

# Utah Barrel Racing Association Rule Book

Effective for the 2009 regular season

## Privileges and protection of members:

1. Only UBRA functions will be approved for year end points.
2. Membership application and \$50 membership fee must be submitted in order to receive year end points.
3. Members are required to obtain or pay a \$20 sponsorship to be considered "in good standing", see #11 below. Sponsorships received before April 1<sup>st</sup> will be recognized in the annual Futurity / Open 5D race program.
4. No UBRA function will be approved unless the entire membership can be and is notified. Notification will be made via UBRA newsletter or website as required by the board of directors and emailed, hand delivered or mailed by postal service to the last known address of each member as given to the UBRA secretary.
5. It is the member's responsibility to make sure the secretary has your current contact information.
6. If a jackpot is cancelled or moved due to weather or arena conditions, it will be cancelled 12 hours prior to sign up time and members will be notified by phone. If weather conditions are adverse or arena conditions are unsafe a function can be cancelled the day of the function with a majority board vote.
7. Members may pre enter with the jackpot representative. If a member pre enters and does not show up to the jackpot, you are still responsible to pay the entry fee.
8. Entry fee must be paid prior to running.
9. There are no refunds once the jackpot starts.
10. Membership is open to all individuals in good standing with the UBRA.
11. Members in good standing are eligible for year end awards.
12. Good sportsmanship and safe conduct is expected at all times.
13. Board of director positions will be assigned based on membership nominations and majority votes. The following board positions will be board appointed annually: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.
14. Board of directors must be current members in good standing.
15. Rule changes will become effective upon a majority board of directors vote and distributed to members by email, hand delivery or mailed by postal service to the last known address of each member.

## Class Rules and Clarifications:

The UBRA consists of seven classes; they are run in the following order: Open Poles, Open Barrels, Non Pro, Amateur, \$3000, Limited, 4D

### Open Pole Bending Class

1. Member or non-member may run in the pole class.
2. Member or non-member may run as many horses as they desire in the pole class.
3. Year end points are accumulated on the horse.
4. Year end pole champion may run again in the pole class.

### Open Barrel Class

1. Member or non-member may run in the open class.
2. Member or non-member may run one time per jackpot in the Open class.
3. Member who runs in the Open class will never again be eligible to run in the Non Pro Rider or Limited Rider classes and will forfeit all their points in those classes.
4. "Rookie of the Year" will be awarded to the member who in their 1<sup>st</sup> year competing in the Open class earns the most year-end points.
5. Year end points are accumulated on the member.
6. Year end open champion may run again in the Open class.

### Non Pro Rider Barrel Class

1. Non Pro class is for the member who has never before held a WPRA card.
2. Non Pro form must be submitted with membership dues.
3. Member may run one time per jackpot in the Non Pro class.
4. Member who runs in the Open class will never again be eligible to run in the Non Pro class and will forfeit all their Non Pro points.
5. Year end points are accumulated on the member.
6. Year end champion will never again be eligible to run in the Non Pro class.
7. If any member has falsified their application for this class, it will be considered a major violation and they will be dealt with by the board of directors accordingly.

### Amateur Horse Barrel Class

1. Amateur Horse class is for a 1<sup>st</sup> year barrel horse that has never before won awards or money in a barrel race, or a 2<sup>nd</sup> year barrel horse that has not won over \$7500 barrel racing it's 1<sup>st</sup> year.
2. Amateur nomination form must be submitted for the 1<sup>st</sup> year horse prior to that horse competing in any barrel race.
3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> year horse must have been nominated its 1<sup>st</sup> year and again its 2<sup>nd</sup> year consecutively.
4. Year end champion horse will never again be eligible to run in the Amateur class.
5. Year end points are accumulated on the horse.
6. Member may run as many eligible horses as they desire in the Amateur class.
7. Amateur horse may run only in the Amateur class at UBRA functions and can carry times over or run again in the 4D class.
8. If any member has falsified their application for this class, it will be considered a major violation and they will be dealt with by the board of directors accordingly.

### \$3000 Horse Barrel Class

1. \$3000 Horse class is for the member whose horse has not won over \$3000 in its lifetime.
2. \$3000 Horse form must be submitted with membership dues.
3. Year end points are accumulated on the horse.
4. Member may run as many eligible horses as they desire in the \$3000 class.
5. Year end champion horse will never again be eligible to run in the \$3000 class.
6. If any member has falsified their application for this class, it will be considered a major violation and they will be dealt with by the board of directors accordingly.

### Limited Rider Barrel Class

1. Limited Rider class is for the member who has not won over \$500 barrel racing.
2. Limited Rider form must be submitted with membership dues.
3. Member may run one time per jackpot in the Limited Rider class.
4. Member who runs in the Open class will never again be eligible to run in the Limited Rider class and will forfeit all their Limited Rider class points.
5. Year end points are accumulated on the member.
6. Year end champion will never again be eligible to run in the Limited Rider class.
7. If any member has falsified their application for this class, it will be considered a major violation and they will be dealt with by the board of directors accordingly.

### 4D Barrel Class

1. The divisions in the 4D class are split by ½ seconds, example: 1D 17.000, 2D 17.500, 3D 18.000, 4D 18.500. You have the option to carry over times from the other classes or to run in the 4D class. You must declare your option when entering.
2. Member or non-member may run in the 4D class.
3. A horse and rider combination may run or carry time over one time per jackpot.
4. Carry over time will be from your 1<sup>st</sup> run.
5. A knocked over barrel will be a no-time.
6. Year end points are accumulated on a horse and member combination.
7. Year end points can be accumulated in all divisions of the 4D class.

- Horse and member combinations are eligible for as many year-end awards as they earn.

## General Rules and Clarifications

### Non-Members

- All non-members must sign a release form.
- All non-members must pay a \$5 non-member fee per regular season jackpot.
- A non-member may join the UBRA anytime during the season.
- All non-members are subject to UBRA rules and regulations.

### Rake Rule

- The first three positions drawn in each class will rake, set up barrels or work the gate for the next class. For example, the first three positions drawn in the Pole class will rake, set up barrels or work the gate for the Open class.
- The fourth position in the draw of each class will rake for the 4D class. For example, the fourth draw position in Poles, Open, Non Pro, Amateur, \$3000 and Limited will rake for the 4D class.
- If you draw two rakes you can choose which class to rake for.
- Failure to comply with the rake rule will result in a \$25.00 penalty. This will be enforced.

### Payout

A \$5 ground and timer fee per entry plus 2% of the total purse of all events shall be deducted from the payout money for year-end awards. The following payout applies to all UBRA classes, excluding the 4D class.

Entries	Pays 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 – 3	100%							
4 - 5	60%	40%						
6 – 8	50%	30%	20%					
9 – 12	40%	30%	20%	10%				
13 – 15	34%	27%	20%	13%	6%			
16 – 24	29%	24%	19%	14%	9%	5%		
25 – 29	27%	22%	18%	13%	10%	6%	4%	
30 Plus	25%	20%	15%	13%	10%	8%	5%	4%

4D Class Payout: \$9 of each entry fee is jackpotted: 1D 35%, 2D 30%, 3D 20%, 4D 15%

Entries	Pays 1 ea D	2 ea D	3 ea D	4 ea D	5 ea D
1-14	100%				
15-25	55%	45%			
26-35	45%	30%	25%		
36-45	35%	30%	20%	15%	
46 Plus	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%

## Year-End Point System

1. Year-end awards are based on a point system and determined by an average of jackpot entries per class up to 10 places. The following are the points awarded for class places.

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
6 Points	5 Points	4 Points	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point

2. If there is a tie of points, then money will be the tie breaker. If there is a tie of points and money, then the rider/horse with the most attendance will break the tie. A knocked over barrel or pole earns no points but can earn money, except in the 4D.

## Results

1. Results will be posted on the web site, [www.utbra.com](http://www.utbra.com), in a timely manner. The results history and point standings will also be posted on the website. A results and point standings book will be available at each jackpot.

## Grievances

1. For a grievance to be addressed by the board of directors it must be presented to a board member in writing within 7 days from the occurrence. The grievance must be signed.
2. The grievance will be discussed by the board or directors and dealt with in a timely manner.
3. If the grievance regards UBRA members, all parties may be called before the board of directors.
4. The board will make a decision and deal with the parties accordingly.
5. The decision made by the board of directors is final.

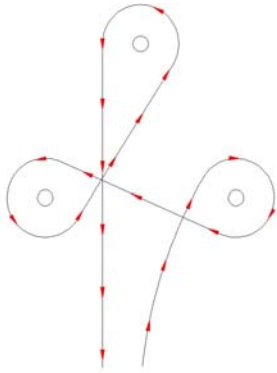
## Violations

The following items are considered violations and will be dealt with by the board of directors accordingly:

1. All returned checks will be charged \$10 for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense; \$20 thereafter and will be required to pay by cash for one year from the date the debt is paid. If debt is not paid within 10 days of first notification, offenders name will go on the ineligible list posted on our website and will be suspended from all UBRA functions.
2. Any competitor found guilty of using alcohol or drugs while competing in a UBRA event or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while in the arena.
3. Abuse of any horse during a UBRA event will not be tolerated.
4. Once barrels and poles are set in the arena you may not go thru the pattern until it's your turn to run.
5. Any person who willfully causes trouble inside or outside the ranks of the UBRA by constant complaining, causes disturbances or unnecessary aggravation towards UBRA members, competitors or the board of directors.
6. Knowing and willfully falsifying a UBRA application or class form.
7. Cheating or willfully misusing a rule will not be tolerated.
8. If a rider runs out of turn, before their name is called, it will result in a disqualification.
9. All riders are required to clear the arena when asked and begin their run from outside the arena.

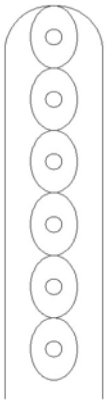
Any person may be disciplined, fined, suspended or expelled from the association and may be denied any or all privileges of the association whenever it has been established by satisfactory evidence to the board of directors that such person has willfully violated any pertinent rules of the association. All members and competitors are required to read the rule book carefully and are encouraged to ask a board member for clarification if necessary.

## Patterns



### Cloverleaf Barrel Pattern

1. The start and finish line will be one and the same line. Time shall begin as horse and rider cross the timer line and shall stop as the horse and rider cross the timer line after completing the pattern.
2. Pattern can be run starting with the left or right barrel.
3. Standard distance for the cloverleaf barrel pattern is:
  - 90 ft. between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> barrels, 105 feet between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> barrels and 105 feet between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> barrels. The score line is 60 ft from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> barrels to the timer.
  - A standard size pattern will be used where possible.
  - A smaller than standard pattern may be set depending on the arena.
  - Pattern will not be set larger than standard size as noted above.
4. Stakes with tie-wraps, strings or a rope will be used to stake the pattern and timers. The barrels shall be set to the inside of the stakes and the timers will be placed on center of the stake. Laser stakes will be used where available.
5. The "arc method" or a 300 ft. measuring tape will be used to stake the pattern. This will ensure equal distance for barrel racers who run to either the right or left barrel first. The distance to the timers will also be measured from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> barrels.
6. In the classes, a knocked over barrel is a +5 and a broken pattern is a no time.
7. In the 4D, a knocked over barrel or broken pattern will result in a no time.



### Pole Bending Pattern

1. The start and finish line will be one and the same line. Time shall begin as horse and rider cross the timer line and shall stop as the horse and rider cross the timer line after completing the pattern.
2. The pole bending pattern will be run around six poles. Each pole is to be set in a straight line twenty-one feet apart; the first pole will be set twenty-one feet from the starting line. Each pole shall be 6 ft. in height and the base shall be no more than fourteen inches in diameter.
3. The pole bending pattern will be set using a rope marked with tape every 21 feet or a tape measure.
4. A five second penalty will be assessed for each knocked over pole.
5. The poles will be centered with the alleyway where possible.

## Timers

1. Electric timers will be used for all events. If the timer fails you have the option of a re-run or a refund of your entry fee.

This rule book has been approved by the board of directors and supersedes all previously published UBRA rule books.

Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Rule Book can be found on the website.