

**TEX-MEX
BARREL RACING
ASSOCIATION
BY-LAWS**



**&
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
RULES**

2014 - 2015

OFFICIAL RULES
TEX-MEX BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION
REVISED: September 13, 2014

*Note: All members are required to read the rules carefully particularly those relating to the events in which they participate. Failure to understand the rules will not be accepted as an excuse. No rules may be changed except as stated in **Rules, Section 19 and by-laws**.

Section 1: Membership

- A. **Eligibility:** Any person interested in the sport of barrel racing, pole bending. Membership is also open to WPRA and permit cardholders.
- B. **Membership:** Application and Dues (**see section 2**) and nomination fees must be submitted before competing in a show for money or points to count. **No member shall refuse any reasonable request to assist** the Association, its Officers, or Committees in the proper conduct of the affairs of the Association.
- C. **Violations:**
 - 1. Cheating or attempting to cheat. (No **intentional** pulling up in the D classes.)
 - 2. Submitting false information on a membership application.
 - 3. Submitting false information regarding eligibility of Novice Horses.
 - 4. Bad Checks.
 - a. If check does not clear bank, (first time) there will be a \$25.00 fee.
 - b. Check must be taken care of in cash prior to entering any TMBRA functions
 - c. All future barrel races must be paid in cash.
 - d. Must be in good standing to receive awards.
 - 5. Non-Payment of entry fees.
 - 6. Unnecessarily aggravating TMBRA Officers, Directors, or other Officials.
 - 7. Verbal harassment of any member of the Association.
 - 8. Any member or guest of member displaying inappropriate conduct by the Board of Directors including, but not limited to drunk and disorderly conduct, will be asked to leave. This will be considered a warning **for** the first offense.
 - 1. First offense-Verbal warning and asked to leave
 - 2. Second offense-Expulsion from participating in any club activity for the remainder of the fiscal year.
 - 9. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the Association whenever it has been established by satisfactory evidence to the Board of Directors that such member has knowingly and willfully violated any TMBRA rules. The decision and action of the Board of Directors shall be final and binding upon all parties.
 - 10. Formal complaints should be submitted in writing to the President. A copy of the complaint and the Board's decision will be kept in the TMBRA files. A written formal protest should be accompanied by a check in the amount of **\$25.00**. The person whom the protest is filed against will be notified. The deposit shall be forfeited if "charges stand." The deposit shall be refunded if "charges are dismissed." **The Board's Decision is FINAL.**
 - 11. Dogs must be on a leash at all times.

Section 2: Dues

- A. Single membership - \$30.00
- B. Family membership - \$50.00
 - 1. Membership dues include the purchase of a TMBRA rulebook and a monthly newsletter.
 - 2. Revised in the "2005 Membership meeting", emailing out monthly Newsletter to all members that have an email address and mailing out to members that do not have email.
 - 3. A rulebook and a monthly newsletter/email may be purchased for \$25.00 for non-members.

Section 3: Meetings

- A. There shall be a General Membership meeting scheduled in the **Month of September**.
- B. General Membership and Board of Director meetings shall be held throughout the year when necessary. Meetings shall be called in accordance with TMBRA by-laws.
- C. Any member in good standing may attend a meeting of the Board of Directors and enter into the discussion, but cannot vote. An agenda of all meetings shall be published in a newsletter preceding scheduled meeting.
- D. This can only be used when not superseded by by-laws

E. **ARTICLES VII, SECTION 5, also See by-laws ARTICLES XIV and XV.**

Section 4: Work Requirements

REGULAR WORK HOURS

- A. Each Member must work a total of eight (8 hours) throughout the year at REGULAR APPROVED BARREL RACES.**
- B. Family memberships will be counted as a unit **(8 hours per member)** Meaning that family can work for each other without completing their own hours, as long as by the end of the year each one has completed their **(8)** work hours, to receive their awards. Family members who do not ride may work for their family, without completing their own hours first. **Youth competitors ages 12 & under are not required to complete work hours.**
- C. Members must complete their own work requirements before they can work for anyone outside of their immediate family. If you are a member and work for someone outside of your immediate family at a jackpot you must designate work to count for that person, at that time. Sign work sheet with both names.
- D. Officers and Directors **May NOT** work for anyone outside of their immediate family.
- E. Members are required to sign a worksheet provided at each show to ensure credit for work. Failure to sign will result in NON-CREDIT. If you fail to sign the worksheet you must let the secretary know by the next jackpot. No exceptions! This rule will be enforced.
- F. No more than 2 people may work each barrel.
- G. Only one person can work for you at a time. No double hours allowed.
- H. Some outside work may be used as work requirements. All work done will be of a reasonable nature.
1. **Barrel Races:**
 - a. Setting barrels
 - b. Preparing arena
 1. Staking barrels & poles
 2. Dragging the ground
 3. Setting up timing lights
 - c. Taking entries
 - d. Announcing
 2. **Outside work:**
 - a. Carrying for TMBRA equipment throughout the year
 - b. Helping with Newsletter/emails/website
 - c. Keeping up with work hours, fundraisers, etc....
 - d. Running errands
 - e. Making copies (rule book, newsletters, flyers etc.)
 - f. Any other designated work approved by the Board of Directors

MAJOR FUNDRAISERS

Each member must complete the following MAJOR FUND-RAISERS **except Youth competitors ages 12 & under.**

Members are required to sign a worksheet provided at each Major Fundraiser to ensure credit for the work. Failure to do so will result in NON-CREDIT. If you fail to sign the worksheet you must let the secretary know by the next TMBRA Function. No Exceptions!

A. Must work a total of (2) two hours at any designated Major Fundraiser event approved by the Board of Directors (not counting regular point shows) **OR Must sell (1) one ad**, with a minimum value of \$50.00, for program/banner.

B. TMBRA APPROVED JACKPOT; a member may put on one (1) regular jackpot to count for major fund-raiser. (ONLY 1 JACKPOT CAN COUNT FOR A MAJOR FUND-RAISER).

Guidelines for this are:

- a. Securing arena
- b. Having the ground worked
- c. Having use of a tractor
- d. Having a tractor driver

C. RAFFLES - TMBRA may offer to host a Raffle during the current year. However, this raffle WILL NOT count as a major fundraiser.

Members must complete their own work requirements before they can work for anyone outside of their immediate family. If you work for someone outside of your immediate family at a fundraiser, you must designate work to count for that person at that time.

Officers and Directors may **NOT WORK** for anyone outside of their immediate family.

Section 5: Shows

- A. Anyone desiring to sponsor a TMBRA approved jackpot must contact the Vice President to discuss the necessary information before the 10th day of the month preceding the month in which the show is to be held.
- B. All shows submitted must have a majority vote of approval by the TMBRA Board of Directors.
 - 1. Shows must be open to all members without limitation.
 - 2. Priority will be given to shows promising the most member participation.
 - 3. Priority will be given to show receiving the largest share of the office charge and least amount of outside charges.
- C. An approved show must be listed in the TMBRA newsletter.
- D. Notification of shows submitted and approved after the 1st of the month must be mailed to all members and postmarked at least 10 days prior to date of the show. It will be the responsibility of the sponsoring party to mail such notification. TMBRA will reimburse the sponsor for the postage.
- E. Sponsors of a TMBRA jackpot will receive a show packet containing the following:
 - 1. Entry Fees
 - 2. Pay-Off Sheets
 - 3. A list of guidelines for a TMBRA show
 - 4. Membership application & nomination sheets
 - 5. Rule Books
- F. TMBRA will receive a five (\$5.00) Office Charge on all Barrel and Pole Classes. TMBRA will only receive a \$3.00 office charge in an exceptional instance with a majority vote by the Board of Directors.
- G. In the absence of a secretary, TMBRA will furnish a check book released only to an officer, director, or Board appointed Assistant Secretary. **Upon receipt, the person in charge will assume total responsibility for the checkbook and its return to the TMBRA office.** The sponsor will be responsible for changing money during the taking of entries and will be reimbursed if necessary. All expenses should be made by check if possible. If the TMBRA checkbook is unavailable, cash receipts are acceptable.
- H. A TMBRA approved jackpot may include any or all standard TMBRA approved events. TMBRA rules will apply to all functions unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.
- I. TMBRA may approve and co-sponsor shows with other organizations providing TMBRA receives an equal share of the office charge. In extreme cases, and only with the approval by the Board of Directors,
- J. TMBRA will receive a \$3.00 office charge when the secretary, electric timer, and all other necessary help and equipment are furnished by someone other than TMBRA.

Section 6: Order of Events

- A. Person sponsoring the jackpot may decide the order of events.

Section 7: Positions Drawn and Refunds:

- A. Members/Non –Members entering a TMBRA Barrel race will be entering to “Draw for Drag” not Draw for running order.
- B. Members/Non –Members entering a TMBRA Barrel race will sign up on a run sheet that will be numbered 1 – 100+, Runners will write their name, horses name, etc. on the sheet at the number they want to run, before the first horse runs in the Open 4D, Secretary or designated Officer will draw a chip between 1 and 5, the number drawn will be the first drag. After the initial runner runs then we will drag every 5. Example: If #3 is drawn out of the chips, the runners on the Run Sheet #1 thru #3 will run, then we will drag, and the next drag will be #8, #13, #18, etc.
- C. You may enter a class any time before it starts unless otherwise stated or announced.
 - a. **Books will remain open in the 4D until the last 25 runners.**
- D. You may draw out of a class up until time for the class to start and receive entry money back.
- E. Open 4-D Barrels will be drawn, according to the “Draw for the Drag” using poker chips #1 - #5 right before the 4D starts. If you put your name on a later number and it doesn't fill up you will be moved up.
EXCEPTION: Entry fees will not be refunded at special shows with a published rule stated on the entry blank, unless a medical or vet release is given. Immediate meeting and decision of attending officers and directors shall constitute a medical or vet release. We will drag every 5 entries, regardless of draw-outs, scratches or Dr/Vet releases.

Section 8: Money / Point Standings

- A. A point system will be used for yearend standings instead of “money won”. Points will be given to members in each D, regardless if they won money. 10 points for the 4D barrels and 6 points for the other classes will be given to the winner in that D, or the first member who placed in that D, and will go down the placing’s until all points are used. If no member is in that D, no points will be given. If member didn’t win money you can still receive points.
- B. Points are counted in the D in which they are earned.
- C. Year-end awards will be figured on the basis of the highest points in each D at TMBRA approved shows.
- D. Points will be counted from the time membership dues are paid and will continue to be counted for as long as membership rules are abided by.
- E. **In the 4D Barrels, a 10 point system will be kept on horse/rider combination.**
- F. **In the 2D SNH, 3D 12& under Youth and 3D poles, a 6 point system will be kept on horse/rider combination.**
 - 1. May enter 4D barrels and roll time over to the 12 & under or Novice Class, must designate at time of entry, pay both entry fees and you do not have to run again in 12 & under or Novice class.

G. **Fundraisers WILL** count for yearend standings because of the **6 and 10** point systems.

- 2. **Buckle Series Rules:**
 - a. Must compete in 5 out of 7 barrel races to qualify
 - b. Best 5 races will count for points
 - c. 6 point system will be used
 - d. Ties will be determined by High money won.
 - e. Must pay nomination fee (will be determined by Officer’s & Directors)
 - f. Only nominated horse/rider combinations will receive points.

Section 9: Pay off, added money, and ground money

- A. The following pay off schedule will be used in all barrel and pole classes:
 - In the 4D Barrels, the payoff will be as **BELOW**, on the division of money, after you’ve split up the part for the D’s payoff in the following manner: **1D-35%; 2D-28%; 3D-22%; 4D-15% (1/2 second splits)**

# Entries	4D Barrels	%per place paid
1-16	1 place per division	100%
17-32	2 places per division	60% - 40%
33-48	3 Places per division	50% - 30% - 20%
49-64	4 Places per division	35% - 28% -22% - 15%
65-80	5 Places per division	30% - 25% - 20% - 15% - 10%
81+++	6 places per division	27% - 23% - 18% - 13% - 11% - 8%

- In the 2D SNH Barrels, the payoff will be as **BELOW**, on the division of money, after you’ve split up the part for the D’s payoff in the following manner: 1D-60%; 2D-40%; (full second splits)

# Entries	2D SNH	%per place paid
1-6	1 place per division	100%
7-12	2 places per division	60% - 40%
13-18	3 Places per division	50% - 30% - 20%
19-24	4 Places per division	35% - 28% -22% - 15%
25-30	5 Places per division	30% - 25% - 20% - 15% - 10%
31+++	6 places per division	25% - 21% - 18% - 15% - 12% - 9%

- In the 3D Poles and the 12& under Youth Barrels; the payoff will be as **BELOW**, on the division of money, after you’ve split the part for the D’s payoff in the following manner: 1D-50%, 2D -30%, 3D-20% (full second splits)

# Entries	3D Poles & 12& Under Youth	% per place paid
1-12	1 place per division	100%
13-24	2 places per divisions	60% - 40%
25-36	3 places per division	50% - 30% - 20%
37-48	4 places per division	40% - 30% - 20% - 10%
49-60	5 places per division	30% - 25% - 20% - 15% - 10%
61+++	6 places per division	27% - 23% - 18% - 13% - 11% - 8%

- B. If not enough contestants for the number of places to be paid in any barrel race or class division, the remaining places shall be divided among the other contestants or divisions in the class. The same rules apply for a payoff.
- C. Any added money will be paid out according to the number of contestants in class.
- D. Ground money will be paid if no one qualifies for any placing to be paid. It will be divided equally among all that competed but will not be counted as money won.

Section 10: Newsletter

- A. A newsletter will be published and e-mailed and mailed out to members that do not have email to all members before the first of each month. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER TO NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGES.** The newsletter - will contain a complete listing of all TMBRA shows and events.
- B. Results from previous show will be published.
- C. Standings in each event and class will be printed. (Anyone who feels a mistake has been made should notify the TMBRA secretary within 60 days of the date of publication of the newsletter stating a possible mistake. Unless brought to the attention of and corrected by the secretary in the next newsletter, all standings will remain as listed.)
- D. News, Advertisements, or other events may be included.
- E. All items to be printed must be submitted to the TMBRA secretary before the 10th of each month preceding publication.
- F. A complete financial statement will be issued quarterly.

Section 11: Year-end Awards

- A. Year-end champions will be awarded in each of the following classes (TMBRA Members)
 1. Super Novice 2D Barrels (full second split) will have yearend standings for both 1D novice and 2D novice
 2. Open 4D Barrels (1/2 second split)
1D; 2D; 3D; 4D
 3. Open 3D Poles (full second split)
1D; 2D; 3D
 4. 12 & under 3D (full second split)
1D; 2D; 3D
- B. Purchase of awards shall be subject to the financial status of TMBRA.
- C. Value of awards will be based on money brought in during the year by each class.
- D. Members are encouraged to get donations or raise outside funds to be added to any class of their choice.
- E. Any special awards purchased for appreciation, etc. must have the Board of Directors approval.
- F. Recipients of Sportsmanship and other donated special awards must be selected by the general membership. Nomination and election conducted by mail.
 1. Members may receive yearend awards in any classes where they have made standings
 2. Classes are as follows
 - a. Open 4D Barrels
 - b. 2D 500 SNH
 - c. 3D Poles
 - d. 12 & Under 3D Youth
- G. Eligibility for year-end awards.
 1. Must complete all work requirements. (See section 4)
 2. Must **compete in at least 8 regular** approved jackpots during the year. Year-end point races (THIS DOES INCLUDE BOARD OF DIRECTOR DESIGNATED FUNDRAISER RACES)
 3. Must complete required fundraisers, See **Section 4 Major Fundraisers:**

Section 12: Yearend Finals

In lieu of an awards banquet, TMBRA Board of Directors will host a yearend finals. Members must qualify to attend/enter yearend finals. The following must be met in order to qualify for yearend finals:

1. **Be a current 2014-2015 member in good standing**
2. **Complete all work requirements, a total of (8) hours worked at regular TMBRA approved races**
3. **Complete all fundraiser work requirements, a total of (2) hours worked at Fundraiser approved races**
Or Sell (1) ad/banner, minimum value \$50 Or put on a jackpot.
4. **COMPETE in (8) TMBRA races**

Competitors age 12 & under are not required to complete work requirements at regular or major fundraiser races. Yearend

finals will have ADDED MONEY, to be determined by the current financial status of TMBRA and the current Board of Directors with a payoff of EQUAL AMOUNTS IN EACH D.

Section 13: Roundup

- A. Round up will be the first jackpot of the New Year.
- B. Time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors any time after October 1st.
- C. Round up is open to anyone; however you must join TMBRA before competing for money and points to count in the standings for that year.

Section 14: Approved Classes

A. Super Novice Horse

- a. Open to any horse that has not won more than \$500.00 total lifetime earnings in barrel racing. Rider must state on entry form or to Secretary the amount of cumulative money each horse has won in barrels, including any other barrel races not TMBRA approved.
- b. \$25.00 nomination fee is due at time of entry. The honor system will be used to determine the amount of money won by a horse. If proven that a rider has entered a horse not qualified for the class, the Board of directors will deal with the rider's dishonesty, according to TMBRA rules and by-laws.
- c. Open to any member that nominates the horse(s) to be ridden as a combination.
- d. When horse/rider combination nominated for the SNH reaches \$500.00 novice class in the same year of nomination, they may continue to run in this class until the end of the fiscal year. This applies only to SNH horses and riders.
- e. Money won in 4D will count for 4D standings, but **NOT** the SNH standings.
- f. The horse must be nominated at time of entry before the money will count for SNH standings.
- g. Nomination forms must include; name, sex, color, exact description of markings, registration number if registered, and lifetime money won at time of nomination.
- h. SNH horse can only be nominated under one rider. With exception to rule #9 in this section
- i. If SNH is sold, with proof of sale, horses may retain SNH standings and transfer to new owner. If new owner is not a member they must join at that time. The new owner must be able to compete in 12 jackpots and complete the work requirements to be qualified for yearend awards.
- j. A Knocked down barrel will result in a no time.
- k. The money in the 2D SNH Barrels will be divided with:
 - a. 60% 1D SNH
 - b. 40% 2D SNH
 - c. The entry fee will be \$20.00 with \$15.00 jack pot and \$5.00 office charge.
 - d. One place will be paid for every 6 entries.
 - e. Earnings will be kept in the division for which they were earned rather than lumped all together for yearend standings.

B. Pole Bending

- a. Open to any rider or horse regardless of lifetime earnings by either.
- b. A rider may enter more than one horse in class.
- c. Each horse/rider combination will have separate standings. Earnings will be kept in the division for which they were earned rather than lumped all together for year-end standings.
- d. A knocked down pole will result in a no time.
- e. The money in the 3D poles will be divided with:
 - 1. 50% 1D pole
 - 2. 30% 2D poles
 - 3. 20% 3D poles
- f. The entry fee will be \$20.00 with \$15.00 jack potted and \$5.00 office charge.
- g. One place will be paid for every 12 entries.

C. Open 4D Barrels

- a. The money in the 4D barrels will be 80% payback with the 1D, 2D, 3D, 4D. The entry fee will be \$35.00 with \$28.00 jackpotted and \$7.00 office charge.
- b. One place in each division will be paid for each 16 entries
- c. In order to place in division, your run must be penalty free.

- d. Any intentional pulling up will receive a no time.
- e. Contestants in the super novice classes may choose to designate, AT THE TIME OF ENTERING, that their running time in THE OPEN 4D will also count in the SUPER NOVICE. The contestant will be allowed to pay the 4D entry and the SNH entry fee; however, they will run their horse only 1 time.
TO ALLOW THAT THE HORSE IS RUN ONLY 1 TIME, THE CONTESTANT MUST MAKE THIS DESIGNATION AT THE TIME OF ENTERING THE 4D. AFTER ENTERING ONLY THE 4D CLASS AND RUNNING THEIR HORSE SOLELY in the 4D, you may come back and enter the Novice Classes.
- f. The 4D barrels will start with a fresh drag.

D. 12 & Under Barrels

- a. Open to any rider age 12 & under as of 10/1/13, and any horse regardless of lifetime earnings by either.
- b. A rider may enter more than one horse in class.
- c. Each horse/rider combination will have separate standings. Earnings will be kept in the division for which they were earned rather than lumped all together for year-end standings.
- d. A knocked down barrel will result in a no time.
- e. The money in the 12 & under will be divided with:
 - 1. 50% 1D
 - 2. 30% 2D
 - 3. 20% 3D
- f. The entry fee will be \$15.00 with \$10.00 jack potted and \$5.00 office charge.
- g. One place will be paid for every 12 entries

Section 14A: If TMBRA holds any special events such as Break-a-way roping, team roping, goat tying, or flags we will refer to the AJRA rule book or the WPRA rule book.

Section 15: Entry fees

- A. Entry fees will be standard at all TMBRA jackpots
- B. There is a \$7.00 office charge taken from each entry fee in the 4D and \$5.00 from the rest of the classes. The rest will be jackpotted.
- C. Entry Fees
 - 1. Exhibition fees are \$4.00 each (can be barrels or pole combination)
 - 2. 4D barrels \$35.00
 - 3. 2D 500 Novice \$20.00
 - 4. 3D poles \$20.00
 - 5. 12 & Under 3D Youth Barrels \$15.00
- D. There will be a \$5.00 arena fee at each race (even for exhibitions only)

Section 16: Electric timer, Re-Runs, Disqualified Runs

- A. An electric eye shall be used for all race events at all TMBRA jackpots.
- B. The person timing will record the times that appear on the electric eye controlled read out.
- C. The electric timer should be backed up by a flagman who will stand directly behind one timer posted in arena and will flag horse's nose coming and going across the line. Another time keeper will operate the backup manual clock or stop watch from the flagman's signals and record to the thousandths to correspond to the electric eye read-out.
- D. If the electric timer fails to work for the majority of the contestants in an entire go-round, the back up or manual recorded time will be the official time for each contestant in the go-round.
- E. If the electric timer fails to work at all, race events are to be timed manually with 2 stop watches.
- F. If the electric timer fails to work and there is no back up timer, contestants will be told at that time and have the option for a re-run with no penalties assessed or have the entry fees (less the \$5.00 office charge) refunded. Re-run may be taken at the end of the class or at the end of the next class providing rakes are used for the drag. In some cases where the drag is posted. Contestant will run in another drag in same draw position. The ground will then be raked and continuation of the original draw will proceed.
- G. If a barrel is not in correct position, all contestants who ran on the incorrect course must be re-run with no penalties assessed.
- H. It is recommended that the ground be dragged or raked after every 5 runners. Board of Directors may alter this schedule

if arena conditions justify such a change.

- I. Any rider that dismounts for any reason before time is stopped will be a disqualified and receive a no time. If a horse falls and rider leaves the saddle and must re-mount, hard luck prevails and contestant will not receive a time or re-run.
- J. A contestant must complete the event pattern once the run is started before crossing back over the line to receive a qualified time. Otherwise, it will be considered a disqualifying run and no re-run will be permitted.
- K. During a competition run, any contestant rounding the barrel more than one time will be fined \$10.00 per extra round.

Section 17: Barrels

- A. Barrels are run in the cloverleaf pattern
- B. Contestants may choose to run either right or left (one turn to the right and two turns to the left, or one turn to the left and two to the right.)
- C. A 5 second penalty is assessed for each barrel knocked over or a **NO TIME** in the 4D barrels.
- D. Touching barrels by horse or rider is permitted.
- E. Contestant is disqualified for not correctly completing the clover leaf pattern.
- F. The barrel pattern should be set according to arena size and conditions. The starting line must be correctly measured from the first 2 barrels so that the distance is the same. It is recommended that the 3rd barrel be 15 feet longer than the distance between the first and second barrel. The barrel pattern may be adjusted proportionally larger or smaller.
- G. Barrel markers should be staked when possible.
- H. If markers are not staked and the barrels are reset before the classes is completed, contestant will be refunded the total entry fee for that class and no run will be made.
- I. It is the contestant's responsibility to see that his/her name is called before the barrels are moved for the next class.

Section 18: Pole Bending

- A. The pole bending pattern is to be run around 6 poles.
- B. Contestant may choose to start on either the left or right side, weave back through the poles, and finish on the opposite side.
- C. A no time will be assessed in the 3D poles if a pole is knocked down
- D. Touching poles by horse or rider is permitted
- E. Contestant is disqualified for not correctly completing the pattern or crossing back over the line before correctly completing the pattern
- F. Each pole is to be 21 feet from the score line, and poles are set at 21 foot intervals.
- G. Pole markers and contestant's responsibilities are the same as stated in barrels.

Section 19: Rule Changes

- A. The Board of Directors may change **NO Major Rule**, but some rules may be adjusted so as not to hinder, interfere, or give advantage to any contestants, or members.
- B. In cases of co-sponsoring events, fundraising projects, arena conditions that become hazardous, bad weather, faulty electricity, or other uncontrollable conditions that necessitate postponement or cancellation of any event and where action of approval is needed spontaneously, the Board of Directors will make the decision that is final and bind all parties concerned.
- C. Any rule, regulation, or technicality not covered in this rule book shall be governed by the Board of Directors and their decision is final.

Constitution and Bylaws

Tex-Mex Barrel Racing Association

ARTICLE I: Name, Colors, and Logo

The name of the Association shall be TEX MEX BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION aka TMBRA, and referred to as TMBRA. It shall at all times be operated and conducted in accordance with the non-profit association laws of Texas.

Official Colors: Red and Black

Official Logo: Diamond shape with TMBRA printed across the middle with a barrel racer in the diamond shape.

ARTICLE II: Purpose; that TMBRA has been formed

- To organized interested people in the sport of Barrel Racing and Pole-bending events.
- To enable training and seasoning of horses at a lower expense.
- To cooperate with similar organizations in co-sponsoring and promoting events in which TMBRA members to compete.
- To encourage family membership and sportsmanship at all times.
- To work for the improvement of conditions and rules governing the events in which TMBRA members participate.

ARTICLE III: Offices and Locations

- The principal offices of the Association in the state of Texas shall be located in the Permian Basin. The Association may have other offices, either within or out of the state of Texas, as the Board of Directors may determine of as the affairs of the Association may require.
- The Association shall have and continuously maintain in the state of Texas a registered office and a registered agent and the Board of Directors may change the address of the registered office from time to time.
- The place of business of the TMBRA shall be in the state of Texas located in the Permian Basin.

ARTICLE IV: Officers and Directors

1. The offices shall consist of a President, one or more Vice Presidents, Secretary and/or Treasurer, six (6) Directors and other such officers as may be elected in accordance with the provisions of this article. They shall collectively be known as the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.
2. The Board of Directors may elect or appoint Secretaries, and/or Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable such officers to have the authority to perform the duties prescribed by the Board of Directors.
3. The same person except the offices of President and Secretary may hold any two or more offices.
4. The Board of Directors shall have supervision over the business and affairs of the association as stated in these bylaws.
5. Members of the Board of Directors will hold an audit of all money and points counted throughout the year.
6. Each officer (excluding Secretaries/Treasurers) and each Director will sponsor a jackpot throughout the year.
7. Any Officer or Director who does not attend two (2) consecutive Directors meetings that have been called and notice given according to the by-law, without an acceptable excuse, will be fined \$10.00 payable within fifteen days of the scheduled meeting. Failure to pay fines or missing three consecutive meetings will result in removal of office.
8. A salary of \$500.00 per month will be paid to the secretary and split with the CO – Secretary.

ARTICLE V: Duties of Officers and Directors

➤ President:

- a. Shall be the principal executive office of the Association.
- b. Shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Association.
- c. Shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors and members.
- d. May sign, with Secretary or any other proper officer of the Association authorized by the Board of Directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Directors have authorized to be executed, these bylaws, or by statute to some other officers or agents of the Association.
- e. Shall in general perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

➤ Vice President

- a. Shall in the absence of, or in the event of inability or refusal of the President to act, perform the duties of the President. In the event that there is more than one vice-president, the vice-president in order of their election.
- b. When so acting for the President, shall have the restrictions upon the President.
- c. Shall perform other duties assigned by the President or Board of Directors.
- d. Will keep account and advise, if necessary, the dates of all TMBRA sponsored shows submitted

- e. For approval. On the 10th of each month the vice-president will submit this information to each member of the Board of Directors for final approval.
- Secretary
 - a. Shall keep minutes of all meetings of the board of the Board of Directors and members in one or more books provided for that purpose.
 - b. Shall give all notices in accordance with these bylaws or as require by law.
 - c. Shall be custodian of the association records.
 - d. Shall keep a register of the post office address of each member, which will be furnished, to the Secretary by each member.
 - e. Shall keep records of contestants and moneys earned at all functions.
 - f. Shall publish the monthly newsletter.
 - g. Shall in general perform all other duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties assigned by the President or Board of Directors.
- Assistant Secretary
 - a. Shall if required by the Board of Directors, give bonds for the faithful discharge of duties in such sums and with such sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine.
 - b. Shall in general perform such duties as assigned to them by the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board of Directors.
- Directors
 - a. There shall be 6 or more directors
 - b. Shall vote on monthly barrel races, as needed.
 - c. Shall in general perform such duties as assigned to them by the Executive Officers or Board of Directors.
 - d. It is the director's responsibility to perform and enlist other members with the setting up the arena. Setting up timers. Poles, staking barrels, help taking entries
 - e. If you miss 3 consecutive races/shows without a valid excuse you will be removed from office. Please notify an officer or director if you are unable to attend.

ARTICLE VI: Committees

1. Committees of Directors

The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors in office, may designate and appoint one or more committees, to extent provided in said resolution shall have the authority in the management of the Association. However, no such committee shall have the authority of the Board of Directors in reference to amending, altering, or removing any member of any such committee or any Director or Officer of the Association; amending the articles of the association; amending the articles merger or adopting a plan of consolidation with another association; authorizing the sale, lease exchange or mortgage of all or substantially all of property assets of the association, authorizing the voluntary dissolution of the association or revoking proceedings therefore, adopting a plan for the distribution of the assets of the association; or amending, altering, or repealing any resolution of the Board of Directors which by its terms provides that it shall not be amended, altered, or repealing any resolution of the Board of Directors which by its terms provides or repealed by such committee. The designation and appointment of any such committee and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Board of Directors, or any individual Director, of any responsibility imposed on it or him by law.

2. Other Committees

- a. Other committees not having and exercising the authority of the Board of directors in the management of the association may be designated by a resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Except as otherwise provided in such resolution, members of each such committee shall be members of the association, and President of the association shall appoint the members thereof. The person thereof may remove any members or persons authorized to appoint such members whenever in their judgment the best interests of the association shall be served by such removal.

3. Terms of Officers

- a. Each member of a committee shall continue as such until the next annual meeting of the members of the association and until his successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member be removed from such committee, or unless such member shall cease to qualify as a member thereof.

4. Chairman

- a. The person shall appoint one member of each committee chairman or persons authorized to appoint the members thereof.

5. Vacancies

- a. Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.

6. Quorum

- a. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors designating a committee, a majority of the sole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be act of the committee.

7. Rules

- a. Each committee may adopt rules for its own government no inconsistency with these bylaws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII: General Powers of the Board of Directors

Its executive board consisting of the Offices and Directors shall manage the affairs of the association; Directors need not be residents of Texas. There shall be a Board of Directors based on the next annual meeting of members and until a successor is qualified and elected.

- Regular meetings
 - ❖ A regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than these Bylaws, immediately after, and at the same place as the annual meeting of members, The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and place, either within or out of the state of Texas, for the holding of additional regular meetings of the Board without other notice than such resolution.
- Special Meetings
 - ❖ Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of President, or any two Directors. The person authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may set any place, within or out of the State of Texas, as the place for holding any special meetings of the Board called by them.
- Notice
 - ❖ Notice of any special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given at least two days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by mail or telegram to each Director at the address shown by the records of the Association. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail so addressed with postage thereon pre-paid. If notice is given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed delivered when the telegram is delivered to the Telegraph Company. Any Director may waive notice of any meetings. The attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law of these Bylaws.
- Quorum
 - ❖ A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board; if less than a majority of the Directors are present, they may adjourn the meeting without further notice.
- Acts
 - ❖ The act of majority of Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless law of these Bylaws requires the act of a greater number.
- Vacancies
 - ❖ The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors or any Directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of Directors. A director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of a predecessor in office.
- Compensation
 - ❖ Directors as such shall not receive any state salaries for their service, but by resolution of the Board of Directors, a fixed sum and expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the Association in any other capacity and receiving compensation thereof.
- Informal Action
 - ❖ Any action required by law to be taken, or any action, which may be taken at a meeting of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all the directors.
- Votes
 - ❖ Each officer who is a member is entitled to one vote on each subject matter submitted to a vote by the directors or members
- Legal Action
 - ❖ The Directors will appoint a legal advisor whenever there is a need for legal attendance.

ARTICLE VIII: Election and Term of office

1. The members shall elect the officers of the Association annually. The President and vice-president must have been members the preceding year.
2. New Offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors.
3. Term
 - a. Each officer shall hold office until a successor has been qualified and duly elected.
 - b. A member may not hold the same office for more than one (1) year at a time.
4. Voting by Mail (email)
 - a. Where Officers and Directors are to be elected by members or any class of members, such election may be conducted by mail

(email) in such a manner, as the Board Directors shall determine. A majority of members (this being at least 51% of the membership) must submit votes for votes to count.

5. Results

b. Results will be published in a TMBRA Newsletter

6. Removal

a. Any officers elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Association would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the officer so removed.

7. Vacancies

a. A vacancy in any office due to death, resignation, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexplored portion of term at the discretion of officers.

ARTICLE IX: Contracts, Checks, Deposits, and Funds

1. Contracts

a. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agent's officers so authorized by these bylaws; they enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the association. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

2. Checks and Drafts

a. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the association shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents, of the association and in such a manner as shall time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President or a Vice President of the association.

3. Deposits

a. All funds of the association shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories, as the Board of Directors may select.

ARTICLE X: Books and Records

1. Books and Records

a. The association shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, Board of Directors, and committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors, and shall keep at the registered or principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. Any member of his agent or attorney may inspect all books and records of the association for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

ARTICLE XI: Fiscal year

1. Fiscal year

a. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on January 1st and end December 31st for tax purposes only.

b. The fiscal year for standings and membership shall begin **October 1st and end September 30th**.

ARTICLE XII: Dues

1. Payment of Dues

a. Dues may be payable in advance on the day of our New Year general Membership meeting or may be payable anytime throughout the fiscal year.

ARTICLE XIV: Members

1. Classes of Members

➤ The Association shall have one class of members. The designation of such class and the qualifications and rights of the members of such class shall be those stated in this Article.

2. Election of Members

➤ The Board of Directors shall elect members. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the directors shall be required for election.

3. Voting Rights

➤ Each single membership shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

➤ Each family membership shall be entitled to 2 votes on each matter submitted to a vote of the members

4. Termination of Membership

➤ The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members, may suspend or expel a Member; SEE GENERAL RULES PAGE 1 SECTION 1 LETTER I.

5. Resignation

➤ Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary but such resignation shall not relieve the member resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments, or other charges therefore accrued and unpaid.

6. Reinstatement

- Upon written request signed by a former member and filed with Secretary, the Board of Directors may, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board, reinstate such former member to membership on such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.

7. Transfer of Membership

- Membership in this Association is not transferable or assignable.

8. Quorum

- Members attending a meeting will constitute a quorum. Fifty-one percent (51%) of attending members will carry any propose motion, making such motion a legal rule. Fifty-one percent of members mailing their ballot within a specified time limit to the Secretary will carry a motion or election.

9. Proxie

- At any meeting, members entitled to vote, may vote by proxy executed in writing by the member or a duly authorized attorney-in-fact. No proxy will be valid after eleven months from the date of its execution, unless otherwise provided in the proxy.
- Only rule changes that are stated in a newsletter maybe voted on by proxy.

ARTICLE XV: Amendments to the Bylaws

- These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws adopted only when a majority of the members at the Annual Membership meeting or handled by mail votes to all the members. Only the vote's returned will be counted. The Board of Directors will be the only committee authorized to conduct proceedings for a vote of the membership in the changing of a bylaw.

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