# UBRA

# Utah Barrel Racing Association Summer Series Rule Book

Effective 3/1/24

#### 2024 Changes are Highlighted.

# **Privileges and Protection of Members:**

- 1. Only UBRA functions will be approved for year end points.
- 2. \$60 membership fee must be paid in order to receive year end points. Family membership package cost is \$100 and applies to parents and children living at home 18 and under. Membership fee is non-refundable.
- 3. Members are required to obtain \$40 sponsorship to be considered in good standing. Sponsorship is due April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 4. Members are required to rake for the entire 4D class at 2 summer season jackpots to receive points and remain in good standing. This will be waived pending hired 4D barrel setters.
- 5. A \$6 fee per race per rider will be added for insurance and class barrel setter fees.
- 6. No UBRA function will be approved unless the entire membership can be and is notified. Notification will be made via the UBRA website calendar and emailed to the last known email address of each member as provided on membership form.
- 7. Official correspondence will be done by email. It is the member's responsibility to make sure the secretary has current contact information and that SaddleBook profile contains current email, phone number and mailing address.
- 8. If a jackpot is cancelled or moved due to weather or arena conditions, it will be cancelled 12 hours prior to start time and members will be notified by phone, email or text message. 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.
- 9. Members and non-members may pre-enter online through SaddleBook per the UBRA website. If a member pre-enters and does not show up to the jackpot without notification, member is responsible to pay entry fee.
- 10. Posted pre-entry draw is subject to change pending late entries, scratches, errors and omissions.

  Once a class starts the pre-draw will not be changed, except the addition of late entries and is at the discretion of the jackpot secretary.
- 11. The ground will be raked after every 5 runners.
- 12. All riders 14 years and younger as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, must wear a helmet or they will be disqualified, unless a medical exemption is provided.
- 13. Entry fee must be paid to be included in the pre-entry draw. Entry fee must be paid before running.
- 14. There will be no refund of entry fee once a jackpot starts.
- 15. Membership is open to all individuals in good standing with the UBRA.
- 16. Members in good standing are eligible for year-end awards.
- 17. Good sportsmanship and safe conduct is expected at all times.
- 18. Board of director positions will be assigned and voted on by the current Board of Directors. The following board positions will be appointed annually: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.
- 19. Board of directors must be current members in good standing.
- 20. Rule changes will become effective upon a majority board of directors vote and distributed to members by email.

#### **Class Rules and Clarifications:**

The UBRA consists of the following classes: Open Poles, Youth 3D, Open Barrels, Non-Pro Rider, Limited Rider, Amateur Horse, \$4000 Horse and 4D.

A knocked over pole or barrel will be given a 5 second penalty and will not be awarded points or money.

#### 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.

# Youth 3D Class

- 1. The Youth 3D is a full second split and is for the member who is 14 years and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- 2. Youth 3D time can be carried over to Non-Pro, Limited Rider, \$4000 Horse and the 4D. Youth 3D time cannot be carried over to the Open 1D.
- 3. Year end points are accumulated on a horse and rider combination.
- 4. Year-end awards will be based on an average. No year-end champion saddle.

#### Open 1D 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 class and will forfeit all current year 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.
- 7. Open member rider can carry over to the \$4000, and 4D.

# Non Pro Rider Barrel Class

- 1. Non-Pro class is for the member who does not train horses for remuneration, monetary or otherwise. Has not won more than \$3000 in lifetime barrel racing rodeo earnings as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Has never before held a WPRA card.
- 2. Non-Pro form must be submitted with membership form and dues on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current membership year if requested by the board of directors.
- 3. Member may run one time per jackpot in the Non-Pro class.
- 4. Non-pro rider can carry over to the \$4000, and 4D.
- 5. Non-Pro rider cannot carry over to the Limited rider class.
- 6. Member who runs in the Open class will never again be eligible to run in the Non-Pro class and will forfeit all their current year Non-Pro points.
- 7. Year end points are accumulated on the member.
- 8. Year end champion will never again be eligible to run in the Non-Pro class.
- 9. A falsified class application will be considered a major violation and will be dealt with by the board of directors accordingly.

#### Amateur Horse Barrel Class

- 1. Amateur Horse class is for the first year barrel horse that has never before competed for money, won awards or money in a barrel race prior to November 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous year, or a 2nd year barrel horse that has not won more than \$5000.00 barrel racing its 1st year, Dec 1 Nov 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. First year Amateur Horse nomination form can be submitted after November 1<sup>st</sup> if requested by the board of directors. Nomination form must be submitted if requested by the board of directors and membership dues must be paid prior to horse competing in a UBRA Summer Series barrel race.
- 3. Second year horse must have been nominated for the UBRA amateur horse class 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 must run in the Amateur class when offered and can carry time over the 4D only. If amateur horse runs in any other class they will never again be eligible to run in the Amateur class and will forfeit all their current year Amateur points.
- 8. A falsified application will be considered a major violation and will be dealt with by the board of directors accordingly.

#### \$4000 Horse Barrel Class

- 1. \$4000 Horse class is for the member whose horse has not won over \$4000 barrel racing in its lifetime as of January 1st of the current year.
- 2. \$4000 Horse form must be submitted with membership dues on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current membership year if requested by the board of directors.
- 3. Year end points are accumulated on the horse.
- 4. \$4000 Horse can carry over time to the 4D.
- 5. Member may run as many eligible horses as they desire in the \$4000 class.
- 6. Year-end champion horse will never again be eligible to run in the \$4000 class.
- A falsified application will be considered a major violation and will be dealt with by the board of directors accordingly.

#### Limited Rider Barrel Class

- 1. Limited Rider class is for the member who is a beginner and has not won more than \$500 lifetime barrel racing as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- 2. Limited Rider form must be submitted with membership dues on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current membership year if requested by the board of directors.
- 3. Limited Rider class is a 2D, full second split. Points and money will be awarded in the Limited Rider 1D & 2D. Limited Rider 1D and 2D will be awarded year end awards, no year-end champion saddle.
- 4. Member may run one time per jackpot in the Limited Rider class and may carry time or run again in the 4D.
- 5. Member who runs in the Open or Non-Pro class will never again be eligible to run in the Limited Rider class and will forfeit all their Limited Rider class points.
- 6. Year end points are accumulated on the member.
- 7. Year-end champion will never again be eligible to run in the Limited Rider class.
- 8. A falsified application will be considered a major violation and will be dealt with by the board of directors accordingly.

## **4D Barrel Class**

- 1. The 4D class divisions are split by ½ second, example: 1D 17.000, 2D 17.500, 3D 18.000, 4D 18.500.
- 2. Times can be carried over from other classes or you can run in the 4D class. You must declare your carry over or run option when entering.
- 3. Member or non-member may run in the 4D class.
- 4. A horse and rider combination may run or carry time over into the 4D one time per jackpot.
- 5. Carry over time will be from your 1st run (should you run in more than one class).
- 6. Year end points are accumulated on a horse and member rider combination.
- 7. Year end points can be accumulated in all divisions of the 4D class.
- 8. Horse and member combinations are eligible for as many year-end awards as they earn.

# **General Rules and Clarifications**

# Non-Members

- 1. Non-members can enter poles, open barrels and the 4D.
- 2. All non-members must sign a release form.

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

#### Rake Rule

Jackpot Rake Rule – waived pending hired barrel setters

- 1. The first three positions drawn in each class will rake, set up barrels or work the gate for the following class. For example, the first three positions drawn in the Open class will rake, set up barrels or work the gate for the Non-pro class. The first three positions drawn in the \$4000 class will rake, set up barrels or work the gate for the first 3 drags in the 4D.
- 2. If you draw two rakes you can choose which class to rake for.
- 3. If you cannot rake it is your responsibility to find someone to rake for you.
- 4. Failure to comply with the rake rule will result in a \$25 fine. This will be enforced.

4D Helper Rake Rule – waived pending hired barrel setters

- 1. Member will help/rake for the entire 4D at 2 summer jackpots in addition to jackpot rake rule.
- 2. Failure to help/rake during the 4D at 2 summer jackpots: \$25 fine each occurrence.
- 3. This rule may be waived entirely pending the successful hiring or rakers for the 4D.

#### Payout

Poles, Open 1D, Non-Pro Rider, Amateur Horse, Limited Rider & \$4000 Horse 35% shall be deducted from each entry fee for awards and expenses. The following payout table applies.

Entries	Pays 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 – 3	100%							
4 - 5	60%	40%						
6 – 8	43%	33%	24%					
9 – 12	40%	30%	20%	10%				
13 – 15	33%	27%	20%	13%	7%			
16 – 24	28%	24%	19%	14%	9%	6%		
25 – 29	25%	21%	18%	14%	10%	7%	5%	
30 +	23%	19%	17%	14%	11%	7%	5%	4%

#### Youth 3D

30% shall be deducted from each entry fee for awards and expenses for the Youth Class.

The following payout table applies: 1D 43%, 2D 33%, 3D 24%.

Payout may change depending on how many runners fall within each division.

Entries	Pays 1 ea D	Pays 2 ea D	Pays 3 ea D	Pays 4 ea D
1 to 5	100%			
6 to 15	60%	40%		
16 to 25	43%	33%	24%	
25+	40%	30%	20%	10%

#### Limited 2D

35% shall be deducted from each entry fee for awards and expenses in the Limited 2D:

The following payout table applies: 1D 60%, 2D 40%.

Payout may change depending on how many runners fall within each division.

Entries	Pays 1 ea D	Pays 2 ea D	Pays 3 ea D	Pays 4 ea D
1-5	100%			
6-12	60%	40%		
13-24	43%	33%	24%	
25+	40%	30%	20%	10%

# Open 4D, & Member Incentive

30% shall be deducted from each entry fee for awards and expenses in the 4D.

The following payout table applies: 1D 35%, 2D 30%, 3D 20%, 4D 15%

Entries	Pays 1 ea D	Pays 2 ea D	Pays 3 ea D	Pays 4 ea D	Pays 5 ea D
1-14	100%				
15-25	60%	40%			
26-35	43%	33%	24%		
36-45	40%	30%	20%	10%	
46 +	33%	27%	20%	13%	7%

#### 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, money will be the tie breaker. If there is a tie of points and money, the rider/horse with the most attendance will break the tie.
- 3. A knocked over pole or barrel will be given a 5 second penalty and will not be awarded points or money.

## Results

1. Results and Standings will be posted in a timely manner. Questions or concerns regarding the points and standings should be directed to the Points Secretary.

#### Grievances

- 1. For a grievance to be addressed by the board of directors it must be presented to a board member as a grievance, in writing or email 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 a UBRA member, 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 and Fines

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 rule 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.

The following items are considered violations, may be subject to fines and will be dealt with by the board of directors accordingly:

- 1. All returned checks will be charged \$20 for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense, \$20 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense 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 during a UBRA event or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while in the arena.
- 3. Horse abuse will not be tolerated.
- 4. Running a horse excessively.
- 5. Any person who willfully causes trouble inside or outside the ranks of the UBRA by constant complaining, causing 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.
- 8. Horse and rider must run in draw order or they will be disqualified.
- 9. No horse can be led through the pattern, this will result in disqualification.
- 10. All riders are required to clear the arena and begin their run from outside the arena.
- 11. Failure to comply with the jackpot rake rule: \$25 fine.
- 12. Failure to comply with 4D helper rule: \$25 fine each occurrence. Fine must be paid by summer finals race or points will be retracted.
- 13. Working a horse on stakes or markers, barrels or poles before the race starts (except time only): \$25 fine
- 14. Circling barrel or pole more than once during a competitive run: \$25 fine

#### **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. The time line extends wall to wall where the timers are placed, if a horse or rider is in forward motion and crosses the line at any point beyond the timer it will result in a disqualification or no time.

- 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 1st and 2nd barrels.

6. In the barrel classes and 4D - a knocked over barrel will be given a 5 second penalty and will not be awarded points or money.

# 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. The time line extends wall to wall where the timers are placed, if a horse or rider is in forward motion and crosses the line at any point beyond the timer it will result in a disqualification or no time.
- 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 knocked over pole will be given a 5 second penalty and will not be awarded points or money.
- 5. The poles will be centered with the alleyway where possible.

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# 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.

Rule Book can be found on the website. Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws are available upon request.