

MANITOBA BARREL RACING REGULATIONS

All members are required to read and comply with the rules and bylaws of the MBRA. Up to date rules and bylaws will be made available at all times to the members and hosts on the MBRA website. Only rules published on MBRA website will be enforceable.

Memberships

1. MBRA Memberships are open to all ages and genders.
2. Memberships are from January to December. Your age on January 1 determines your age for the membership year.
3. You must be a current MBRA member to compete/exhibition/participate in any MBRA sanctioned event.
4. Memberships must be purchased through the MBRA office prior to competing at a jackpot. A copy of a government issued document is required for all youth memberships.
5. You are ineligible to compete at any jackpot until you have received official notice from the Secretary that your membership has been processed.
6. Memberships include:
 - a. Open
 - b. Select – 50 and over as of January 1st of the calendar year
 - c. Youth – 16 and under as of January 1st of the calendar year
 - d. Pee Wee – 4-10 years old as of January 1st of the calendar year
 - e. Permit – allows entry at four (4) MBRA Jackpots
7. Permits can be upgraded to a full membership, but jackpots attended on the permit card do not count towards finals qualifications.
8. Pee Wee members cannot cross enter to any other division.
9. Memberships renewed from the finals cutoff date until December 31st will allow for jackpots to be counted towards qualification for the following membership 8year.

General Barrel Racing Rules

1. Three barrels are set in the cloverleaf pattern. The 45-gallon barrels must be empty and have both ends closed.
2. When a contestant crosses over the start line, the time will begin. The time will end when they cross it again after a completed pattern.
3. Knocked barrels are considered a No-Time including when a barrel is knocked over and sets up again on either end.
4. A broken cloverleaf pattern or a fall by horse or rider will also be considered a No-Time. Breaking the standard barrel pattern will consist of:

- Making an extra loop anywhere in the cloverleaf pattern, once over the start line.
 - Falling off the horse.
 - Turning a barrel twice.
 - Breaking forward motion.
 - Crossing the finish line prior to completion of a run.
5. Touching a barrel, including keeping it from falling while remaining horseback, is permitted without penalty.
 6. If a barrel is moved off its marker during competition, the barrel must be reset prior to the next competitor's run.
 7. All competitors must run their horses in their draw order.

MBRA Jackpot Format & Rules

1. Open, Youth and Select divisions are determined by 5/10, 7/10 or 1 second split. These splits are pre-determined by the host and submitted as part of the jackpot approval process.
2. Jackpot hosts can determine a 3D or 4D format.
3. Recommended Pattern measurements:
 - a. 45 foot stopping distance
 - b. 20-foot score line (First barrel to timer line)
 - c. 15 feet off the fence/wall for 1st and 2nd barrels, 18 feet off the wall/fence for 3rd barrel.
 - d. The arc between 1st to 3rd, and 2nd to 3rd should be equal.
 - e. A closed gate for safety.
 - f. The host will use a pattern that best fits the arena.
 - g. Pee Wee pattern can be made smaller.
4. The start/finish line and the barrel positions must be marked with ground markers for the entire event, excluding the peewee age category.
5. Companion horses leading a competing horse into the arena cannot be in the arena or past the entry gate during the competitor's run, including Pee Wees.
6. The fastest penalty free time in the Open, Youth and Select will determine the divisions.
7. Contestants must be mounted and attempt to complete the pattern in order for that jackpot to count as a qualifying jackpot.

8. If a contestant deems the ground unsafe, they may turnout from running while at an event. The host will have the option to refund the fees and the jackpot will count as a qualifying jackpot.
9. Jackpots that offer more than 1 division can allow carry over of times if the pattern is the same for both divisions. A rider must declare their intention to carry over a time at entry time and they may not change their decision. Regardless of carry over times, youth and select will have separate payouts from the open.
10. A horse may not compete against itself in a division. It may only be ridden by 2 different riders at each approved jackpot in different divisions including sidepots. This excludes the Pee Wee division. Any horse competing at a sanctioned MBRA event may only make 4 runs total per day. (Amended 2019 AGM)
11. All Peewees must wear a helmet.
12. Pee wees may be lead on foot.

SANCTIONING A JACKPOT

1. Anyone hosting an approved MBRA sanctioned jackpot must be a member in good standing. In the event a non-member wants to host a jackpot, they can have someone with a current membership agree to be responsible for the jackpot. This person would have to be listed on the sanction form and would be responsible that results, prize fund fees and sanction fees are submitted to the MBRA office and will be held accountable should any issue(s) arise at the sanctioned event.
2. Host must submit a sanction form to the MBRA Office a minimum of five days in advance of the intended jackpot to provide the required information for the website.
3. Hosts have the option of offering any and all divisions.
4. Time Onlies/Exhibitions are at the host's discretion.
5. Jackpot hosts may cancel their jackpot by notifying the MBRA office. If rescheduling the jackpot, the newly scheduled date must be identified at the time of cancellation.
6. The host has the option "required western dress" (cowboy hat, western boots, long sleeved shirt, etc.) If this option is chosen, the host also has the responsibility of enforcing dress code.
7. MBRA Board reserves the right to decline sanctioning of any events.

HOSTING A JACKPOT

1. Download the MBRA Host Package from the website.
2. Hosts must follow the MBRA Rules and Regulations

3. An MBRA sanction form (<https://mbra.ca/hosting>) must be submitted to the office a minimum **five days prior to the jackpot in order to be approved.**
4. Hosts must verify all competitors are current MBRA members via membership card
5. Every effort should be made to keep the ground conditions in the arena consistent and safe throughout the event. The ground around each barrel must be worked and levelled after a certain number of contestants have competed as determined by the host. Recommendation: Rake after 5 contestants.
6. The start/finish line and the barrel positions must be marked with ground markers for the entire event, excluding the peewee age category.
7. The host has the discretion to use stop watches or electric timers. If using electric timer, the MBRA recommends the use of a backup stopwatch. If the electric timer fails to record on 3 competing horses, the host has the option of rerunning these horses or using the stopwatch times for all competitors.
8. Reruns shall be granted if the timer fails to work properly or if the barrels are not placed properly on their markers. No prior penalty will apply to the rerun.
9. All jackpot hosts are required to submit results and payout to the MBRA office within 7 days of the jackpot.

Sanction Fees, Entry Fees and Payout:

1. Each sanctioned jackpot must pay a \$10.00 sanction fee plus \$2.00 Finals Fee per horse per division, to be collected and sent to the MBRA. The Pee Wee division is exempt from the prize fund fee. These fees are due at the completion of the jackpot and submitted with payouts and results.
2. Cancelled jackpots without notification to the office will be charged the \$10.00 sanction fee.
3. Hosts cannot accept payment of memberships at the jackpot.
4. Only qualified runs can be paid out. A knocked barrel is considered a no-time.
5. Administration fees are not taken out of the added money. Administration fees are deducted from entry fees after timer fees have been deducted.
6. Hosts must follow an approved MBRA payout guide. Special exceptions may be submitted for approval.
7. Jackpot hosts are required to state on the sanction form how they will be handling payout:
 - *Payout after the jackpot
 - *Payout via e-transfer
 - *Pick up at a later dateIt is the jackpot host responsibility to complete payout in a timely fashion.
8. Results and payout information must be submitted to the MBRA office within seven days of the jackpot. If results are not submitted on time, the host may be fined or suspended from hosting at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

9. There will be \$25 charge for any NSF cheques written to the MBRA.

FINALS Qualifications

1. To be eligible for the MBRA finals, you must be a current member of the MBRA and have competed in the required number of sanctioned jackpots as a horse/rider combination in each age category you wish to enter.
 - a) Open - 5 jackpots
 - b) Youth - 3 jackpots
 - c) Select - 3 jackpots
 - d) Pee Wee - 1 jackpot
2. Open members must attend 2 out of 5 jackpots within the province of Manitoba. Youth and Select must attend 1 out of 3 jackpots within the province of Manitoba. Pee Wees are exempt.

General Rules

1. All members are required to read and comply with the rules and bylaws of the MBRA. Up to date rules and bylaws will be made available at all times to the members and hosts on the MBRA website. Only rules published on MBRA website will be enforceable.
2. Any of the following actions may result in suspension or disqualification from the MBRA:
 - a) Using abusive language or attempting to threaten, bribe, influence, or harass any contestant, show official or MBRA official.
 - b) Moving or attempting to move markers at any time.
 - c) Use of electronic and/or remote controlled devices to alter the outcome of a run.
 - d) Abuse of a horse in any way at an approved event.
 - e) Misidentifying a horse in any MBRA division will disqualify a contestant.
 - f) Use of social media in any form in a negative manner towards the MBRA, its board of directors and members will not be tolerated.
 - g) Other conduct that is not in the best interest of the MBRA or its members.
3. Matters involving misconduct will be brought before the MBRA executive by a written statement. A person(s) who believe a rule violation/infracton or other improper action(s) or conduct has occurred at a MBRA sanctioned event may file

a SIGNED WRITTEN PROTEST with the MBRA Board within 30 days of the infraction.

- a) A member accused of a rule violation may send a written appeal to the MBRA Board.
- b) A member who has been suspended or disqualified may send a written appeal to the MBRA Board.
- c) The MBRA Board will deal with each case in its entirety.

ADMINISTRATION Policies

Board will respond to all calls or emails within 1 business day.

Board Contact information to be posted on the website for membership.

Secretary Fees: For each membership purchased \$7.00 will be paid to the secretary excluding peewees the secretary will receive \$2.00 for each peewee membership. As well the secretary will have monthly internet costs covered. The secretary is to be paid at the yearly at the MBRA finals.

President: The president will receive an annual payment of \$2,000 dollars when the current year finals is complete. The president is to be paid at MBRA Finals. As well the president will have monthly internet costs covered.

Directors: Receive 1 free Open membership in the second year of their term on the board. If they do not complete the term and step down before finals of that year they are required to pay their membership fee to continue with the year