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Barrel Racing Association

2026 RULEBOOK

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Our Mission

The Penn Ohio Barrel Racing Association was established in 1990 to provide an organization for the barrel racing industry to join together to promote barrel racing as a family sport.

Introduction

We cannot make a rule book that could possibly cover all the situations that may arise during a show, nor can they cover all administrative questions. When a case arrives that is not covered by a rule, it should be possible to reach a reasonable decision by looking at the rule book. The Officers and Directors have the judgment, competence, and objectivity to make a sound judgment of the situation.

Show Season

The show season will run from March 1st – October 31st.

Membership Fee

Individual membership fee - $ 35.00

Family membership fee - $ 55.00

Family membership (Parents & children under 18)

Membership must be turned in before you run your first class the day you want to receive points.

Sponsorship

****All members are required to get a mandatory sponsorship****

Individual sponsorship - $ 50.00

Family sponsorship - $ 75.00

Mandatory sponsors are due on or before May 1st of each year. If you are a member and you did not turn in your mandatory sponsorship money you will not receive your points. If you join after May 1, you have 60 days from the date of your membership to turn in your mandatory sponsorship money. Mandatory sponsorship money will be used for year-end awards for the club as a whole. You can turn in additional sponsorship money, that money will be used for year-end awards for the entire club.

Directors & Officers

Officers and Directors are required to pay the mandatory sponsorship amount based on their membership.

Officer positions include President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer

Please note financial records will be retained for 5 years and must be passed from year to year. Audit will be conducted yearly by President, Vice-President, and secretary to ensure accuracy. The Points Secretary will ensure that the results are accurate and once points have been completed the results will be posted on Facebook Page and sent to website contact.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

All the features of each level are described in our Sponsor Packet found on the website.

Platinum Level $1250 Donation

Gold Level $1000 Donation

Silver Level $500 Donation

Bronze Level $300 Donation

Buckle Sponsor $150 Donation

Honorary/Monetary Donations

RULE CHANGES

Any member wishing to submit a rule to be changed **and/or** nominate an officer/board member **must submit it in writing 15 days** (paper letter or email) prior to the annual November meeting. It must be signed & dated, if emailed must be from your email and your typed name, address, and phone at the bottom of your email. You must be a current member for this nomination to be discussed.

The board has the option to offer online voting and can begin as early as two days before the annual meeting in November.

NOVEMBER ANNUAL MEETING

*You must be a current member and at least 16 years old to vote.

*Officers and Directors elections will be held first.

*Membership will vote on any submitted rule changes. The club will also discuss banquet, awards & any fundraiser ideas.

Breakdown of Funds at the End of the Year

The breakdown of approval fees and mandatory sponsors are as follows:
50% 4-D
5% Adult
15% Youth
5% Masters
5% Novice Horse
5% Pee Wee
5% Poles
10% awards banquet and startup cost for the following year

Year End Awards and Banquet

Year-end awards will be calculated based on your best 60% of the total approved shows. These shows do not include double point fundraiser shows.

We will have an awards Banquet in February of the following year. If you cannot attend, you must send a representative to the banquet to pick up your awards. If the awards are left there at the end of the night, they become property of the club to be used in a silent auction the next show season.

A saddle stipend of up to 5% of the money raised for the year will be awarded to each division champion in the Open 4D class. Champions and the top 5 in all other classes will be dependent on money raised during the year to cover awards and will be discussed by the board of directors and officers.

*Money for the 4D class will be divided equally between 20 places not per division.

*A member can only receive one set of awards per class, in a division of their choice if falling into multiple divisions.

Fundraiser Shows

At the Double Point Fundraiser Show(s), members are to help make the show(s) a success by helping in a variety of ways. For members to receive double points at the DOUBLE POINTS Fundraiser Show(s) they must volunteer (on the day of the show) to either set barrels/poles/announce/take times/ work in the food booth, and then do **one** of the following:

A. Make a food donation
B. Make a monetary donation of $10
C. Donate a Basket/Chinese auction item (if we have a Chinese Auction)

BUYOUT OPTION on Double Points Fundraiser Shows: Each member has the option to donate $40 to the club to get out of their duties to be eligible for the double points. The $40 buyout option is payable for per show, and due one week before the show date.

Show Approval/Sanction Fees

Penn Ohio is a sanctioned club. For each show that Penn Ohio approves a $75.00 fee will be received for each day from the show committee.

*Penn Ohio can only approve one show per day.

*No shows can be approved if they fall on Monday through Thursday, unless they fall on a holiday.

*Show producers must state which class will be approved for the Adult Class.

*Points sheets should be submitted within 15 days of approved show.

*Show producers must state payout format on their showbill if payout is NOT Penn Ohio suggested payback (IBRA, NBHA, etc.). Payback is 70% and progressive. Show approval dates should be submitted by March 31st of calendar year to ensure availability of approval.

Sanction Fee must be submitted no later than 30 days of sanctioned show. Must be paid via PayPal or a check mailed directly to the club treasurer, or a $25 late fee per month will be accessed. Not receiving sanction fees past the 30 days gives the board the option to remove future scheduled shows sanctions with that producer until sanction fees are paid.

Penn Ohio will not sanction any barrel racing event where the committees prevent a member of Penn Ohio Barrel Racing Association from entering or participating in that event. This rule is not intended to interfere in any respect with the rights of a show committee from ejecting a member of Penn Ohio from the land owned or lawfully possessed by the show committee, once the member is upon the show committee land for any lawful reason.

Penn Ohio follows standard AQHA show rules. One Horse, one rider, per class. The only exception is the Pee Wee class where more than one child can ride the same pony. The children must be from the same family membership & live in the same household. This rule does not apply to the Youth, Adult, Masters, or any other approved class.

TIMER MALFUNCTIONS

In the event of a timer malfunction, the rider has the option to either re-run the class or be reimbursed their entry fee, and all other associated fees if that horse/rider combination is entered in only one class. If the horse/rider is in more than one class and continues to compete in the show in other classes, then a reimbursement or re-run will be given for just that class that the timer malfunctioned.

Classes

All classes are eligible for the top five, year-end awards. In any class where a barrel or pole is knocked down is considered a “No Time”.

Open Poles – Open to any rider
Optional 2-D at the show with a 1 or 2 second split

Adult Barrels – Rider 19 - 39 as of Jan. 1st (Optional Divisional class)

Novice Horse Barrels – Any Horse 6 years & under as of January 1, of current year (show season). **Proof of Age must be submitted before the participants first show. Prior to the horse and rider earning their points, no exceptions. Papers need to be double checked and cleared by two officers (president and vice president, for example). Copy of registration papers, vet record or dental record is acceptable. **Horse and Rider Combination

Masters Barrels – Rider 40 & over as of Jan. 1st (Optional Divisional class)

Youth 3-D Barrels – Rider 18 & under as of Jan. 1st (Top 5 in all divisions)
2nd division will be 1 second off the winning time
3rd division will be 2 seconds off the winning time

Open 4-D Barrels – Open to any rider (Top 5 in all divisions)
2nd division will be ½ second off the winning time
3rd division will be 1 second off the winning time
4th division will be 2 seconds off the winning time

Pee Wee Barrels – Rider 10 & under as of Jan. 1st
*For the **Pee Wee class only,** more than one child can ride the same pony/horse. The children must be from the same family membership. All children will be eligible for year-end awards.
*Rider must be 10 & under as of Jan. 1 st
*May ride pony or horse to receive points.
*Pee Wee riders are permitted to be lead to get points in the class.

When applying for membership, members must designate if their child/ren are going to be running for points in pee wee or youth. Kids ten years and under can still compete in pee wee and youth but they can only get a year-end award in the class that they chose in the beginning of their yearly membership.

Point System

Points will be accumulated throughout the season on the rider for all classes except the Novice Horse, which the points are accumulated on a horse/rider combination.

* Year-end awards will be calculated based on your best 60% of the total approved shows.

* Our original point system will stay the same.

* The points will drop down and pick up only the Penn Ohio members and skip the non-members down to thirty (30) places.

* If you are riding more than one horse, you will only receive points on your highest placing horse per division.

* You will receive all day money won.

* You have 60 days from the show date to file a grievance with the point secretary about the results & standings.

* Riders must put their best effort forward to run the pattern as fast as they can or to the best of their ability.

*Tie breakers for day results will be split accordingly where tie needs to be broken:

-If tie is for last place points: both shall receive same amount and not split.

1st Place -50	1st Place -50	1st Place -50	1st Place -50	1st Place -50
1st Place -50	2nd Place -40	2nd Place -40	2nd Place -40	2nd Place -40
3rd Place -30	2nd Place -40	3rd Place -30	3rd Place -30	3rd Place -30
4th Place -20	4th Place -20	3rd Place -30	4th Place -20	4th Place -20
5th Place – 10	5th Place – 10	5th Place – 10	4th Place – 20	5th Place – 10
				5th Place - 10

Tie-Breaker Year End

If there is a tie for the year end awards, the tie will be broken by who had the highest places in the division in which they tied.

Bad Checks Written to the Club

BAD CHECKS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED: There will be an automatic $35.00 fee for each time a check is returned.

- The party that wrote the bad check will be notified and must make the check good along with the $35.00 returned check fee as soon as possible.
- The contestant/member/members bouncing the check will be placed on suspension and will not receive points for the show for which the check was written as well as any shows they may attend while they are on suspension.
- If restitution is not made within 15 days of the date of the check, the member/members will lose ALL points and be placed on a public suspended list until payment is made.
- Lost points will not be reinstated.
- Any non-member who presents a returned check will be restricted from participating until the check and fine is made good.
- Anyone who writes a bad check to our club will be on a cash only basis for the remainder of the show season.