

OBRA Membership Meeting 2022

Call to order: 10:52pm

Vote in 2022-2023 Officers

President: 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.

Nominations: Stacey Hardin – voted

Vice President: The Vice-President shall be back-up points keeper for the Open, 3500 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.

Nominations: Stephanie Chike - voted

Secretary/Treasurer: 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.

Nominations: Kaylee Hofman - voted

Novice Chair/Points: The Novice Chairman will be the primary points keeper for the Open, 3500 Novice, 1000 Novice, 4D classes and Rookie. She will also send the webmaster a list of the Open, 3500 Novice, 1000 Novice, 4D and Rookie nominations to be published for further verification by the members.

Nominations: Niki Davila - voted

Ways and Means/Social Media: 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.

Nominations: Courtney Berreth - voted

Awards Committee: 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)

Nominations: Shelly/Deanna - voted

West Side Fundraiser Chair:

Nominations: Tasha Ballsteadt - voted

East Side Fundraiser Chair:

Nominations: Sandee Foster-Yanez/Tonya Bender - voted

Finals Chair: 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.

Nominations: Dani Grant - voted

Rule Change Proposals:

Old Rule Page 6: Purpose

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.

New Rule

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Old Rule Page 15: Novice Divisions

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.

New Rule

11. If a contestant runs in a class lower than her ~~lifetime earnings~~ nominated class (unless LTE warrants in the case of a \$200 or \$500 class being offered at a race), her points for that race will be forfeited, any winnings returned and entry fees will be forfeited. The payoff will be adjusted accordingly.

Old Rule Page 16: Novice Divisions

\$3500 NOVICE: All rules for Novice Division apply, in addition to the following:

1. The \$3500 Novice race is for horses that have not won more than \$3500.01 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 \$3500.00 the horse is no longer eligible to nominate for \$3500 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:

- a. Horses with lifetime earnings under \$1000.00 at the time of nomination, may ONLY nominate in the \$1000 Division.
- b. The \$1000 Novice race is for horses that have not won more than \$1,000.01 lifetime earnings in barrel racing.

c. 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.

New Rule:

\$3500 NOVICE: All rules for Novice Division apply, in addition to the following:

1. Horses with lifetime earnings \$1000.01 and \$3500.00 at the time of nomination, may ONLY nominate in the \$3500 Division.

2. Each year a novice horse will start out with "0" points towards yearly standings, but once the total lifetime accumulations are over \$3500.00 the horse is no longer eligible to nominate for \$3500 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, **unless warranted by lower LTE and class offered at a race (ex: a \$200 or \$500 OBRA class offered at a race).**

Old Rule Page 19: Payoff/Points

6. If you are nominated in the \$3500 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 3500 Novice nomination. You can elect at that time to nominate in the Open and your points will be applied to your Open and \$3500 nominations. If you are nominated in the \$1000 Novice class and you move to the \$3500 Novice class based on your horse's lifetime earnings points acquired in the \$3500 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.

New Rule

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Reasoning:

Editing to reflect current practices

Pass__x_____ Fail_____

Old Rule Page 17: Rookie Of The Year

4. Rookie class will be on the standard OBRA point system.

New Rule

4. Rookie class will be on the standard OBRA point system, **with only points from classes which rider is nominated or riding a nominated horse counting.**

Reasoning:

Editing to reflect current practices

Pass __x____ Fail _____

Old Rule Page 19: Payoff/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.

New Rule

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Reasoning:

Novice chair also needs list of donors to know to whom to award points

Pass __x____ Fail _____

Old Rule Page 22: Contestants

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.

New Rule

6. When dress code is in effect members are expected to wear western hats **or helmets**, long sleeve shirts, boots and colored pants or like new jeans.

Reasoning:

Helmets should also be considered dress code for those who choose to wear them.

Pass ___ x ___ Fail _____

Old Rule Page 22: Cloverleaf Barrel Race Rules

14. All novice classes must be run before the 4D/ 5D class.

New Rule

14. **At finals and Fundraiser races**, all novice classes must be run before the 4D/ 5D class. **Producer has discretion regarding novice classes or 4/5D class running first in other races throughout the year.**

Reasoning:

This rule had been passed a few years ago, must not have been updated in this particular place in the rule book.

Pass ___ x ___ Fail _____

Old Rule Page 24 Year-End:

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.

New Rule

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Old Rule Page 25 Finals:

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.

New Rule

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.~~ **have a representative to pick up their award, the award will roll down to the next qualifying member.**

Reasoning:

This alleviates the whole "I think so and so picked up your award" when awards committee is asked by a member not present.

Pass ___ x ___ Fail _____

Old Rule Page 12 Barrel Race Approvals & 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 the race date. The President may approve races within 30 days of finals, for the next year

New Rule

1. Races are subject to the President's approval and must appear on the website **within 72 hours of race approval**. All race approval forms must be submitted to OBRA President **at least 5 days** prior to the race date. The President may approve races within 30 days of finals, for the next year

Pass__x_____ Fail_____

Old Rule Page 12 Barrel Race Approvals & Entry Fee Scale

4. The State is divided into 3 areas; Area 1 (Oregon West), 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 will be scheduled within 90 miles in the same area, on the same race day. No two races that are CO-SANCTION will be scheduled within 50 miles on the same race day. Same-day mileage protection can be waived with approval from all race producers involved. Scheduled dates will be on a first come first serve basis.

New Rule

4. The State is divided into 3 areas; Area 1 (Oregon West), 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 will be scheduled within **80 miles** in the same area, on the same race day. No two races that are CO-SANCTION will be scheduled within 50 miles on the same race day. Same-day mileage protection can be waived with approval from all race producers involved. Scheduled dates will be on a first come first serve basis.

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