

SOUTHERN OREGON BARREL RACING
ASSOCIATION RULES
2023-2024

SOBRA is a barrel racing training club, it was founded to be an organization to give horse/rider combinations an opportunity to train, compete and run for fun and prizes.

SOBRA Board of Directors
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GENERAL RULES

1. If race is not co-sanctioned and there is no SOBRA rule, then default to BRN4D rules.
2. Official time is that which is on the timer in the office, not the SOBRA reader board.

RACE CATEGORIES

1. Open: Any rider.
2. Youth: 17 years of age or younger as of January 1st of the beginning year of the SOBRA season.
3. Peewee: 8 years of age or younger as of January 1st of the beginning year of the SOBRA season and ride without being led.
4. Leadline: 8 years of age or younger as of January 1st of the beginning year of the SOBRA season and be led through the pattern.
5. Seniors: 45 years and older as of January 1st of the beginning year of the SOBRA season.
6. Novice: Horse and/or Rider who have won less than \$500.

7. Exhibition: Any rider competing only for time and no prizes or payout.

RACE ENTRIES

1. Office will open by 8:00 a.m.
2. Open Race 1, Youth, Senior, and Peewee entries close at 9:30 a.m.
3. Open Race 2 entries will close at the start of Youth, draw will not be done prior.
4. Peewee starts at 9:40 a.m.
5. Exhibition entries must be received by the end of Open 2.
6. Race order is subject to change at the discretion of the SOBRA Board of Directors.

LATE ENTRIES

Late entries will be accepted and will run at the end of the draw. Late entries for Open 1, Youth, and Senior will be accepted until Open 1 starts. Late entries will be charged a late fee of \$20 per entry. Late entries can only be accepted by a SOBRA Board of Directors member.

ADDITIONAL HORSES

A contestant may ride as many horses as they choose. In no case will the same horse be run more than twice by different riders in the same class. Qualified runs are awarded to the member rider, not the horse during the regular season, so it does not matter which horse a member rides. See SOBRA FINALS for more clarification for horse qualifications for the SOBRA Finals.

ROLLING OF TIME

A contestant may opt to roll their time from Open Race 1 to the Open Race 2. Youth riders may roll from Open 1. It is the responsibility of the contestant to declare rollover on their entry form prior to the start of Open Race 1. There will be no changes made after the race starts. If the contestant fails to declare on their entry form, the contestant must then compete in the Open Race 2 or forfeit their fees, if fees are forfeited and rider does not compete, the entry will not count towards finals qualification.

3.5D SIDEPOD

Open riders may elect to enter the 3.5D sidepod, which will be a straight pay format based 1.5 seconds off the winning time of the Open class. Open 1 and Open 2 will each have their own sidepod, based off the respective winning times of the different races.

RELEASE & LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

All contestants must sign a release on entry form prior to riding at any SOBRA event. Youth, Peewee, and Leadline entries release form must be signed prior to riding at any SOBRA event by a parent or guardian who must be present at all times during the SOBRA event.

RIGHT OF REFUSAL

THE SOBRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETAINS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY AND OR MEMBERSHIP. WITH EACH PAID NOMINATION IT IS

UNDERSTOOD THAT RESOLUTION OF ANY AND ALL DISPUTES, CONFLICTS AND DECISIONS THAT MAY COME TO PASS WITH ANY CONTESTANT TAKING PART IN THIS PROGRAM IS LEFT COMPLETELY TO THE DISCRETION OF THE SOBRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Also see ineligible rider list.

ANNOUNCER BOOTH

A fine is to be imposed on any person not including SOBRA Board of Directors Members going in and out of the announcer's booth. If your name has not been called in the draw, please go to the person taking entries or a SOBRA Board of Directors member and they will help take care of any errors. 1st offense is a warning, 2nd offense is a fine of \$5, if continued more extreme measures may be taken at the discretion of the SOBRA Board of Directors.

ARENA GATE

For all classes, contestants in the current draw are required to enter the arena during the tractor drag – when the tractor shuts down, the gate closes. If a contestant is not in the arena they will be scratched and not allowed to run. The entry will not count as a qualifying run and no refund of entry fees will be given. In addition, if the missed run was to be carried over to the second open or youth race, that race will also be disqualified and not count as a qualifying run, nor will those entry fees be refunded. In addition, no helpers on horseback are allowed in the arena for any class, but a SOBRA member may enter the arena on foot during that rider's run ONLY to help get the horse on pattern.

ARENA WARM UP

1. No barrels in any warm-up arena.
2. No lunging in the Grants Pass warm-up arena.

Safety in the warm-up pen is at the discretion of the SOBRA Board of Directors. They retain the right to intervene if safety is an issue.

BARREL CIRCLING

During a competition run riders may only circle each barrel one time – the ground is groomed for competition and more than one circle interferes with subsequent riders' quality of ground. The penalty could be a \$20 fine at discretion of the SOBRA Board of Directors, if repeated more extreme measures may be taken at discretion of the SOBRA Board of Directors.

ARENA AND GENERAL SAFETY

1. The SOBRA Board of Directors has the right to not allow any contestant to ride or compete if safety is an issue for the horse or the club members.
2. All riders need to be in control of their horse at all times - in and out of the arenas, warm up pens and gate.
3. No running up into the panels/wings to stop a horse. Riders must stay mounted at all times while in the holding pens and may not dismount until tractors have started. Riders must remain all the way up against the panels/wing in the holding pens when it is not their turn. The penalty could be a \$20 fine at discretion of the SOBRA Board of Directors, if repeated more extreme measures may be taken at discretion of the SOBRA Board of Directors.

4. Any rider under the age of 17 must be supervised by parent or guardian at all times during SOBRA events.

NO TIMES DISQUALIFICATION

1. Off course or not completing the cloverleaf pattern is a disqualification but counts towards finals qualification.
2. Not running in the drawn position is disqualification and will not count as a final's qualifier.
3. Knocking over a barrel or if a barrel is knocked over and it sets up again on either end a no time will be entered but will count towards finals qualification. Touching a barrel to keep it from falling is permitted.
4. A missed gate call is disqualification and will not count towards finals qualification. In addition, if the missed run was to be carried over to the second race, then the second race is also a disqualification and will not count towards finals qualification.
5. No one is allowed to move or touch the timers unless they are a SOBRA Board of Directors member or someone under direction of the SOBRA Board of Directors. If a rider or family member touches or moves the timer with intent, it is an immediate disqualification.
6. Halting of forward motion is a disqualification.

BARREL RACE CANCELLATION

The SOBRA Board of Directors will make notifications on the SOBRA website and Facebook page. It is the rider's responsibility to check SOBRA website and/or Facebook page for updates.

BARREL SPEED THROUGH COURSE

Contestants that enter and pay all fees for Open, Youth and Peewee classes may walk, trot, lope or run the pattern and the contestant will receive a qualifying time.

COMPLAINTS

1. Complaints concerning the current race must be made no later than 10 minutes after the completion of the race in question.
2. The complaint needs to be taken to the SOBRA Board of Directors of Directors for a decision.
3. All other complaints need to be in writing and sent to the SOBRA Board of Directors, PO BOX 144 Gold Hill, OR 97525
4. BRN4D Conflicts: see BRN4D Rules and Guidelines.

DRAW POSITIONS

1. The draw shall be done in a random manner.
2. Contestants riding multiple horses only may name a horse for first drawn position. Under no circumstance will a contestant pick their own draw position.
3. All horse/rider combinations will run in their drawn positions.
4. Contestants riding two or more horses must ride in the order drawn. If a contestant is unable to run in drawn position due to unforeseen circumstances, the SOBRA Board of Directors, at their discretion, may allow the contestant to run at the end of the race.

DRESS CODE

At all SOBRA races all riders are required to wear western boots or approved riding tennis shoes. See SOBRA Finals for Dress Code requirements at Finals.

FAIRGROUNDS FACILITY RULES

Any venue rules apply to SOBRA riders.

HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

Any contestant who abuses an animal by any unnecessary non-competitive or competitive action (anywhere on the event grounds) may result in disqualification at the SOBRA Board of Directors discretion and/or suspension by the BRN4D Management.

RETURNED CHECKS

1. A returned check fee will be assessed by SOBRA.
2. If any member or non-member has repeated returned checks, they will be placed on a cash only basis.
3. Failure of any member or non-member to make good on a returned check to a SOBRA event may result in the suspension of a member's privilege to compete in any SOBRA event.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Poor sportsmanship of members/riders should not be exhibited and will not be tolerated. Poor sportsmanship may result in disqualification or right of refusal to participate in future SOBRA events at the discretion of SOBRA Board of Directors.

SOBRA REGULAR SEASON AND TIMES

The SOBRA Board of Directors must keep track of qualifying runs and a copy will be available at each barrel race.

CURRENT PAID MEMBER

You must be a current paid member in order to vote at SOBRA meetings. Each member is entitled to one vote. One parent may vote for Peewee members.

NONRIDING MEMBERS

Buying your membership entitles you to voting privileges and to be eligible to be nominated for the SOBRA Board of Directors.

ROLL CALL AT MEETINGS

Roll call can be taken of current SOBRA members at any SOBRA meeting, at the SOBRA Board of Directors discretion.

1. There will be a general meeting at the start of each season. Attendance to the meeting will count toward 1 qualifying run.
2. Members must attend the entire meeting to receive credit for attending the meeting.
3. Riders will be given a voter's card at the time of sign-ups. This will be used to count votes, and needs turned in at the conclusion of the meeting for attendance credit. Cards will not be accepted after the meeting has been adjourned.

SOBRA SPONSORSHIP

1. Sponsorship deadline for the Open and Youth: Sponsor fees must be paid in full no later than the 1st race in January of the current season. It is the member's responsibility to check with the SOBRA Board of Directors as to when your sponsorship is due.

2. The penalty for missing the deadline is the forfeiture of all prior races. You must then start over after the payment of sponsorship fees.

TIME ONLIES

1. Time onlies are 1 minute.
2. Time onlies will be offered from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. After 9:00 am limit 1 time only at a time. May get back in line if time permits.
3. No cash will be taken at the gate. Must sign a release form and get a time only ticket.

EXHIBITIONS

1. Exhibitions will be run at the end of the day.
2. Exhibition runs have no payout or awards.
3. Exhibitions will run like an Open class format with times to be announced, barrels to be set on markers, and if music and banners were present during open runs then they will remain until the end of the Exhibitions runs.
4. Exhibitions are one time through, no circling or working the pattern.
5. There will be a tractor drag every 5 riders.

PEEWEE CLASS

1. Peewee Age: 8 years of age or younger as of January 1st of the beginning year of the SOBRA season. Rider must be on their own once they pass the eye, no leading or assisting.
2. All general SOBRA rules apply to Peewee members.
3. Peewee riders are not allowed to enter Youth or Open Race.
4. All Peewee riders will receive a day prize at SOBRA races.
5. No jackpot money will be awarded.
6. Peewee barrel pattern will be shortened from the open course.

7. The SOBRA Board of Directors has the right to intervene when safety is an issue. If the rider is deemed not ready, the rider must wait until the next SOBRA season to compete, or can compete in the Leadline class.
8. Peewee riders must pay membership and compete in 4 races to be eligible for finals and/or finals awards. Under no circumstance will any race a rider competed in prior to membership being paid count toward finals qualification.
9. Peewee class will be offered at finals.

LEADLINE CLASS RULES

1. The Leadline will follow Peewee rules, with a few exceptions. Riders must be led through the pattern by a parent or guardian.
2. A spotter is allowed. Riders may not be held on throughout the pattern. No exceptions.
3. Leadline is a day prize only event.

YOUTH CLASS RULES

1. Age for Youth riders is 17 years of age or less as of January 1st of the beginning year of the SOBRA season.
2. All general SOBRA rules apply to youth members.
3. Youth race is paid in a 4D format.
4. Youth riders are allowed to enter the Open races.
5. Youth have the option to carry times during the regular season and at finals. During regular season Youth may only carry time from Open race #1.
6. Youth riders must ride on their own without assistance. No help beyond timers is allowed. If assistance is used in the arena the run will not count towards day money or year-end qualifications.
7. Barrel pattern is the same measurement for Youth as for the Open.
8. Youth riders must pay all membership and sponsorship fees in full and attend 51% of the races to be eligible and compete for an award at the SOBRA finals. Under no circumstance will any race a rider

competed in prior to membership being paid count toward finals qualification.

9. Youth has the option for a 2 race buy-in that will count toward the 51% per nomination. If a youth rider chooses to use this option, the youth rider must pay the full entry fee per buy-in.
10. Youth will run a three-run average at the finals.

SENIOR CLASS RULES

1. Seniors 45 years and older as of January 1st of the beginning year of the SOBRA season.
2. Seniors have the option to run or roll their time from the Open 1.
3. Will be paid out in the 4D format.

NOVICE CLASS RULES

1. Horse and/or rider must have won less than \$500 as of the day of the race. No exceptions.
2. Once \$500 has been passed by the horse, that horse is ineligible for the Novice unless ridden by a rider who has won less than \$500.
3. Once \$500 has been passed by the rider, that rider is ineligible for the Novice unless riding a horse that has won less than \$500.

SOBRA FINALS RULES

1. Riders must have paid their membership, nomination, and sponsorship(s) fees in full to qualify. Under no circumstance will any race a rider competed in prior to nomination being paid count toward finals qualification.
2. Each rider must have competed in 51% of SOBRA Open Races.

3. Open has the option for a 4 race buy-in that will count toward the 51% per nomination. If an open rider chooses to use this option, the open rider must pay the full entry fee per buy-in.
4. Additional horses: riders must have paid a sponsorship fee on each horse and must run 51% of Open races per sponsored horse. Riders only have one nomination fee regardless of the number of horses they sponsor.
5. The SOBRA finals will be determined on a three-run average.
6. SOBRA finals will be full dress. There is a \$10.00 fee for any hat lost in the arena.
7. The same horse must be used for all three runs to qualify for year-end average awards.
8. All year end prizes and monies are for qualified member/rider contestants only.
9. If for some unforeseen reason a contestant can't compete in all three (3) runs on the same horse, the contestant has the option to compete at the finals on another horse for day money only.
10. Under no circumstances shall an unqualified rider/member be allowed to compete at the SOBRA finals for day money or year-end awards.
11. All SOBRA Open and Youth sponsorship fees and donation monies are used to go towards the purchase of year end awards, awards banquet and added money for the SOBRA Annual Finals. Open sponsorship money stays with the Open class, and Youth sponsorship money stays with the Youth class. No exceptions.
12. Saddle Certificates are non-transferable, and saddles must be ordered within 30 days of date received. If the saddle is not ordered within 30 days, the SOBRA Board of Directors will order at their discretion.
13. SOBRA finals and awards ceremony is for members, immediate family and SOBRA sponsors and will be held immediately after the last run at the finals. SOBRA Board of Directors is responsible for sending out invitations to the saddle sponsors.

RULES FOR THE SOBRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The SOBRA Board of Directors must enforce all official rules as voted in by the membership.
2. There will be a minimum of \$5000. left in the SOBRA club account for the club to get started for the next season.
3. There must be an accessible SOBRA Board of Directors at the SOBRA barrel races.
4. SOBRA Board of Directors should meet monthly during the race season. If the SOBRA Board of Directors receives a written complaint, they should call a meeting to deal with the complaint as soon as possible.
5. A current profit and loss statement must be made available for any member to review.
6. It is the SOBRA Board of Directors responsibility to manage and keep up to date all financial aspects of SOBRA. Including quick books, paying expenses, reconciliation of bank statements every month.
7. No more than two family members may be elected to the SOBRA Board of Directors at one time.
8. The SOBRA Board of Directors must consist of no less than three members and no more than seven members
9. All SOBRA Board of Directors must be voted in at the meeting at the first race.
10. The break between youth race and open race 2 is left to the discretion of the SOBRA Board of Directors.
11. SOBRA Board of Directors will ensure the office and time only are ready by 8:00 am
12. SOBRA Board of Directors must attend at least 75% or more of all SOBRA events, including races, meetings and SOBRA Board of Directors meetings.
13. No SOBRA asset should be used for any other than a SOBRA function. Example Tractors, Panels, computers/electronics and monetary funds.

14. Failure to comply with SOBRA Board of Directors rules will result in removal as a SOBRA Board of Directors and will not be eligible as a future SOBRA Board of Directors.

TRACTOR DRIVERS

Tractor drivers are to be paid \$100 per SOBRA race day, per driver. There may be up to 2 drivers.

OFFICE

The person running the office is to be paid \$100 per SOBRA race day. There may only be one person working the office.

INELIGIBLE RIDERS

1. Kelley Berryhill is permanently ineligible to participate in any SOBRA event.