

HEART OF THE HILLS BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION RULES 2019

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2019 HHBRA Show SCHEDULE

March 2 & 3.....Uvalde Co Fairplex Arena
April 6 & 7.....Llano Event Center Arena
May 18 & 19.....Uvalde Co Fairplex Arena
June 22 & 23.....Uvalde Co Fairplex Arena
July 13 & 14.....Dripping Springs Ranch Park
August 3 & 4.....Llano Event Center Arena
September 14.....Uvalde Co Fairplex Arena
September 15.....Awards Banquet @ Uvalde

PROTEST COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Diane Wetz – Treasurer/Awards
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PROTEST GUIDELINES

All complaints will be handled by the protest committee. There will be a \$25 fee payable before any protest will be considered. Any novice protest must be turned in on or before May 31st. NO PROTESTS will be accepted at the finals. Whoever protests will be responsible for obtaining verified background information such as earnings from other organizations or evidence of the rule violation to be presented to the board. All proof must be given to the board within 30 days of the protest. No discussions will be held on any protest except by a meeting of all committee members in attendance at a show, and their decision will be binding. The committee will not change the rules, but will make its determinations within the framework of the published rules.

GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

The organization shall be known as the **Heart of the Hills Barrel Racing Association**, herein referred to as **HHBRA**.

B. DEFINITION

HHBRA offers professional and amateur barrel racers the opportunity to compete and earn points for year-end awards in numerous classes. Jackpots are sponsored throughout the season, at which nominated horses and riders may earn points toward, and the organization will accumulate funds toward year-end awards. The HHBRA schedule will begin in March and end by October.

SECTION II BY-LAWS

A. PARTICIPATION

1. HHBRA is open to any barrel racer (member or non-member), regardless of age or gender.
2. HHBRA health restrictions will coincide with the State of Texas health regulations at all times. A current negative Coggins is required on all horses at every HHBRA event. Please give HHBRA a copy of the vet report or accession number at your first show.
3. Injured or ill riders known by the Directors to be under a physician's care must present a release signed by that physician, specifically authorizing return to competitive equine activities in order to enter, exhibition or compete in an HHBRA jackpot.
4. All horses must be ridden with tack and saddle, in good repair at all times.
5. No person involved in litigation against HHBRA may compete in any HHBRA jackpot, nor be eligible for year-end awards.
6. HHBRA reserves the right to refuse participation to anyone, at any time during the season.
7. If a horse/rider is endangering the safety of others, HHBRA may excuse the horse/rider from participation.

B. NOMINATED CONTESTANT OBLIGATIONS

1. **Nomination fees of \$25 per class must be paid by a separate check & all forms completed by the first show at which you expect to earn points.**
2. **In the incentive classes only, each nominated rider or horse must also enter at least 5 of the first 8 jackpots with a minimum of 8 jackpots total entered for the year to be eligible for year-end awards. 5D barrels & 4D poles will not have minimum attendance but riders must meet all other requirements.**

3. Nominations for open D poles or barrels and the trailer drawing may be made at any time throughout the season. Nominations for the incentive classes must be made on or before April 7, 2019. Points will accrue from the time & date the nomination is made. Runs made before the nomination will not be awarded points. You must also meet other nomination obligations.

4. Each rider nominated for year-end awards is required to pay an award fee of \$50 to HHBRA by June 23, 2019 in order to be eligible for year-end awards. If not paid by that date, the fee will double (\$100) and the nominated rider will stop receiving points until the award fee is paid.

5. This award fee is in addition to the entry or nomination fee. Please pay by a separate check as a record of payment. Any family sponsoring or getting the sponsorship of half a saddle may exempt up to 2 members from their immediate family from this obligation. If sponsoring a whole saddle, up to 3 members from their immediate family may be exempted.

6. SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

- \$50 – Basic membership award fee
- \$100 – Buckle sponsorship
- \$250 – Half saddle
- \$500 – Saddle
- \$1000 – Class sponsorship (saddle + buckles)
- \$750 – Trailer sponsorship

7. HHBRA will have only one raffle this year. Nominated members will sell 10 raffle tickets due on the August 4 show in Llano: 1 ticket @ \$5 and 5 tickets @ \$20. However, members may opt out by paying \$50 instead of selling raffle tickets. Members should pick up tickets or pay the \$50 opt-out fee at the June show in Uvalde. The tickets will be due on August 4. Extra tickets may continue to be sold until the awards banquet starts on Sept. 15.

8. Each nominated member/owner/rider MUST work at least one section on the work sheet at each jackpot attended in order to receive points. You may not bring animals or phones into the arena. Members ages 8 & Under will be exempt from working in the arena & do not need to sign up for work. Please do not add lines to the work sheet – talk to an office worker if needed. It is a member's responsibility to be sure that work time was verified and points awarded. Workers must be inside the arena on the pattern side of the timer to avoid interfering with the timer.

9. **The Finals Awards Banquet will be a mandatory function. You must be present to receive your year-end awards. You must be present to receive the tickets won in the "Run for the Trailer" Drawing.** If the last barrel race of the season is cancelled, the Awards Banquet will still be held. All those receiving awards will be asked to pay a \$50 fee which is necessary to offset the loss of anticipated income that we would have earned for awards.

10. Complete failure to pay award fees or to meet membership standards will result in cancellation of all nominations for that person.

11. HHBRA will give away a championship trailer this year. Only way to be entered is to pay a \$50 nomination fee per horse to "Run for the Trailer"!! You may nominate more than one horse. Each trailer nominee, specific to horse, in the first 6 places in each D in the Open 5D barrels will receive a ticket at a show to win the trailer. Winning ticket will be drawn at the finals. The winner of a trailer can not nominate for a period of 2 years following their win.

12. Please note: You must attend the banquet to receive your tickets and then place them in the drawing. No one else can do this for you.

C. POINTS

1. **Points in the D's in open barrels and poles** will be awarded to nominated horses/riders in each D for 1st through 6th place as follows: 7 points for 1st place, 6 points for 2nd place, 5 points for 3rd place, 4 points for 4th place, 3 points for 5th place and 2 points for 6th place. Every remaining nominated entry (horse) in each D also receives 1 point. Points are awarded from date of nomination.

2. **In the age and horse incentives in barrels and poles, points** will be awarded to nominated horses/riders for 1st through 6th place as follows: 9 points for 1st place, 8 points for 2nd place, 7 points for 3rd place, 6 points for 4th place, 5 points for 5th place, and 4 points for 6th place. The nominated riders placing 7th and below who get a time that day get 3 points. Every remaining nominated rider in the class who makes a run that day but gets a No-Time (NT) receives 2 points. If a horse/rider does not make a run but has paid for it, it will go down as a No-Show (NS) and will receive 1 point for participation and show count. Points are awarded from date of nomination.

3. **If a rider or horse enters a show, but cannot run for any reason, they may leave their entry paid, receive a no-time in each paid class, and still be awarded a participation point and show count in each nominated class for the day.** In the 4D poles and the 5D barrels, the point will be given in the lowest D just like any no-time. Riders/horses do not need to be present at the show for this to occur.

4. If a non-nominated horse or rider places at a jackpot, the placing points will be awarded to the next highest placing nominated member. In the event that no nominated horses place in any particular division, no point adjustment will be made. Example: A non-nominated horse runs the fastest time of the day, and is more than 1/2 second faster than other horses. This horse wins all places in the 1D, and since it is not nominated, no points are awarded in the 1D that day. Points are awarded in the other D's.

5. If only one nominated horse/rider is entered in a class, they will run and receive points. If the only entry is a non-nominated horse/rider, that class will be combined with the next highest class.

6. **Points will be kept on the rider in all Age classes and Adult Rider class.**
7. **No matter the rider, points will be kept on the horse in the 4D Poles & 5D Barrels as well as all novice horse & futurity/derby classes.** Points will be given to nominated horses only and may be transferred from one owner to another of the nominated horse.
8. **If you enter two horses in any rider age class, you must specify on your entry form & pole or barrel card which horse will receive points when you enter.**
9. All complaints will be handled by the protest committee, and there will be a \$25 fee payable before any protest will be considered. See Protest Guidelines, pg 1.

D. GUIDELINES, RULES, & INFORMATION

Early entries must be postmarked 10 days prior to show or filed at the previous show. Draw will be posted on web 3 days before show.

All 2019 shows will run in the following order:
Books open before 8:00 AM
 Pole exhibitions.....8:00 AM
 4D poles.....9:30 AM
 Followed immediately by 8 & Under Poles and all Barrel exhibitions.
 8 & Under Barrels...Saturday 2:00 PM; Sunday 1:00 PM
 Followed by 5D Barrels

1. **All contestants (except 8 & Under) will be required to enter the 5D barrels and/or 4D poles and roll their time to the incentives they entered.**
2. Checks can be picked up during the show for all pole classes and the Open 5D barrels. All first day checks will be ready the second day. Any unclaimed checks & those for barrel incentives will be mailed after the show.
3. A contestant may run any horse, and as many different horses as desired, but each horse-rider combination may only run once at any show.
4. HHBRA will furnish an electric eye for all jackpots.
5. Stakes for the barrels will be positioned on the outside of the barrels at all jackpots.
6. Exhibition barrels will be set on different stakes than the jackpot barrels.
7. During a pole or barrel race, an exhibitor's name will be called three times only. An exhibitor failing to enter the arena to begin run or showing no attempt to begin will be skipped and given a no-time.
8. **3 pages of pole exhibitions and 5 pages of barrel exhibitions will be taken on Saturday (no limit to number of exhibitions.) However on Sunday, only 2 pages of pole exhibitions and 3 pages of barrel exhibitions so we are limiting each rider to no more than 5 exhibitions.** If you pre-enter, you will be on page 2 of the exhibitions unless you specify a different page on

the entry form when you enter. Pole exhibitions will begin at 8:00 AM and be completed about 9:30 AM, followed by Open and 8 & Under poles. Barrel exhibitions should start just before noon. Barrel classes will start at 2pm on Saturday and 1pm on Sunday. HHBRA retains the option of suspending exhibitions and resuming after the jackpot.

9. If a rider has not appeared for an exhibition after 3 calls, the exhibition will be forfeited, without refund. At that point, you may NOT roll your exhibition to another page.
10. There is a 60-second time limit in exhibition barrels, and an 80-second time limit in exhibition poles. If a contestant goes over this time limit, a fine of \$6 will be assessed, which must be paid before the rider is eligible to compete in any class. **Exception:** a contestant 8 and under may exceed the time limit with no penalty.
11. Following exhibitions, all riders are required to leave the arena so that the ground can be worked and the barrels set on the proper stakes.
12. **You may enter the day of the show with a \$15 office charge. Do not ride up to enter. You must walk up to enter at shows. Paid pre-entries postmarked 10 days prior to the show have a \$5 office charge. If you enter at the previous show it is a \$5 office charge.**
13. Running order will be determined by order of entry. Consideration will be given to riders entering two or more horses in a single class, multiple family members running the same horse in a single class, or other special circumstances. **Please note your requests about running order on the pole or barrel card.**
14. Drag will be determined by a draw. A number from 1 to 5 will be drawn. The first drag will be after the number drawn and every 5 thereafter. **Once the draw is posted and the number of the drag is drawn, there will be no changes in run order. You may not change a horse's position even with another of your own horses.**
15. In the event of a timer malfunction during a run, determined not to be the fault of the horse or rider, the rider will be offered the choice of a re-run. If a penalty is incurred during the original run, the penalty will carry over to the re-run. If the original run is clean, the re-run will also be judged clean, even if one or more barrels/poles are knocked. If the timer failure is determined to be the fault of the horse or rider, no re-run will be offered.
16. In the event of a tie at an approved show, points and/or money for the tying places will be averaged and awarded equally to each tying member.
17. During a jackpot, the arena will be worked after each five contestants. We reserve the right to re-work the arena (dig, water, drag, etc.) as necessary during a show day, in order to maintain safe arena conditions.

18. **Only HHBRA arena personnel are responsible for placement and maintenance of pole and barrel patterns.** People outside the arena should not cause delays by trying to help with the set-up, placement, or running of the event.

19. A knocked pole or barrel is not the fault of the arena workers - it is the fault of the horse and rider. HHBRA reserves the right to ask any disruptive contestant, parent or spectator to leave the premises. Disruptive behavior includes delaying the show, yelling at workers, or micromanaging pole or barrel setting, etc. Ignoring this rule may result in disqualification of the contestant.

20. HHBRA makes every effort to provide safe and fair arena conditions for all competitors. However, events taking place outside the arena fence are not truly under the control of HHBRA and will not be considered as a possible cause of a foul to a horse or rider. Dogs or other small animals should not be in the bleacher area or brought into the arena by anyone – members or visitors. All dogs should be on leashes, tied, or confined if they are on the grounds or left at the truck.

E. CLASSES

1. 4D POLES & 5D BARRELS

a. **All contestants (except 8 & Under) must enter the open 5D barrels and/or the 4D poles. A contestant may then roll that time into any of the incentive classes.**

b. **8 & Under contestants may choose to run in the 4D poles or 5D barrels and then roll to any incentive or make one run in their age class.**

c. **Each horse/rider combination may have only one run in each of the 5D barrels & 4D poles for the day & roll to the incentives entered.** A contestant may run as many different horses as desired.

d. **If a nominated rider rolls more than one horse to the same rider age incentive, they must declare on the entry & card prior to the first run which horse earns the points.**

e. **Failure to follow the standard barrel or pole pattern will cause disqualification.** Once committed to the run, the horse may not back up, turn in the opposite direction from barrel or pole, cross the wrong side of the barrel, pole or timer, or circle the barrel or pole more than once. Falling off horse or crossing the timer line before the run's completion will result in disqualification. Knocking over a barrel or pole will carry a 5-second penalty, except in the 5D barrel format, where a knock is a no-time. In the event of a broken pattern, contestant may correct the problem with one additional pattern and then be excused from arena. Drag will not be adjusted.

2. AGE INCENTIVES.

a. **The rider must enter in the appropriate age class, based on age as of March 2, 2019 (the first show date.)** The rider will remain in the class for which they are eligible on that date for the entire season.

b. **Points will accumulate on the rider in the age classes & the \$1000 Adult class. Rider can roll from any horse & even change horses but must declare it on the card before their run.**

3. BARRELS

a. **Open 5D Barrels: Open to any horse or rider. All barrel racing contestants except 8 & Under must enter this class & roll to incentive classes. Horse is nominated & accrues points with any rider.**

b. **Youth Incentive: Open to any horse & youth. Rider is nominated by age, accrues points & may roll time from any horse designated on card.**
8 & Under (may be led on foot but not from horseback)
9-11, 12-14, 15-19.

c. **Adult Incentive: Open to any horse & adult. Rider is nominated by age, accrues points & may roll time from any horse designated on card.**
20-49 Barrel class,
50 & Over barrel class

d. **\$1000 Adult Incentive:**
Rider must be nominated, accrues points & may roll time from any horse designated on card.

1) Only open to a nominated rider 20 years of age or older, who has less than \$1000 lifetime earnings in barrel racing. Previous money a rider earned from HHBRA and/or any other races outside of HHBRA combined determine total won. Contestant may ride any horse, regardless of the horse's earnings.

2) Once nominated for the year, the contestant will stay in this class, regardless of earnings during the season. Contestant must roll time from 5D and may also enter any other class.

e. **Green Novice Barrel Horse Incentive**
Horse must be nominated & accrues points with any rider. Horse must have never won money in barrels. The horse and \$0 earnings must be reported on the declaration form and filed with HHBRA.
Read Novice horse rules!

f. **\$2000 Novice Barrel Horse Incentive**
Horse must be nominated & accrues points with any rider. Horse must have won less than \$2000 in lifetime earnings on barrels before the start of the first show. The horse's earnings to date of nomination must be reported on the declaration form only and filed with HHBRA. **Read Novice horse rules!**

g. **Futurity/Derby Horse Incentive**
Horse must be nominated & accrues points with any rider. All entries must be horses 7 years old or younger. You must roll your time from the open 5D barrels to the futurity/derby classes. You need a copy of horse's registration papers or an affidavit proof of age (ask for HHBRA form) to enter this class. It is no longer sanctioned by WPRA.

4. POLE BENDING

- a. **Open 4D poles: Open to any horse & rider.**
All pole bending contestants except 8 & Under must enter this class & roll to incentive classes. Horse is nominated & accrues points with any rider.
- b. **Youth Incentives: Open to any horse & youth.**
Rider is nominated by age, accrues points & may roll time from any horse designated on card.
8 & Under, (may be led on foot but not from horseback)
9-11, 12-14, & 15-19.
- c. **20 & Over Incentive: Open to any horse or adult.**
Rider is nominated by age, accrues points & may roll time from any horse designated on card.
- d. **\$300 Novice Pole Incentive:**
Horse must be nominated & accrues points with any rider. Horses must have won less than \$300, lifetime. Horse's earnings must be reported on the declaration form only and filed with HHBRA. Read Novice horse rules!

5. NOVICE HORSE RULES

- a. **Barrels: Green Novice Horse: \$0 earnings**
\$2000 Novice Horse: less than \$2000
Poles: \$300 Novice Horse: less than \$300
Open to any rider, but the horse must be nominated and is restricted by the accumulated amount of money won in the event anywhere with any rider or previous owner, over the lifetime of the horse. Earnings are noted at time of nomination. Age of horse is not considered. Once nominated for the year, the horse will stay in the class, regardless of earnings during the season. Contestant must run in the 4D poles or 5D barrels and roll times to the novice class.
- b. **Horses which are not nominated will not be allowed in a Novice class.** Any contestant entering a Novice pole or barrel incentive must nominate their horse first. The horse's lifetime earnings must be less than the class limit at the time they nominate.
- c. **If you do not know the amount of earnings your horse has won under all owners/riders in his lifetime, he can not run as a Novice Horse. Amount of lifetime earnings and horse's name or nickname must be stated on declaration and nomination forms at the time of nomination. You do need to keep a record of earnings, but do not report to HHBRA.**
- d. Novice horses are eligible to compete for points in any of the classes, but only points won in the Novice will count toward the Novice awards. However, money won on a Novice horse in any of the classes or at any other show will accumulate toward determination of eligibility for a novice class in subsequent seasons.
- e. **A novice horse can only run in each novice incentive for a maximum of 2 years regardless of earnings.** Even if their earnings remain under the class limit, the horse will no longer be considered eligible to run in the novice according to HHBRA rules.

F. ENTRY FEES, OFFICE CHARGES, PAYOFF & AWARDS

1. Exhibition fee for poles and barrels will be \$6 per run.
2. There will be a \$5 office fee for pre-entries and a \$15 office fee for walk up entries per show. Pre-entry forms may be mailed or you may enter at the previous show if there is at least a week between. All mailed entries with payment included must be **postmarked 10 days before the show.** Entry forms and cards should be picked up at the previous show or printed from the web site.
3. Entry fee for 4D pole class will be \$30, with \$25 being jackpotted, \$5 awards fee. Entry for the 5D barrel class will be \$35, with \$30 being jackpotted, \$5 awards fee. (Approximately 85% payback.)
4. Entry fee for barrel incentives for all Youth, Novice, Futurity/Derby, 20-49, 50 & Over and \$1000 adult will be \$20, with \$10 being jackpotted, \$10 awards fee. Entry fee for pole incentives for all Youth, 20 & Over, and Novice, will be \$20, with \$10 being jackpotted, \$10 awards fee. One place will be paid for each five entries per class. For example, 1-5 riders will pay 1 place. 6-10 riders will pay 2, etc.
5. In the 5D barrels, the total jackpotted entry fees will be 30% in the 1st division (set by the fastest time), 25% to the 2nd division (1/2 second off the fastest time), 20% to the 3rd division (1 second off the fastest time), 15% to the 4th division (1 1/2 seconds off the fastest time), 10% to the 5th division (2 seconds off the fastest time).
6. In 4D poles, the total jackpotted entry fees will be divided 35% in the 1st division (the fastest time), 30% to the 2nd division (1 second off the fastest time), 20% to the 3rd division (2 seconds off the fastest time), 15% to the 4th division (3 seconds off the fastest time).
7. One end-of-year award in each class will be given per nomination. If the same nomination is up for two awards, only the higher/greater of the two will be awarded.
8. By HHBRA rules all classes must be self-supporting with the inclusion of award fee plus fees from each jackpot, as well as donations. No specific awards or level of awards are guaranteed for any class and will depend on money generated by each class.
9. In the event of a tie at an approved jackpot, points and/or money will be combined and awarded equally to each tying member/contestant.
10. In the event of a tie in total points for a first place year-end award in the incentive classes, the first tie breaker will go to the other contestant if one contestant is already winning a saddle in another event. If this is not a factor, a tie for any placing will be broken by determining the greatest number of shows entered in that class. If equal shows, winner will be determined by the number of 1st place finishes, if still tied, the number of 2nd places, and so on, until a clear winner is determined. If a tie still remains, winner will be determined by cumulative time of each rider for all shows.

11. In the open D barrels & poles, there will be no minimum attendance requirement to be eligible for year-end awards. If a tie in total points exists, the first tie breaker will go to the other contestant if one contestant is already winning a saddle in another event. If this is not a factor, a tie for any placing will be broken by determining the horse with the most placings in that D. If equal number of placings, the winner will be determined by the number of 1st place finishes, if still tied, number of 2nd places, and so on, until a clear winner is determined. If a tie still remains, winner will be determined by average time of runs.

G. MISCELLANEOUS

- Absolutely NO refunds or class/incentive changes will be granted once the entry is received. You may not change the paid entry to a different class or change the run order. You may change horses if allowed by class rules as long as you notify us prior to the run but no refund will be issued.**
- HHBRA will allow one hot check per member per year. After that, all entries by that member must be paid in cash.
- HHBRA will not cash checks, including but not limited to personal or jackpot winning checks.
- No horses are to be tied and left unattended inside the warm-up area. Get a friend to hold or lead the horse.**
- Pay attention to other riders in the warm-up area.. Do not stop or turn around suddenly if other riders are behind you. Try to ride with the flow.**
- No plastic bags, bullwhips, ropes, flags, or other floppy/scary things allowed in the warm-up pen at any time.**
- Parent or guardian of a minor should be in the alley if the minor rider is having trouble getting his/her horse in the arena.**
- HHBRA is not responsible for accidents to pedestrians or riders standing or walking too close to the mouth of the alley while runners are entering or exiting the alley. Please use caution crossing this area. Do not stand or play in this area.**
- The Finals Awards Banquet is a mandatory function. Dress code will be long sleeved western shirt, jeans, and belt. Hat and boots encouraged, but not mandatory. If an emergency or illness interferes with your attendance, please contact Diane Wetz (830-739-4883) before the banquet.**
- Do not ride or play in the arena before the show, during any break, or after the show. There are warm-up pens at all arenas. Use them if you need to ride a horse or play in sand.**
- The Executive Directors specifically retain the responsibility and authority to make final**

determination on any and all situations, including rule interpretations, management of shows, financial responsibility, custody of equipment, and any other items not specifically set forth above.

For more information about reservations of RV spots or stalls:

Contact for Llano:

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2200 Ranch Road 152
Llano, Texas 78643
Ray Craig - rcraig@cityofllano.com
Phone (325)247-5354

Contact for Uvalde:

Uvalde County Fairplex Arena
215 Veterans Lane
Uvalde, TX 78801
Summer or Wendy
(830)591-9040
Lots of stalls & hook-ups

Contact for Dripping Springs:

Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center
1042 Event Center Drive
Dripping Springs, TX 78620
Lynne Dickinson - ldickinson@cityofdrippingsprings.com
City of Dripping Springs at (512)858-4725