

# WISCONSIN GIRLS BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION

## 2015 / 2016 / 2017 BY-LAWS

Failure to know and abide by rules and regulations of W.G.B.R.A. will not be accepted as an excuse in any dispute arising over rules. For your own benefit, read and become familiar with them.

### I.NAME

The name of the organization shall be known as Wisconsin Girls Barrel Racing Association, Inc. (W.G.B.R.A.)

### II.PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

This association has been formed for the following purpose:

1. To promote barrel racing and encourage women, men, boys and girls of all ages to participate in the sport of barrel racing.
2. To maintain high standards, good sportsmanship, and fair play among all who participate in any barrel races approved by W.G.B.R.A.
3. To cooperate with any club or organization sponsoring a barrel race.

### III.OFFICERS

1. The Officers elected will be President, Vice President, Secretary, Point Secretary, Treasurer, Hours Chairperson and Awards Chairperson, whose duties will include resolving issues over by-laws, points, and membership standings.
2. The officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting, which is in November.
3. Offices and voting shall be limited to Adult Female members- No office shall be held by any member under 19 years of age. Voting age is 19 years and older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.
4. Anyone that wants a by-law changed must bring it in writing. By-laws will be reviewed **every 3 years** at the October meeting and voted on at the November Business meeting, unless it is decided by the officers that a change needs immediate attention. A special meeting can be called to talk about the issue and a special vote can be sent out to all members, if passed the new by-law would become effective immediately. Votes must be signed to be counted. In case of a tie, the president will then cast her vote, otherwise the president does not vote.
5. Any officer wishing to be relieved of her position must submit a written notice of resignation.
6. All officers shall serve without salary or compensation.
7. The president shall preside over all meetings and the board of directors meetings. She shall receive all complaints, disputes or questions. If it is not covered or clear in the rule book, a meeting will be called of the officers and Board of Directors to make a decision.
8. The vice-president shall carry on the regular duties of the president in the president's absence.

9. The recording secretary shall keep a written record of all business meetings. She shall handle all general correspondence of the Association.

10. The point secretary shall be responsible for keeping track of points that each member turns in WITHIN 2 WEEKS POSTMARK to determine eligibility of each race. She shall also make available any necessary forms used by the W.G.B.R.A. She shall also make points books available at each meeting for members to check points.

11. The treasurer shall be responsible for all money received or paid out by the WGBRA. She must keep an accurate account in writing and supply a report of finances at each meeting. All money paid out in the amount of \$5.00 or more must be paid out by check, with the exception of payouts at our WGBRA shows. A receipt must accompany all monies paid out. There must be 2 members (the treasurer and another officer) that have access to any and all accounts for WGBRA.

12. Board of directors shall have the power to review points and determine their validity.

13. The year end awards chairperson is required to have a financial statement at the first meeting after the annual awards banquet.

14. The hour's chairperson will be responsible for recording hours earned from shows/meetings.

#### **IV. MEETINGS**

1. The WGBRA shall hold monthly meetings as needed to be determined by the officers.

2. The annual business meeting shall be held at the November meeting.

3. The president may call special meetings.

#### **V. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF W.G.B.R.A.**

1. ALL MEMBERS MUST WORK A MANDATORY AMOUNT OF HOURS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS. Men and Youth members under 19 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> must work at least 3 hours. Women members, 19 years and older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year must work at least 5 hours. If a parent and child (that still qualifies to run in the Youth for W.G.B.R.A.) are both members, the required hours are 5 hours for the family. Unless you have paid for your hours to be worked. ( See rule 2)

Hours worked for a general member need to be from the following: Barrel/Pole Setters, Gate Workers, Exhibition Workers, Grounds Workers, Meeting attendance or as Ok'd by the current board. Officers hours will come from any of the before mentioned including office work.

You *may* have non-members work your mandatory hours. Members cannot give other members their hours. If a member has a non-member work for them, the hours must still be turned into the Hours Chairperson with the name of the non-member that worked for you, what they did and for how long.

Members are required to turn in their hours worked to the hours chairperson- postmarked within 2 weeks of the working date. Hours must be completed by the end of the point season of the current year. It is the

member's responsibility to see that their hours are recorded correctly. Members must contact hour's chairperson regarding any discrepancies.

2. WGBRA allows the option to pay for your hours to be worked. You have until May 1<sup>st</sup> of that point season to choose this option and pay. The hours worked fee is \$30.00 in addition to your membership and nomination fee's.

3. Non-members may participate at any barrel race the W.G.B.R.A. holds. Should a non-member wish to become a member, his/her points/hours will count after dues have been paid to a current member of the W.G.B.R.A.

4. Memberships do not carry from year to year. Member's points do not count until he/she has paid the current years dues.

5. A member shall be brought to the attention of the officers or board of directors if their good standing or points are in dispute. Only that member, and not the W.G.B.R.A. in its entirety, will be subject to review.

6. Any individual not in good standings shall not be granted membership.

7. To publish any information in regards to dates and locations of barrel races is up to the club or organization holding the event, not the W.G.B.R.A.

8. Any paid help at WGBRA activities needs to be approved and the dollar amount decided, either at a meeting by the members or a Special Meeting of the officers

9. All W.G.B.R.A. members must donate at least one silent auction item each year. (This money will be used towards year end awards.)

**Hours are accumulated by:**

Working at any WGBRA show will count towards member's hours. ( 1 hour worked=1 hour accumulated, 15 minutes worked= 15 minutes accumulated) Meetings will count for 1 hour, with a maximum of 2 hours being counted towards worked hours for the year after your membership fee has been paid for the current year.

**VI. 4-D Barrel DIVISION GUIDELINES AND MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**YOUTH 4-D BARRELS**

\* Girls and boys 18 years of age and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year

\*Membership fee \$20.00

\*Nomination fee per division \$10.00

\*Must be current Wisconsin resident

**Women's and Men's Divisions 4-D BARRELS (Separate divisions, same rules)**

\*Women and Men 19 years of age and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year

\*Membership fee \$20.00

\*Nomination fee per division \$10.00

\*Must be current Wisconsin resident

### **NON-CONTESTING / SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP**

\* Membership fee \$10.00

\* Female members over 19 years of age can vote and hold an office

\* Cannot take points for an award

\* Member still needs to complete her hours

\* Option to pay hours worked fee by May 1<sup>st</sup> of that point season.

#### **A. How the 4-D Barrels point system works;**

1. The point season will run from March 1<sup>st</sup> to midnight September 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year.

2 Points are based on the rider. If you ride multiple horses in one class, you will receive your points for the highest placing in any one division, if you are tied for a placing on 2 horses in different divisions you would take the points in the highest division you place in. (You would get one set of points per class no matter how many horses you run in that one class.)

**Example 1:** You place 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1D on horse # 1 and you place 5<sup>th</sup> in the 2D on horse # 2, you would receive your points in the 1D;

**Example 2:** You place 4<sup>th</sup> in 2D on horse # 1 and you place 4<sup>th</sup> in 3D on horse # 2, you would receive your points in the 2D. **Example #**

**3:** You place 1<sup>st</sup> in 3D on horse # 1, and you place 15<sup>th</sup> in 2D on horse # 2, you would receive your points in the 3D.

3. You are required to have a paid entry and receive a time for each class to receive points. All multiple day events must be taken on the day you made the run. Any exhibition, practice, warm up, etc are not to be considered competition runs and are not to be counted for points.

5. Points can be accumulated from any show or event published 2 weeks in advance. No points can be taken from any "LAST MINUTE" races or on the spot races.

#### **Example of how to take points:**

Open 4-D Barrel Race-**1-100** entries Points are taken through **15<sup>th</sup> place**

1<sup>st</sup> place 1-D=100 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place 1-D=99 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place 1-D=98 points

4<sup>th</sup> place 1-D=97 points

(Points are taken through 15<sup>th</sup> place)

1<sup>st</sup> place 2-D=100 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place 2-D=99 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place 2-D=98 points

4<sup>th</sup> place 2-D=97 points

(Points are taken through 15<sup>th</sup> place)

1<sup>st</sup> place 3-D=100 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place 3-D=99 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place 3-D=98 points

4<sup>th</sup> place 3-D=97 points

(Points are taken through 15<sup>th</sup> place)

1<sup>st</sup> place 4-D=100 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place 4-D=99 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place 4-D=98 points

4<sup>th</sup> place 4-D=97 points

(Points are taken through 15<sup>th</sup> place)

Classes with entries **101-200**- points will be taken to **20<sup>th</sup> place**

Classes with entries **201-300**-points will be taken to **25<sup>th</sup> place**

Classes with entries **301-400**-points will be taken to **30<sup>th</sup> place**

Classes with entries **401-over**-points will be taken to **35<sup>th</sup> place**

6. All points accumulated will stay in the division they are won in. Example: A rider may accumulate points in all 4 divisions throughout the point season.

7. Age division classes, rodeos, jackpots, novice horse, novice rider, and any other class that is not placed as a 4-D will be considered 1-D points.

8. Youth points may be accumulated in Youth 4-D, Open 4-D or any available classes they are eligible to run at the show.

9. Any class with divisions greater than 4, will be placed out to the 4-D only.

10. Points are taken as awarded, example; some shows may have one 4-D class placing ½ second splits, and one 4-D class placing full second splits. Points are awarded as placed at show.

### **C. Determining Eligible Points**

1. When the W.G.B.R.A. sponsors any barrel race that will be the only place a member can take points from on that day.
2. The only time a horse may have 2 or more riders is at a show or rodeo that permits it.
3. Each member is responsible for making sure their points are turned in or show results/printouts will be accepted. You will need to count the # of entries and give the point secretary your own placing if turning in just the results/printouts without a point form. Points must be sent to the point secretary and postmarked within 2 weeks of the show.
4. Points will be taken by the go-round. No average points count.
5. You are allowed to take points from a carryover/sidepot.

### **D. 4-D Barrels award guidelines**

1. Women's, Men's and Youth 4-D Barrels will place the top 5 in each division. Monetary amounts will be equal in each division, but \$dollar amount may vary in each group depending on number of member's in each group.
2. Each rider that is nominated is eligible for one award.
3. Any rider that is nominated and places in multiple divisions will automatically receive the award in the division, the member has received the highest placing in. If a member would have the same placing in more than one division, at the end of the point season, at that time they would take the award in the highest division.
4. A sportsmanship and hard luck award will be given out at the annual awards banquet each year. This will be voted on by current members.

## **VII. OPEN POLE DIVISION GUIDELINES**

### **OPEN POLES**

- \* Girls and boys 18 years of age and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year
  - \* Women and men 19 years of age and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year
  - \* Membership fee \$20.00
  - \* Nomination fee per rider \$10.00
  - \* Must be current Wisconsin resident
1. Any nominated member may take points in either or both pole bending or pole weaving.
  2. You are allowed to take points from a carryover/sidepot.
  3. Point season runs March 1<sup>st</sup> to Midnight September 30<sup>th</sup> of current year.
  4. One nomination fee per rider.

5. Rider must place in the top 15 to receive points. Example; 25 entries-1<sup>st</sup> place receives 25 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place receives 24 points, and so on down to 15<sup>th</sup> place.

6. Pole awards will be given as follows:

<u># of nominations</u>	<u># of placing's in each division</u>
1-10 nominations	1
11-20 nominations	2
21-30 nominations	3
31-40 nominations	4

And so on.

7. See...**VI. C. Determining Eligible Points** This applies to the Open Pole Division as well.

8. Poles are placed however the class is run. For example: if the class is a 2D with full second splits that is how it is placed, if it is a straight jackpot with no divisions, your placing would fall into 1D for points.

9. Each rider that is nominated is eligible for one award.

### **VIII. CLUB DISBANDMENT**

If in any event the W.G.B.R.A. should disband, all properties including real estate, and equipment, shall be liquidated and all monies be dispersed to a non-profit charity or charities, of which to be decided by the board of directors at that time. No club member past, present or future shall benefit from the funds of the club.

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