

## 2019 Membership Meeting

Voting for 2019-2020 Board Members and Committees:

President:

Nominees:

**Tonya - Elected**

Vice President:

Nominees:

**Malisa - Elected**

Secretary/Treasurer:

Nominees:

**Tanya - Elected**

Novice Chair:

Nominees:

**Niki - Elected**

Webmaster:

Nominees:

**Hannah - Elected**

2020 Finals Chair (On East Side):

Nominees:

**Kerri Jo - Elected**

Ways and Means:

Nominees:

**Stephanie Peters - Elected**

Awards Committee:

Nominees:

**Tasha Johns, Alex Shelley, Marcie Stewart - Elected**

West Side Fundraiser Chair:

Nominees:

**Valerie James - Elected**

East Side Fundraiser Chair:

Nominees:

**Elisha Zellner – Elected**

## 2019 Rule Change Proposals

1. Page 29, contestants, item 2 reads:

Existing Rule: 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.

Change: I would like the rule to be changed to new draw each day, rather than reverse order as currently written

Pass  Fail  **late entries stay late and have their own re-draw**

2. Page 12 Rule 5:

The executive board will select a location and dates for finals 2 years in advance. Example: the board elected at the 2019 finals will reserve and book finals location for 2021. The board elected at the 2020 finals will reserve and book finals location for 2022, etc. The finals committee/chairman will still be in charge of all details of finals (schedule, fees, race secretary, banquet, etc).

Reasoning: This will help alleviate the issues with finding locations in short time frames that we've run in to in the past few years getting a location and dates for finals.

Pass  Fail

3. Page 16 Under "Barrel race approvals and entry fee scale" rule #3

Existing wording: Approved OBRA races during the week including Open, novice, 4D/5D classes with the approval at the discretion of the president. Races will start no earlier than 5PM. An attempt will be made by the resident 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.

Proposed change: Double Header Races shall have a minimum of 15 minutes between races or less if agreed upon by all contestants. The 15 minutes 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 hour between; if there is a specific advertised time on the website then the race may not start before that time

Reasoning: Producers are already shortening this time. Weeknight evening races sometimes get late, and to require an hour between would push them even later, and potentially making the number of weeknight races fewer. This gives producers the option to make it an earlier night for all involved, or longer if they want/need.

Pass  Fail

4. Page 18 under "Co-Approved Races" rule #7.8

Existing wording: 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.

Proposed change: Delete entire #7.8 if we are going to keep the rule change from last year where horses don't move up when winning money more than their nomination class.

Pass  Fail

5. Page 19 Under "Co-sanction Race" Rule 8.2

Existing wording: Any monies won at a co-sanction race will not count towards OBRA monies won just points. Monies won will count for lifetime earnings.

Proposed change: Any monies won at a co-sanction race will not count towards OBRA monies won in OBRA Open, 2500, or 1000 class nominations, will count for points and OBRA monies won in 4D nominations. Monies won will count towards novice horse lifetime earnings.

Pass  Fail

6. Proposal: Prior to something like Saddle Book is implemented it should be brought before the membership for a vote. It does seem to cost the club a substantial amount of money.

For example: If 100 members signed up for Finals @ a cost of \$3 per run X 2 runs that would be a cost of \$600 to our club.

Pass  Fail

7. Proposal: Before entry fees are raised for Finals it should be brought to a vote before the membership or at the least the Board. This year that is a 25% increase over previous years.

Pass  Fail

8. Proposal is to remove /change the rule that nominated horses run in their nominated novice class all year long.

I propose that we revert to the former long standing rule that horses/riders money out of their nominated novice class as they earn money in any race that contributes to their lifetime earnings. As prior- the rider/horse nominated to a novice class, and once they earn over the class amount (\$1000 or \$2500) that the not be eligible to run in races in that class. They must run in the next class up or lose points, fees and earnings. Points earned still count toward nominated class. Also as prior- they will be allowed to run in their nominated novice class at finals.

Reasoning: As of today 25/87 horses should have moneyed out in the 1000 class alone. This rule this year has served only the people that train or have extremely talented young horses, has basically has removed any incentive to nominate into the novice classes and has been a detriment to the majority of the novice class riders. My concern is that if this rule remains in force, we will see a large decrease in The novice class nominations which

causes a loss in revenue for the club (which effects the entire membership) as well as removes the one thing that makes OBRA different from all other 4D organizations.

The choice to run horses in larger races where they can earn more money that causes them to go over the novice \$ limit per class, is the choice of the rider. Not all novice horses can do that and OBRA needs the novice classes to help the horses progress without penalization to the rider.

Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_X\_\_\_

9. Proposal: 4d class runs first at obra races. Most all people roll to 4d.

Reasoning: Producers will not have so many drags between the small amount that enter each class. Saves time. Everyone would be in Draw. Not set up first every time.

Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_X\_\_\_ **Passed: Order of classes are at race producers discretion.**

10. Proposal: I'd like to submit a rule proposal that changes the 2500 novice class to be a \$3500 novice class.

Reasoning: The reason being that when OBRA began, there weren't nearly as many big money added races available, and the fact that there are quite a few horses each year who money out of the 1000 and the 2500 in the same year, leaving them unable to take advantage of us even having the 2500 class. The 2500 class has always been our smallest class as far as number of nominations each year, and I believe that this may increase the number of nominations.

Pass \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_