

## 2K19 THE RISE ABOVE TOUR Rules and Regulations:

Becoming A Member. Anyone may 2K19 *The Rise Above* Barrels and Poles Tour by completing a membership application and paying an annual membership fee. Contestants must submit completed application and pay said membership fees before points or Finals qualification credit can be earned. Membership is a privilege, not a right. Membership shall be made by application and is subject to the discretion of the executive committee. Membership or application may be terminated or rejected by the executive committee for cause detrimental to the interest of the association, its programs, policies, objective, and harmonious relationship of its members as determined by the executive committee.

### **\$50 Open membership fee – yearly**

**\* Open membership if purchased by a Youth** allows youth to run in youth AND Open classes AND allows youth to run for BOTH Youth AND open points and year end award

### **\$35 Youth membership fee (18 years and under) – yearly**

**\* Youth membership:** only allows youth to run in the youth classes, no open classes or open year-end award

### **\$110 Family membership fee up to 4 family members (under the same roof) – yearly**

Animal Abuse. IMPORTANT NOTICE: The welfare of the horse and all other animals is paramount to *The Rise Above Tour*. Anyone who excessively whips or spurs, and/or strikes a horse's ears, eyes or face with anything other than the hand, either in the arena or on the facility grounds will be fined \$100. Any rider caught using an electronic device on a horse during competition will be automatically disqualified and shall forfeit all winnings. Horses shall not be left unattended while bitted -up or tied-around on facility grounds at any sanctioned or produced event. Inhumane treatment, or neglect, of any horse or dog during an event will not be tolerated. An individual who has been warned by a Rise Above Representative for such behavior and persists or refutes the warning shall be fined an additional \$100. Individuals who fail to pay incurred fines will remain ineligible for competition at our events, until such time as all fines have been paid. First offenses will be punished by a fine being imposed. A second offense will be dealt with by *The Rise Above* Founders and may result in a fine of up to \$5,000 (to be donated to a non-profit animal rescue center) and a suspension of membership.

**ENTERING A SHOW-** Members must provide their membership card and/or membership ID number when entering an endorsed show in order to receive Finals Qualification Credit or Awards Points for that show.

**AWARD POINTS/STANDINGS-** Members participating in *The Rise Above Tour* approved shows will earn points towards year-end Standings and awards. Year-end awards will be given in each class based on points earned. Members placing on more than one horse in the same division will only receive the points for their highest placing run). Points are on rider basis only.

Points will be given to 10 placings each show each class

Points system is 10 pts. for 1st place and 1 pt difference will be given through the 10<sup>th</sup> placing.

If a Tie occurs, each of the tied positions will be given the same points.

- no ½ points will be awarded.

**Awards:** Top 5 will be awarded year end awards, if we average 85 or more each show, then we will strive to give awards to Top 10

**Coggins:** Please present when entering

**Horse/Rider Combo:** The same horse MAY be ridden by different riders in the same classes, horse sharing is acceptable.

**Arena Rules.** Specific arena rules are left to the discretion of the producer. These rules must be included in advertising or made available to contestant upon their request. Rules should also be posted prominently at the arena office.

**Show Format.** The times splits between the divisions for a 2D format show will be:

- 2 seconds split

**Show Format.** The times splits between the divisions for a 4D format show will be:

- ½, 1, 2 second splits

**Payoff:** Will be paid back on a 70% basis \* \$5 per horse/rider combo will be accessed per show

