1" rope or baling twine through the hole. Fasten with wire around the top. Dig a hole and drive the stake into the ground. Cover with dirt leaving the rope ends sticking out. Tie bright cloth to the rope end.
5. Measuring to be done at the management's convenience by any Director present or member in good standing. She must see that the barrels are measured and marked properly.
6. If time onlies are ran prior to the start of the race, course must be remarked and raked.

## **ELECTRIC TIMERS**

1. Equipment necessary: complete electric timer plus one extra timing clock or stop watch to be operated manually.
2. In the instance there is not an electric timer available or the electric timer fails to operate, two (2) watches are to be used, one being designated as the main timer and the other being the backup timer.
3. If only one electric timer is used it must be backed up by a flagman who will stand directly behind one timer post in arena.
4. Set timer the same height and position each performance and lock legs.
5. When OBRA rules take precedence when using an electric eye, if the timer fails on 25% or more contestants, back up times will be used. Times missed with electric eye will be dropped to 100ths.
6. If no electric eye is used and flagman fouls, judge's decision will be final. Timers and flagman cannot change before a go-round is completed. Horse's nose shall be flagged both for start and finish.
7. Timers, flagmen and judges must be acceptable to the majority of the contestants. Their decision will be final.

## **YEAR-END**

1. Finals are open to any member in good standing that has entered and competed in 8 races throughout the year. The points from the top 20 races and with the most money throughout the year will go towards the year-end standings.
2. All points won at the Finals race shall count toward year-end standings.
3. Must have entered and competed in 8 races to qualify for finals. A minimum of 5 places or 20% of nominations, whichever is greater, with 8 races, in each division to receive an award. If the number exceeds 20, 21st place and below are to receive only the standard award unless funds allow more. This is up to the discretion of the Awards Chairman. The Awards Chairman shall be in charge of the selection and purchase of the novice awards while working closely with the Novice Chairman.
4. Any member placing in their division standings will receive the standard awards, but must be present at the finals or give notification to the Finals Committee of reason for her absence and with their approval she may receive her awards through a representative at the finals. If a member does not contact the awards chairman that they will not be present to pick up their award(s) their award will roll down to the next

qualifying member.

## **FINALS**

1. The finals race is to be the last race of the season, to be held not later than the second weekend of October. Each year it will alternate between the East side and the West side of the Cascades for location. Finals are an OBRA race that the finals committee produces, all monies made will go back to OBRA. The finals committee will be given, as funds allow, a minimum of \$1,000 or \$.50 per run whichever is greater, to be used for added money and awards at the finals.
2. Any OBRA member on a nominated horse must have entered and competed in 8 races to compete at the finals. If said contestant enters and does not compete, she must pay her entry fee. The only exceptions are Producing two copies of a doctor's release or two copies of a vet slip. A copy of the doctor's release or the vet slip must be presented to the Vice President or Finals Chairman before the first go of the Finals. If not received within this time frame member will be responsible for entry fees. A contestant may also draw out after the books close at the discretion of the Vice President or Finals Chairman.
  - 2.1 Any member placing in any OBRA class standings will receive the standard awards, but must be present at finals or give notification to the Finals Committee of the reason for their absence and with their approval may receive their awards through a representative at finals.
3. Points won at finals will count toward the OBRA Championship Standings.
4. The Finals Committee has the option on finals weekend to offer jack potted races open to all OBRA members and nonmembers. Classes to be offered will be an Open, \$2500 Novice, \$1000 Novice and 4D or 5D. If possible, added monies to be obtained to add to the jackpots. Added money will be counted in the OBRA earnings.
5. It shall be the responsibility of the Finals Committee that the added purses for both novice divisions are obtained for finals. Any OBRA member can assist by getting donations.
6. Entries will be taken by mail and electronically. An advertised deadline date for entries and fees to be received by the Finals Committee shall be imposed. Late entries will be accepted with a late fee.
7. If a member does not contact the awards chairman that they will not be present to pick up their award(s) their award will roll down to the next qualifying member.
8. Novice monies won towards lifetime winnings must be reported no later than 10 days before the finals are held.

9. All points will stand as stated in the OBRA point's books 10 days before the finals are held. Any questions or inquiries must be made before this 10-day time frame. Contestants are to correct any discrepancies in their posted points or monies won within 60 days of the date of the race with the Novice Chairman.
10. No OBRA race approvals 12 days prior to finals weekend. All last chance race results are to be submitted by the Monday following the race.
11. At finals, Novice horses shall run in their original nominated class.
12. If a horse is nominated in a novice class and an open class, if member wishes, she may run in both classes at finals. But the Open run will only be added to the Open points and the novice run added to the novice points.
13. A 10 and under Pee-Wee class may be offered at finals. Pee-Wees will not be allowed to roll or run in other classes or the 4D/5D if they enter the Pee-Wee class.

#### **FINALS BUY-IN OPTION**

1. Individuals have the option to "buy-in" to the finals by buying a membership and paying the nomination fee, along with a \$50 buy-in fee (NOMINATION AND BUY-IN FEE PER HORSE), to be eligible to compete at the finals if the 8 race qualification cannot be met. \*This buy-in option pertains ONLY TO THE 4D CLASS. Members with Nomination (did not make 8 races) \$50; Member (without nomination or adding an extra horse) \$75; Non-member \$125.

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS**

1. Contestants must have entered and competed in 8 races to receive a year end award. A minimum of 5 places or 20% of nominations, whichever is greater, with 8 races, in each division to receive an award. If it is determined that more than 20 placings are to be given, 21st and below are to only receive the standard award unless funds allow more. This is to be determined by the awards committee. These members will also receive additional awards as donated or allowed by additional monies. Any year-end ties will be broke by the horse that has won the most OBRA money in the top 20 races counted for year-end points.

#### **SPECIAL AWARDS**

1. Membership will nominate and elect the following and vote at finals:
  - 1.1 Sportsmanship Award: Based on appearance, conduct, cooperativeness and effort put forth in the interest of OBRA.
  - 1.2 Director of the Year: Based on efforts put forth by an Officer in the interest of OBRA in assisting at OBRA races and co-approved races.

- 1.3 Horse of the Year: Based on the horse's athletic ability and versatility during the year.
  - 1.4 Outstanding Service Award: Based on the individual or group who have served the OBRA over and above that which is expected.
  - 1.5 Producer of the year: Based on top money producer for OBRA. (This award may be repeated the yearly)
2. An individual who receives an award in any of the special awards categories are not eligible for that same award the following year.