



## RULES

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### **1. CONDUCT & BEHAVIOUR**

- i) No bad language, behavior or any other actions the committee deems not within acceptable standards; the committee will approach the member discretely to discuss the matter, if it cannot be resolved the member may be asked to leave the event.
- ii) Our club promotes a friendly, fun and safe atmosphere, where all members respect each other's activities, property and animals; all of which should not be interfered with at any event.
- iii) Where a financial SABHA member brings disrepute upon the club, as a whole, the committee reserves the right to withdraw or suspend their current club membership for the current financial year and following year if applicable.

### **2. BULLYING & HARRASMENT**

Engaging in, or attempting to engage in any action of a threatening nature, berating, harassing, intimidating - either in person, via telephone, email or all forms of social media, assaulting or striking any member or non-member may result in the suspension of your ABHA membership at the Board's discretion.

### **3. ALCOHOL & DRUGS**

If the SABHA Committee have reasonable belief that any rider or member is competing under the influence of any type of drugs or alcohol, they will be asked to dismount and will be disqualified from the event by the ABHA and SABHA, as per ABHA rules.



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### **4. SOCIAL MEDIA CODE OF CONDUCT**

The ABHA and SABHA do not condone the posting of any derogatory or slanderous remarks made on any form of social media by any person, member or non member. Any incidents will be forwarded to the ABHA board to review and may face disciplinary action in accordance with ABHA Rules.

### **5. ANIMAL WELFARE**

- i) As per ABHA rule under animal welfare, inhumane treatment or abuse of a horse in any matter whilst in the arena or on the grounds is prohibited.
- ii) Excessive use of the whip or over and under and hitting horses around the head in a barrel race competition will result in disqualification for the duration of the competition. There will be no refund of entry fees.
- iii) All Incidents will be presented and reviewed by the ABHA Board. Further disciplinary action may be enforced. This may include Fines, and or further suspension. The ABHA and SABHA have a zero tolerance for animal abuse.

### **6. ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR**

Whilst SABHA can be used as a training event, if any horse is deemed unsafe or dangerous to its rider, spectators or other horses and competitors, it will need to be either contained to a safe area or be removed from the event. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure their mount is in a fit and sound condition to compete.



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### **7. TIMERS/JUDGES/OFFICIALS**

- i) Members are reminded that timers and gate personnel are classed as officials at an event.
- ii) Disputes need to be lodged in writing to the committee no later than 30 minutes after the end of the event the dispute is regarding. Any disputes after this time will not be taken into consideration.
- iii) Members must comply with reasonable directions from these persons and all rule compliance.
- iv) All persons at an event must comply with the rules of the venue providers at all time.

### **8. EXHIBITIONS**

Once around the pattern (riders can go around each drum as many times as they like) within a one-minute time limit. Multiple Exhibitions can be purchased and used together or separately.



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### **9. TINY TOTS BARREL RACE (Led Rider)**

- (i) A Led Rider is any person who is not able to control their mount without aid. A lead rope must be attached to the horse/pony and the rider assisted by the handler (who must be an ABHA member) in led events. The rider must be seven years of age or under as of the 1st July each calendar year.
- (ii) Tiny Tots are to be led. If an underage (Tiny Tot) competitor demonstrates competency to ride un-led a request may be lodged with the Secretary for committee consideration to ride in the junior assisted. If the committee deems that the rider is not competent that rider shall return to the Tiny Tots. SABHA's focus is to provide a safe and fun environment for our riders.

### **10. JUNIOR ASSISTED BARREL RACE**

An assisted rider is any person who requires assistance to compete (either on or off lead). The assistant is required to be in the arena at all times. The rider must be over seven years of age and under twelve years old as of the 1st of July in each calendar year.

As per ABHA rules, riders whom are riding 'free' and successfully complete the course, must take placing over riders whose horses are being led.



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### **11. DAVE WATERS MEMORIAL BARREL RACE**

- a) The Dave Waters is a non competitive event. It is designed for riders of any age who are non-competitive and do not wish to compete in any divisional competition. Once a person enters a divisional event, they are no longer eligible to compete in Dave Waters.
- b) Any horse can be entered in the Dave Waters Memorial and a Divisional event on the same day, in the same season.
- c) Once a competitor consistently over six SABHA rounds completes a time that is 23 seconds or faster, that competitor is no longer eligible to enter this event for the remainder of the season and are to move up to a divisional event (Junior or Open Divisional).
- d) All profit will be donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service at the end of the season.
- e) Riders that are not SABHA financial members are not eligible to win the end of season Dave Waters Perpetual Trophy.



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### **12. OPEN DIVISIONAL BARREL RACE**

Open Divisional barrel race is open to any rider or any horse.

As per ABHA Rules. Divisions will be based on number of runners for prize money payouts.

1 - 6 runners will be a one division event

7 - 12 runners will be a two-division event

13 -21 runners will be a three-division event

22+ runners will be a four-division event.

**This is for prize money only**

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SABHA Divisions for points will based on a three-division format regardless of how many runners are in the event, or a four-division format if runners exceed twenty two.

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### **13. JUNIOR DIVISIONAL BARREL RACE**

Rider must be under 18 years of age, on the day of the competition as per ABHA rules. The competitor will be notified, by SABHA, that upon turning 18 years old that season, that they no longer accrue qualification for the ABHA finals as a junior, and this will be noted on the time sheets by SABHA to the ABHA.

*\*Prize money and point base, same as Open Division Barrel Race above*



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### **14. POLE BENDING**

Pole bending is a timed event, where six poles are spaced out 6.4metres apart in a straight line. The competitor may start either to the right or left of the first poles and then weave down and up, then run back towards the times on the opposite side they started.

Knocked poles will carry five second penalties and a break of pattern will be immediate disqualification.

#### **a) TINY TOT LED**

As per above a led Rider is any person who is not able to control their mount without aid. A lead rope must be attached to the horse/pony and the rider assisted by the handler (who must be an ABHA member) in led events. The rider must be 7 years of age or under as of the 1st July each calendar year.

#### **b) ASSISTED RIDER POLES**

As per above an assisted rider is any person who requires assistance to compete. The assistant (who must be an ABHA member) is required to be in the arena at all times. The rider must be over seven years of age and less than twelve years old as of the 1st of July in each calendar year.

#### **c) JUNIOR POLES**

Rider must be under 18 years of age on the day of competition as per ABHA rules.

#### **d) OPEN POLES**

As per ABHA Rules.





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### **15. HAT FINES**

For every hat lost in the arena during a competitive run, the competitor will endure a \$5.00 hat fee.

This is to be paid prior to their next run; this can be paid to the gate official or at the canteen. All hat fees will go to a non for profit charity agreed on by committee at the end of the barrel racing season.

### **16. ENTRIES & SCRATCHINGS**

- a) **ALL** Entries are to go through the Australian Barrel Horse Association website.
- b) Entries will open on a Tuesday and close on a Thursday.
- c) **ALL** Entries require to be accompanied with full payment. Nominations will not appear on draws until proof of payment is received.
- d) **NO** entries will be accepted after the closing date/time.
- e) There will be no changes to draws of the day of an event to keep administrative work to the minimum.
- f) Scratching from an event prior to draws being posted to public will be refunded entry fees, less the arena fee.
- g) Scratching from an event after draws are posted and prior to event start time, competitors will be refunded 70% of entry fees, less the arena fee.
- h) Scratching from an event after the start time, competitor's entry fees will be forfeited unless a veterinary certificate is presented to committee no later than 48 hours after event completion.



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### **17. CANCELLATION OF AN EVENT**

Should SABHA need to cancel or adjust the start time of an event, due to inclement weather or other, competitors will be notified via facebook/website as soon as possible prior to the event start time. Change of time to be decided and advertised prior to the Thursday night before the event.

### **18. EVENT GUIDELINES**

- a) The arena will be closed 15 minutes prior to event start time to prepare arena and set the course.
- b) All entry fees are “per horse and rider combination”.
- c) **ALL** riders and handlers must be financial ABHA members to compete or assist riders – day membership is available. Memberships can be done online at [www.abha.com.au](http://www.abha.com.au)
- d) **ALL** riders at an event must be a financial ABHA member, even if they are not competing.
- e) **NO** alcohol is permitted in the warm up area for the duration of the SABHA barrel race event.
- f) **NO** Spectators or dogs permitted in the horse warm up area, alley way, arena entry point. There are designated spectator areas.
- g) Dogs are allowed at an event, but must be on a lead and under effective control at all times.
- h) **ALL** yards used need to be cleaned prior to leaving. Any competitor leaving the dirty after departure will receive a yard cleaning fee. This fee is to be paid prior to next nominations; failure to pay may lead to nominations not being accepted.
- i) Competitors will be called 3 times, if they are not presented at the gate they will be disqualified.



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SABHA is an ABHA Affiliate and abides by the ABHA Rule Book. ABHA members should refer to the ABHA rule book to understand the rules and their responsibilities in addition to these SABHA Rules.

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