

# 2016 - 2017 Rule Proposals

## PROPOSAL #1 - Submitted by TJ Miles

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1. 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.

**REASON:** There have been a few instances this year where Producers and the Board have been put in uncomfortable situations by members. There were decisions made and the member did not like the outcome and repeatedly sent emails, text messages, and called even after they were told to stop. It got way out of hand. We need to protect our Producers and members of the Board when they are trying to enforce the rules.

## PROPOSAL #2 - Submitted by Shawna Leslie

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2. Change wording of the current rule under Payoff/Points on Page 19, Paragraph 11. "No points will be awarded if the contestant runs off-course (a no-time). If a contestant knocks over a barrel a 5 second penalty will be assessed and points will be awarded. (Excluding the 4D or 5D)."

**CHANGE TO:** 11. No points will be awarded if the contestant knocks over a barrel (a +5 second penalty) or runs off-course (a no-time). If a contestant knocks over a barrel, but wins money, then points will be awarded. A +5 second penalty will be assessed to any knocked over barrel. (Excluding the 4D/5D).

**REASON:** You shouldn't be allowed points for knocking over a barrel. The argument behind revising this rule last year was that he contestant pays the fees, hauls to the races and then hits a barrel and isn't rewarded because they don't get points. This reasoning is likened to receiving a trophy because you showed up and participated in the race, not because you worked hard and earned that trophy. It's unfair to the contestants that haul just as much as someone who hits barrels, pays the same fees and doesn't hit barrels. This is a competition sport, not a participation sport.

**PROPOSAL #3 - Submitted by Marta Quintero**

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3. Amend wording of the current rule under Minor Violations: Page 11,

Paragraph 1. "First check to be returned for NSF funds must be made good with payment postmarked within 48 hours after notification by the President or Secretary; along with paying all fees charged to the OBRA for deposit of the NSF checks and any other expenses incurred by the OBRA, Prime Assoc. that OBRA has Co-Approved with or a recipient member or fellow racer. If within 10 days' check is not good a \$25.00 fine will be added and the contestant will be on a cash only basis. After two NSF checks the contestant will be suspended for the remainder of the year. This decision is up to the Board. Contestant should 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."

**CHANGE TO:** 1. First check to be returned for NSF funds must be made good with payment postmarked within 48 hours after notification by the President, Secretary or **RACE PRODUCER**; along with paying all fees charged for the deposit of the NSF checks and any other expenses incurred by the OBRA, Prime Assoc. that OBRA has co-approved with or a recipient member or fellow racer. If within 10 days' check is not good a \$25.00 fine will be added and the contestant will be on a cash only basis. After two NSF checks the contestant will be suspended for the remainder of the year. This decision is up to the Board. Contestant should 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 BOARD DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO SUSPEND THE CONTESTANT OR PLACE THEM ON A CASH BASIS ONLY, THEIR NAME WILL BE PLACED ON A LIST INDICATING THE DECISION. THIS LIST WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.**

**REASON:** The Board is not usually notified immediately of bad checks written to producers. This will shorten the time for resolution in many cases. Hopefully this will be a deterrent to anyone writing a bad check. Posting the list on the website is not meant to shame anyone, but rather to notify the producers in a timely manner of the Board's decision.

**PROPOSAL #4 - Submitted by Marta Quintero**

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4. Add Registered Agent as a new Officer position under Officers: Page 8, Paragraph 3. "The Officers of the OBRA shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Novice Chairman, Webmaster, Awards Chairman, Finals Chairman, and Ways & Means."

**CHANGE TO:** The Officers of the OBRA shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Novice Chairman, Webmaster, Awards Chairman, Finals Chairman, Ways & Means AND REGISTERED AGENT.

*Madison  
Amy Smith  
Catherine White*

**REASON:** The Registered Agent listed with the Oregon Secretary of State for Oregon Barrel Racing Association has not been updated in 20 years.

**PROPOSAL #5 - Submitted by Marta Quintero**

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5. On Page 10, add a new Paragraph 14. Registered Agent under Duties of Officers.

**CHANGE TO:** 14. 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.

**REASON:** There has not been a Registered Agent for OBRA in 20 years. The original Registered Agent listed with the Secretary of State for OBRA no longer resides in the area. We need to insure the ongoing status of the organization.

**PROPOSAL #6 - Submitted by Niki Davila**

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6. On Page 14, Paragraph 6.9, delete entire rule. "6.9 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 class 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 and fundraiser races."

**REASON:** It has created a nightmare for the race secretary, for reporting points and establishing average payouts and awards. We tried it for a year, and it was more hassle than it was worth.

**PROPOSAL #7 - Submitted by Janelle Arzino**

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7. Add one additional saddle to Open, 2500 Novice and 1000 Novice for the winner of the average at Finals in those classes. Open up buying into that class at finals if their horse qualifies when they buy-in.

**REASON:** I think it would generate more people buying in and also I think more people would nominate for the 2500 Novice class and for other classes. Have stiff penalties if people try to cheat the qualifications. It would be a win/win. As the people going all year would have two chances at a saddle and it would generate a lot more entries at finals. Honestly I don't think I'm going to nominate for 2500 Novice for next year. But if there was an average saddle I would.

**PROPOSAL #8 - Submitted by Niki Davila**

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8. **Rule Clarification:** On Page 13 of the rulebook it states basically \$20.00 goes to the pot for 4D races. Then on Page 32 it says \$30.00 goes to the pot for 4D races. Is the rule \$20.00 to jackpot or \$30 to jackpot?

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**PROPOSAL #9 - Submitted by Brandy Schanno**

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9. At the fundraiser races, novice horses will run in the class they are nominated in, the same way they do at Finals.