

## TLBRA General Rules

Equal payout

Membership or Series fee = will be printed on flyers as needed.

Age Groups = Will be stated on flyers for each separate series.

Details for each show or Series will be plainly stated on a show flyer.

1. It will be participants responsibility to contact Director to inquire about rain-out information or other cancellation information. It is not the Directors responsibility to contact each individual in case of rain-out or cancellation. I will, if possible, post rain-out information on our facebook page, TxLaBRA.
2. We run with the Tractor parked in the corner of the arena. This is customary and accepted at most barrel races. If you feel this is unsafe for you, please do not enter.
3. Most of the Time we run to an Open Gate. If you feel this is unsafe for you, it is Your responsibility, as the contestant, to ask to run to a closed gate.
4. Contestant will be given 3 gate calls, 20 seconds apart. Failure to enter the arena after 3 gate calls will receive a No-Time. A No-time will be given for, a) knocked over barrel, b) broken pattern, including purposely discontinuing forward motion, c) Running out of order.
5. Barrel exhibitions should be limited to one minute. We will attempt to start on time and run Open at advertised time. However, due to unforeseen events or equipment failures, we sometimes may not be able to adhere to advertised times.
6. A choice of a rerun or refund will be given in the event of a timer failure or if the barrels are set off Pattern.
7. **Entries will be in cash only** and entry forms **signed** by competitor or legal guardian if minor.
8. Dress Code will be common sense. NO crop tops or other provocative or distracting clothing. NO SHORTS ARE ALLOWED WHILE COMPETING. If you want to be a cowgirl, dress like one. Don't disrespect the tradition.
9. **No entry fee is refunded** unless director deems it necessary per arena conditions. If for *any reason*, injured horse or otherwise, **you need to draw out you must do so BEFORE the first horse runs in your class.** NO EXCEPTIONS! Otherwise, Other refunds will be as director sees fit.
10. Tiebreakers: In the event saddles are given in each division, tiebreakers will be as follows:
  - a. The contestant that entered the most point shows during the competition year (whether or not they placed) will win the saddle.
  - b. If a tie still remains, the contestant that won the most 1st place points will win the saddle, if still tied then 2nd place points will be counted, etc.
  - c. If a tie still exists, 1st place point times for shows will be averaged and the fastest time will be the winner.

11. A true cloverleaf pattern must be ran with continued forward motion to be an official time. Contestant is allowed 1 turn per barrel. **Any additional turns around a barrel will result in a \$10.00 fine per turn.** The fine must be paid before contestant may compete in future TLBRA barrel races. This rule Is an effort to preserve the ground.
12. All contestants must use a western type saddle for their competition run. No english saddles, and no bareback runs.
13. All contestants, family members, or anyone accompanying contestant are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship or they will be asked to leave.
14. There will be ZERO tolerance for abuse to any horse or individual.
15. Contestants may ride any horse, regardless of ownership, and may ride as many horses as they choose in a class. However, a horse may not be shown by more than one person in a class, unless the following conditions are met:
  - a. Both contestants are members of the same immediate family who reside in the same household (husband, wife, siblings, children and grandchildren). Children and grandchildren who are attending school away from home, but who reside part of the year with their parents or grandparents are included under this rule.
  - b. Neither contestant is showing any other horse in that class.
  - c. In no case will the same horse be run more than twice in the same class.
16. As different situations arise that are not covered under these rules, TLBRA has the right to make on-the-spot decisions which will stand as a rule.
17. TLBRA reserves the right to amend rules during the year as necessary.
18. Fastest time determines "D" brackets for points and for payouts.  
3-D examples: 15.100 1D    16.100 2D    17.100 3D  
4-D examples: 15.100 1D    15.600 2D    16.100 3D    17.100 4D  
5-D examples: 15.100 1D    15.600 2D    16.100 3D    16.600 4D    17.100 5D  
Payouts will be according to BBR guidelines.  
If it's a point show, and If member places more than once in any one division, only the highest placing points will be awarded in that division.  
Points will be kept on Rider, regardless of which horse the Rider places on.

WE TRY TO KEEP OUR RULES AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE AND YET KEEP IT FAIR FOR EVERYONE.  
IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT ANYTHING, PLEASE ASK.

**GOOD LUCK !!!**

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**\* POLE RULES \***

\*Standard Pole Bending Rules Apply. If you are unsure of Pole Bending rules, please ask.

A knocked down pole will be a 5 second penalty.

To be clear, as you are weaving through the Poles and your horse breaks the Plane of a pole on the incorrect side this is a broken pattern and you will receive a no-time. Also, stopping and backing your horse is a broken pattern and you will receive a no-time.