OKLAHOMA COWGIRLS ASSOCIATION

2026 RULE BOOK

CONSTITUTION TITLE

This Association shall be known as THE OKLAHOMA COWGIRLS ASSOCIATION, herein referred to as OCA. The OCA shall always be operated and conducted as a nonprofit Association following the laws of the State of Oklahoma, providing for such rights as granted to Associations of this kind.

OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the OCA shall be to promote barrel racing at all levels to anyone who enjoys the sport of barrel racing. The OCA will strive to promote the sport, fellowship, fairness, and FUN among barrel racers.

PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business shall be Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Association/Board business may be carried on at any place convenient to the members or officials who may be participating. Jackpots will try to be held within a 100-mile radius of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

ASSOCIATION EMBLEM

BY-LAWS MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to everyone who enjoys the sport of barrel racing. Annual dues become payable on January 1 or at the year-end banquet, whichever comes first. The fiscal year will run from January 1 through December 31.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

$30.00	Leadline (6 & Under) no points but receive participation awards if competed at 10 jackpots and complete requirements by the end of the year. **An adult must be present for assistance, but does not have to be led through the pattern.**
$40.00	PeeWee's (6-9 Years of Age) Points will be awarded, and members will run on a standard Junior pattern and can roll over to the Juniors 17-Under Only.
$40.00	Single – Open 4D and 1 set of points on Rider or a Specific Horse.
$40.00	Junior (17 & Under) and 1 set of points.
$30.00	Each additional Junior/Open horse for points.
$30.00	Leadline (6 & Under) once set of participation points.
$40.00	Futurity nomination fee (4-5 Year Old Horses)
$20.00	Each additional Futurity horse for points.
$40.00	Derby nomination fee (5-6 Year Old Horse)
$20.00	Each additional Derby horse for points.
$40.00	Senior (50 and over as of the first OCA Season Race)
$40.00	250 Novice Horse/Rider

A member must designate on the membership form if they wish points to accumulate on HORSE or RIDER. If points are on RIDER, the nominated RIDER must ride to get points; however, they may ride any horse. A member can ride a nominated horse for another member for nominated horse points. There will be no backtracking of points regardless of sale or injury. Designation must be done before running.

All nominations must compete or buy in ($10, $16, $26, or $41 + possible building fee and side pot entry fees) at 10 jackpots to receive awards. Points will not be counted until membership dues, additional horse fees, and any prior obligations are paid.

If an additional horse fee has been paid and the horse is sold during its competition year, the points will go with the horse. The horse may continue to compete if the new owner is, or becomes, a member and can fulfill all requirements to receive year-end awards (this includes fees paid, work requirements, completing fundraisers, etc.).

Non-members may compete, but will not be eligible for OCA year-end awards.

While in good standing, all members shall have equal rights, interests, and responsibilities concerning the Association and its property; shall obey and be bound by all rules of the Association and decisions or actions of the Board of Officers; shall have the right to vote by personal attendance at membership meetings; and shall have the right to hold office and committee assignments.

The Board of Officers may expel and/or penalize members for conduct that is not in accordance with such rules and regulations of the Association.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Each member must meet the appropriate age requirement to enter the Lead Line Class (6 & Under). PeeWees (6-9) or Junior Class (17 & Under). Eligibility for each will be as of January 1 of the current year.

1. All members are required to pay an entry fee and attend ten (10) OCA jackpots to receive year-end awards. At least 10 jackpots must be paid for BY THE START of the last jackpot to receive awards/jackets.

2. Members must work **at five (5) OCA Races throughout the season.** One needs to work at the beginning, setting up the entry office, setting up timers, and staking barrels, and one needs to work at the end of the race, helping pull stakes, disassemble the timer/display board, and/or help pack up the entry office once the secretary has completed the race. **If you cannot work at 5 races, you may buy in for $50.00 per race not worked.** Each contestant will pay a $1.00 fee, included in the entry fee at all jackpots, and must pay $1/run, which will be paid to the volunteer/s who work and set up the barrels during the PeeWees, Juniors/Open. **MEMBER MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SIGNING THE WORKLIST TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR WORKING 5 JACKPOTS or BUY-IN for $50 per work day by RACE # 13 if they want to compete at the $2000 added FALL EXTRAVAGANZA FINALS.**

******NEW AS OF 2/23/2024 IF A MEMBER OR MEMBER'S FAMILY MEMBER SIGNS UP TO WORK AND SET UP BARRELS AT THE BARREL RACE FROM THE PEEWEES TO THE END OF THE JUNIORS AND OPEN AND ARE BEING PAID THE $1.00 PER RUN, NO OTHER MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE CREDIT DURING THAT TIME AT THAT RACE. The member would have only the option of working the pre-race setup of the office and/or arena, before exhibitions, barrels, and pattern set for the leadline and work for the entire leadline class, work after exhibitions, tear down the arena, pulling up stakes, put up timers, display board, and/or tear down the office once the entire race is over. NEW RULE BROUGHT IN BY 2023/24 BOARD MEMBERS**

3. All members must PAY A $75.00 CASH DONATION AND/OR sell our Fundraisers (jerky, candy, etc.) to receive year-end awards. Members MAY sell (IF ANY IS AVAILABLE) at least two boxes of candy or jerky per nomination PLUS THE REMAINING CASH TO TOTAL a $75 profit. **All Fundraisers must be paid for WHEN you pick them up.** You may postdate a check or use PayPal, CashApp, or Venmo, if necessary. There will also be a "nice" item to raffle off, and therefore members can choose to sell $75.00 of raffle tickets instead of the Fundraiser items per set of awards.

4. Members receiving year-end awards but cannot attend the business meeting and banquet must contact the board in advance and assign a member to accept their awards **in person** at the banquet, or their year-end awards will be forfeited to the next qualified person in the standings.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of Officers will be by a majority vote, by either secret ballot, mail-in voting, or a show of hands, of members present at the year-end business meeting preceding the banquet. **If there are not any or enough nominations to vote, volunteers will be accepted by current board members.**

BOARD OF OFFICERS

The Board of Officers will consist of:

- President
- Vice-President
- Jackpot Secretary
- Jackpot Payout Secretary Assistant
- OCA Point Secretary
- Arena Director(s)
- Futurity/Derby/Senior Director
- Leadline/PeeWee Director
- Junior Director
- Donations/Work List Director (Saddles/Buckles/Added Money)
- Social Media Director (Facebook/ Website/Barrel Horse World)
- Fundraising Director (Bake Sale/Jerky/Candy)
- Junior Arena Directors (Junior Members)
- THE BOARD OF OFFICERS WILL MANAGE THE BUSINESS AND PROPERTY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

- THE BOARD OF OFFICERS WILL, BY MAJORITY VOTE, MAKE ANY DECISION REGARDING ANY PROBLEM ARISING THAT MAY NOT BE COVERED BY THE ASSOCIATION RULE BOOK, AND THEIR DECISION IS FINAL.

- At meetings of the Board of Officers, the President (Vice-President if the President is unable to attend) shall preside and conduct all meetings. Business shall be transacted in such order as the Board may determine. The President shall preside at all meetings and see that the by-laws, rules, and regulations of the Association are enforced.
- It will be the President's duty to notify all Board members of meetings in which a quorum of five (5) Officers is needed to vote on any issue. The President can call emergency meetings at any time if a quorum is present to vote or discuss miscellaneous topics. It shall be the duty of the Board members to attend all Board meetings and general membership meetings.
- The Board of Officers, from time to time, may create and empower other committees, standing, general, or special, as deemed necessary.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES

The Board of Officers of the OCA will consist of the President, Vice-President, Jackpot Secretary, Jackpot Payout Assistant, Point Secretary, Arena Director/s, Futurity/Derby/Senior Director, Junior

Director, Donation/Work List Director, Fundraising Director (beef jerky/candy), and Social Media Director.

PRESIDENT: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings. The President shall see that the bylaws, rules, and regulations of the Association are enforced and will have final decision authority on all rules and regulations in any dispute. Plus, the President will have full authority and support of the Board of Officers. It will be the President's duty to notify all Board Members of meetings and/or the ability to call emergency meetings at any time it is called upon, as long as a quorum is present to vote or discuss miscellaneous topics. If a problem arises and a quorum is not available, the problem will be tabled until a quorum can be called. The President shall perform such other duties as are necessary to the proper administration of the affairs of the Association. Other duties will be left to the discretion of the Board.

VICE-PRESIDENT: The Vice-President shall assist the President and fulfill the duties of the President in his/her absence. This office will monitor, along with the President, the running of the jackpots. Other duties will be left to the discretion of the Board. Duties will also include auditing the points for the Points Tabulator.

FINANCIAL/JACKPOT SECRETARY: The Jackpot Secretary shall have custody of the Association funds. The Jackpot Secretary will keep accurate records of the funds and give an accounting of such at all Board meetings and in the monthly officer meeting. If the Jackpot Secretary cannot attend a jackpot function, he/she will find a replacement, which must be approved by the President. The Jackpot Secretary shall also keep an accurate financial record of all monies (income and expenses) for the Association and submit it to the President and Board of Directors. Other duties will be left to the discretion of the Board.

JACKPOT PAYOUT ASSISTANT: ADDED 5/3/2026 AT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The Jackpot Payout Assistant will be responsible for helping the Jackpot Secretary once he/she has run at the beginning of the race and can come up to the office to help get entries totaled, payoff figured, money counted, envelopes stuffed, etc.

POINT SECRETARY: The Points Secretary and Social Media Directors will work closely to accomplish the following tasks. Will keep an accurate record of the points in each class. The Social Media Director will be responsible for ensuring the website is accurate and posting the results and points as they are accumulated on all media avenues, including but not limited to Facebook, Barrel Horse World, etc. They will be responsible for seeing that our sponsors get proper advertisements at each jackpot. They will also send notices of general membership meetings and take minutes of meetings. Other duties will be left to the discretion of the Board.

ARENA DIRECTOR(S): The Arena Director will see that each jackpot site has been verified and that someone is responsible for contacting the jackpot site to see that the ground and everything is in order before the jackpot. The Arena Director will be responsible for the timer, stakes, and speaker system. The Arena Director will see that the barrels are properly staked. The timer is in the proper place, and the ground conditions are safe. Drags will be set at 5 runs regardless to retain the safety of

horse and rider UNLESS Officers determine the ground is acceptable to be fair and go 7 or 8. A drag will be made at the beginning of the class. The Arena Director shall give the Jackpot Secretary the measurements of the pattern before the class starts in case a stake is lost. The Arena Director will see that the above equipment is ready before each jackpot and in their possession at the end of each jackpot. Other duties will be left to the discretion of the Board.

FUTURITY/DERBY/SENIOR SIDE POT DIRECTOR: The Futurity/Derby/Senior Side Pot Director will be responsible for keeping track of nominations and memberships for those classes. The director will be responsible for trying to get Champion Buckles and awards donated for the three side pots.

JUNIOR DIRECTOR: The Junior Director will be responsible for the Junior Barrels (17 & Under), and the Director will be responsible for trying to get 3D Champion Junior Buckles and Junior awards donated. ½ AND ½ tickets, Bake Sales, and Specialty Raffles are also needed options to raise money for the Juniors. It is at the discretion of the Board to encourage giving a High Point Saddle. If the Junior Director can get three saddles donated, that is encouraged. If not, one High Point Saddle will be given in 2026 AND IN THE FUTURE UNTIL VOTED OUT. This will be discussed by the board before the new year starts. One High Point Saddle has been agreed upon for the 2026 season to be taken from the Junior Funds if it is not donated.

LEADLINE/PEEWEE DIRECTOR: The PeeWee/Leadline Director will be responsible for the Leadline and PeeWee Barrels (6 and under and Age 6-9). The Director will be responsible for trying to get Champion PeeWee Buckles, Leadline Buckles, and awards donated. ½ AND ½ tickets, Bake Sales, and Specialty Raffles are also needed options to raise money for both classes.

ARENA DIRECTOR/S: The Arena Director will see that the barrels are properly staked, the timer is in the proper place, and the ground conditions are safe. Drags will be set at 5 runs regardless to retain the safety of horse and rider UNLESS Officers determine the ground is acceptable to be fair and go 7 or 8 (e.g., if there are 14 in the Jrs, if the ground is acceptable, drag in the middle). A drag will be made before the class. The Junior Director will also see that all members of this event are of proper age. Eligibility for the Junior Barrels (15 & Under) is January 1 of the current year. The Junior Director will keep the Jackpot Secretary notified of any person who is not eligible to compete at each jackpot. The Junior Director will be responsible for investigating the eligibility (according to OCA rules) of a person if requested or if there is any kind of probable cause. Other duties will be left to the discretion of the Board.

DONATION/WORK LIST DIRECTOR: The Donation Officer will write to companies to obtain donations and visit/solicit companies in the immediate area. The Donation Officer will propose the disbursement of the donations for year-end awards and give this to the Board of Officers for approval. The Donation Officer will see that the donations and year-end awards are delivered to the year-end awards banquet. Each Officer may assist the Donation Officer to obtain donations and sponsors. Other duties will be left to the discretion of the Board. They oversee locating and discussing with the Board a possible date for the Banquet. They are also in charge of Banquet Programs and Decorations. The Work List will be compiled by the director as well to determine if all members

receiving awards have competed at 10 races, worked at 5 races, and have sold their two sets of fundraising items per set of awards. (Example: 2 sets of awards in the open results in 4 boxes of Candy/Jerky or $75.00 per set of awards)

FUNDRAISING/BAKE SALE COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR: The Fundraising Director will be responsible for all fundraising items. (JERKY, CANDY, ALMONDS, SUCKERS, ETC.) The director will keep track of invoices, distribution of products, receiving funds, depositing funds, and getting invoices to the Secretary to pay bills. Bake Sales/Raffles, etc., at races are also an option for an opportunity to raise money as well.

GENERAL RULES/REQUIREMENTS

- There shall be fifteen (15) approved point jackpots during the fiscal year. **Entries will be taken until OPEN RACER #50. After that, PAYOUT will begin being figured, and no additional entries will be taken.** Rain Dates/Moneymakers will be scheduled as needed. Rain Dates, if needed, will be counted as a point jackpot. It is suggested that members attend Moneymaker jackpots to support the Association. The jackpots will be scheduled to benefit members of the Association without scheduling over other functions if possible.
- There are 15-point counting jackpots. You MUST attend 10 jackpots if you wish to receive year-end awards. **MEMBERS may now only "BUY IN" for TWO RACES to qualify for awards. VOTED ON 2/25/2025**
- Members must compete at 10 Jackpots to be eligible for Year-End Awards. If a member joins late or has not competed in 10 Jackpots by the last race, they can **"buy in for ONLY 2 RACES"** for the remaining jackpots to total ten (10) to become eligible by the end of the last race of the OCA Scheduled Season. This "buy-in NOT to be OVER 2 RACES" to become qualified for year-end awards would be the required SPECIFIC CLASS entry fee and building fee for the respective class, and/or side pot per jackpot to make a member "Qualified" as participating in 10 races. **EXAMPLE:** If on jackpot number 15 a member notices they could qualify for year-end awards in the Juniors and they have been rolling over to the open and that horse is also in the derby side pot off of the open but they have only competed in 8 jackpots-- to receive awards they MUST pay all Entry fees/Building Fees in the Juniors, Open 4D, and the Derby to receive their three sets of awards in the Juniors, Open 4D, and the Derby.
- There will be a $3.00 timer charge, a $2.00 per person per jackpot charge, and a $1.00 barrel setter/work fee. These charges are in addition to the entry fee for each class and will not be figured in the payoffs.

Example:

4D Open Entry Fee $35.00

Timer Charge $3.00

Office Charge (per jackpot) $2.00

Barrel Setter/Work Charge $1.00

~ This charge is per run and will go to the volunteers/members who wish to work and get

paid for setting the barrels for the actual barrel race. Total $41.00

~Exhibition costs are $4.00/each

- **If a member must make a re-run due to a timer failure, any penalties incurred in the first run will not be carried over to the second run. The member or non-member DOES NOT have the option of riding a different horse on the re-run for a NOMINATED HORSE.**
- All dogs are to be kept on a leash, always.
- No horse will be allowed in the arena after the jackpot has started, even during a drag. However, a horse may be assisted into the alleyway, but not into the arena to start the run.
- If a General Membership meeting is called at the time of a scheduled barrel race, for any reason, it must be held at the starting time of the jackpot to give everyone time to arrive on the premises. This will allow everyone to have a vote on the issue.
- If a timer should fail completely or if the jackpot is rained out in the middle of a point jackpot, the winners will receive a payout, and the remaining non-runners will be reimbursed their entry fee(s), and the jackpot will be considered a non-point jackpot. The jackpot will then be rescheduled for the next available Rain Date listed on the schedule or simply rescheduled on another date.
- **There will be no reruns for tack failure in any event.**
- If a member is unsure about a jackpot or meeting, it is up to that member to call a Board Member to get the information. However, regarding any schedule change or a rainout, an officer will try to notify all members, but it is still the responsibility of each member to reach a Board Member. (Facebook, Barrel Horse World, or our Website is the COMMUNICATION TOOL THAT WILL BE USED)
- If a stake is lost or pulled up, the pattern will be re-staked using the measurements the Director gave the Jackpot Secretary.
- OCA Officers and Associates will not be held liable for any travel, vehicle, or horse-related accidents or theft during all OCA functions.
- **Entries in the Open 4D WILL NOW CLOSE ONCE THE FIRST 50 HORSES HAVE RUN! <u>VOTED ON 2/25/2025</u>**

Members may be disqualified for any of the following reasons:

a. Cheating or attempting to cheat in any way.

b. Misconduct.

c. Working a horse on a barrel pattern after the ground has been worked.

d. Use of drugs (personal or on the animal) and/or alcohol being consumed at OCA EVENTS

OCA Division Classes will consist of:

- Leadline (6 & Under as of January 1 of the current year)-- Will be participation only and receive a participation award and Year-End Awards. Lead Line may be assisted or compete on their own. It will be a smaller pattern than the staked PeeWee/Junior/Open pattern.
- PeeWees (6-9) and Junior (17 & Under as of January 1 of the current year) – **Will pay out in a 3D, 3-second split for the PeeWees and a 1-second split format FOR THE JUNIORS.** Junior times will be allowed to carry over to the Open class or re-run a different horse during the Open class; however, this must be decided before the start of the Junior class. **In the 2024 season, the OCA Board has agreed to offer ONE High Point Junior Saddle to be paid for from the funds of the money earned in the Junior class. In the event of a TIE, the TIE will be broken by the high-money winner of the two High Point Members in the Junior Class. If a Junior High Point Saddle Winner also WINS an Open saddle in the Open 4D, from rolling over their time to the Open, that Open Saddle will go to the Reserve Champion. Any OCA Member can only win one saddle on the same horse in that same year.**
- Open 4D-- Any person can run barrels in the Open 4D, and an OCA member can receive points throughout the year to be eligible for Year-End Awards. The Open 4D is a ½, ½, ½, with progressive payout. Additionally, one may add on different side pots available, such as the Futurity, Derby, and Senior 50-Over. **At the 2026 Membership Meeting, it was voted to make the Seniors 50-Over its own class not a side pot; therefore, the requirement of entering the Open IS NO LONGER REQUIRED. THIS WAS ADDED TO ALLOW SENIORS TO HAVE A LOWER ENTRY FEE COST TO INCREASE SENIOR MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION.**

The order of classes is as follows:

- Leadline
- PeeWee's (6-9 Full 3- Second Split)
- Juniors 3D (Full Second Split)
- 4D- Open (4D - 1/2, 1/2, 1/2)
- All classes will draw for positions

Event and Entry Fee ($5.00 timer/arena fee included):

Lead Line (6 & Under)	$10.00
Pee Wees (6-9)	$16.00
Juniors (17 & Under)	$26.00
Open 4D	$41.00
4-5 Year Old Futurity	$20.00
$250 Novice Horse/Rider	$20.00
5-6 Year Old Derby	$20.00
Senior (50 & Over)	$26.00

ONE TIME Building Fee (All Classes EXCEPT LEADLINE) $10.00

Work/Barrel Setting Charge (PeeWees, Junior & Open Class) $1.00

* This charge is per run and will go to the volunteers who work the pee wee, junior, and open barrels during the race *

- OCA will be a PROGRESSIVE payoff and follow the suggested BBR format found on the BBR website.
- Fees must be paid BEFORE the contestant participates in the race. Fees can be paid by anyone; they do not need to be paid by the contestant.
- **If the weather is below 40 degrees, above 105 Degrees, or there is a Heat Index of 105 Degrees or higher, on the date of the race, the jackpot will be canceled by NOON to 1 p.m. on race day, and a rain date or moneymaker date will be used**.
- **Any arena the OCA uses must have the proper equipment to make the jackpot safe for the membership, or we will cancel the jackpot and refund pre-entry and/or entry money already paid, and it will be used as a participation jackpot for members who possibly already entered/competed.**

PRE-ENTRIES

OCA will accept pre-entries. Members may ask for early, middle, or end of the jackpot. NO requesting top-of-ground draws or specific numbers. May only pre-enter one jackpot at a time. No entry for several jackpots. IE: may enter #3 jackpot after #2, etc. Once the draw is posted on Facebook or the website, draw numbers will not change unless it is to DRAW OUT before the respective class starts. If anyone continues to pre-enter and then doesn't notify the OCA secretary or a board member of their cancellation, pre-entries will no longer be taken from said person, and they may ONLY enter when arriving at the race.

FUTURITY INCENTIVE

1) Futurity Incentive is a side pot of the Open class. It is open to horses 5 & under who have not EVER competed before November 15 preceding their futurity year. (If a horse has not EVER competed and is over the age of 5, it is at the discretion of the board members to vote to allow a futurity horse older than 5 to be entered in the side pot.)

2) A copy of the horse's papers must be turned in with a nomination for points to begin counting.

Fees

1) SIDE POT Nomination Fee $40.

2) Class fee $20. ($5 awards, $15 Jackpot)

3) A copy of the horse's papers must be turned in with a nomination for points to begin counting.

Payoff

1) Straight payoff paying 1 place per 4 entries. 1-4 pays 1, 5-8 pays 2, 9-12 pays 3, 13-16 pays 4, 17-20 pays 5, etc.

2) By jackpot #5, if there are 10-19 nominations, Futurity changes to 2D - full second split.

3) By jackpot #5 if there are 20+ nominations, Futurity changes to 3D - 2 seconds off the 1D time.

Points

1) Points are given based on the number of side pot entries paid AT THAT JACKPOT.

EX: If there are 13 nominations and only 2 entries, points will be awarded 2,1. If there are 10 OCA Nominations FUTURITY/DERBY/SENIOR SIDE POT and 15 actual entries at that RACE, the points FOR THAT RACE will be 15,14,13,12,11,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 given to NOMINATED Horses in the respective class. If barrels are hit or there is an NT, the nominated horse will simply get one (1) participation point.

DERBY INCENTIVE

1) Nomination fee: $40.

2) Derby Incentive is a side pot of the Open class. It is open to horses aged 6 & 7 who are coming off of their futurity year. However, they do not have to have been a previously nominated futurity horse to be eligible for the Derby. (If a horse has not EVER competed and is over the age of 6, it is at the discretion of the board members to vote to allow a futurity horse older than 6 to be entered. If this is allowed, the following year is their ONLY ELIGIBLE Derby YEAR. (Example: a horse is 7 and has never competed; they are allowed to start in the futurity as a HORSE THAT HAS NEVER COMPETED at 7 years of age. Their next year at age 8 would be their ONLY ELIGIBLE Derby Year.)

3) A copy of the horse's papers must be turned in with a nomination for points to begin counting.

Fees

1) Nomination fee: $40.

2) Class fee: $20. ($5 awards, $15 Jackpot)

3) A copy of the horse's papers must be turned in with a nomination for points to begin counting.

Payoff

1) Straight payoff paying 1 place per 4 entries for the Futurity and Derby. Seniors 50 & Over will be paid off on a 3D Full Second Split.

1-4 pays 1, 5-8 pays 2, 9-12 pays 3, 13-16 pays 4, 17-20 pays 5, etc.

2) By jackpot #5, if there are 10-19 nominations, Derby changes to 2D - full second split.

3) By jackpot #5 If there are 20+ nominations, Derby changes to 3D - 2 seconds off the 1D time.

Points

1) Points are given based on the number of side pot entries paid AT THAT JACKPOT.

EX: If there are 13 nominations and only 2 entries, points will be awarded 2,1. If there are 10 OCA Nominations FUTURITY/DERBY/SENIOR SIDE POT and 15 actual entries at that RACE, the points FOR

THAT RACE will be 15,14,13,12,11,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 given to NOMINATED Horses in the respective class. If barrels are hit or there is an NT, the nominated horse will simply get one (1) participation point.

SENIOR 50 - OVER CLASS

1) Nomination fee $40.

2) Members must be 50 or over when competing in the Senior 50 -Over. This is not a side pot and can be entered by any person 50 and over. It is not required to enter the OPEN to "ROLL OVER" to the Seniors.

3) An Officer may request to see a participant's driver's License if there is a discrepancy in the age of the participant.

Fees

1) Nomination fee: $40.

2) Class fee $25. ($5 awards, $20 Jackpot)

Payoff

1) Seniors 50 & Over will be paid off on a 3D Full Second Split.

1-4 pays 1, 5-8 pays 2, 9-12 pays 3, 13-16 pays 4, 17-20 pays 5, etc

Points

1) Points are given based on the number of entries paid AT THAT JACKPOT.

EX: If there are 13 nominations and only 2 entries, points will be awarded 2,1. If there are 10 OCA Nominations FUTURITY/DERBY/SENIOR SIDE POT and 15 actual entries at that RACE, the points FOR THAT RACE will be 15,14,13,12,11,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 given to NOMINATED Horses in the respective class. If barrels are hit or there is an NT, the nominated horse will simply get one (1) participation point.

$250 Novice Rider/Horse

This class was added in 2025 for a $250 Novice Rider. It was "added to" in 2026 to include $250 Novice Horse as well. This new class allows for a new rider or a new horse to compete and run with the Juniors/Open/Seniors/Futurity/Derby classes. This is a separate class that is not required to have an open entry. The entry fee is $20.00, with the $15.00 going in the payoff and the $5.00 office charge going for awards. This is STRICTLY FOR RIDERS AND HORSES THAT HAVE NOT WON $250 IN THEIR LIFETIME. Awards will be given based on Membership Nominations at the discretion of the officers. All rules in the Futurity/Derby/Seniors will apply regarding payoff, prizes, and points.

Fees

1) Nomination fee $40.

2) Class fee $20. ($5 awards, $15 Jackpot)

Payoff

1) $250 Novice will be paid off on a 3D Full Second Split.

1-4 pays 1, 5-8 pays 2, 9-12 pays 3, 13-16 pays 4, 17-20 pays 5, etc

Points

1) Points are given based on the number of entries paid AT THAT JACKPOT.

EX: If there are 13 nominations and only 2 entries, points will be awarded 2,1. If there are 10 OCA Nominations FUTURITY/DERBY/250 Novice Rider/Horse SIDE POT and 15 actual entries at that RACE, the points FOR THAT RACE will be 15,14,13,12,11,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 given to NOMINATED Horses in the respective class. If barrels are hit or there is an NT, the nominated horse will simply get one (1) participation point.

Side Pot Awards

1) Must have at least 25 nominations to give a Champion saddle, unless a member gets a saddle donated. Awards will be given to the top 2-5 who receive points and COMPLETE ALL requirements as stated in the Open Division.

PAYOFF SYSTEM

- The Junior Points awarded will start with 25 through 1, and any time not receiving an NT will receive at least 1 point.
- Junior class is a 3D whole-second split format. Payout is at the discretion of the Jackpot Secretary, ensuring that the last payout hole receives close to or at least their entry fee back.
- For the Open 4D jackpot, the number of places and amount paid will follow the suggested format found on the BBR website. Points awarded will start with 50 through 1 in increments of 1, and any time not receiving a NT will receive at least 1 point.

AWARDS & POINT SYSTEM

- The calendar fiscal year for the OCA points is from January 1 through December 31 of the following year (except for rain dates). Points will be counted only after dues; additional horse fees, and any prior obligations are paid.
- In all jackpots, points will be given only to members. Non-members will not be considered. The OCA Fastest members' time will begin the 1st "D" and will earn 50 points. The second fastest member's time will earn 49 points, etc.
- There are 15 points counting jackpots. Saddles will be awarded to the Open 4D Champion in each division. Reserve Champion buckles will be awarded in each division of the Open 4D. If the Junior (17 & Under) class supports itself only, then one HIGH POINT saddle and 3D

Champion buckles be given in each division. Otherwise, a champion buckle will be awarded. Donations would need to be used to purchase saddles and/or buckles when the class doesn't support itself.

- An equal number of places is awarded to each division, which will be determined by the number of members, along with the decision of the directors midway through the season. (After the 7th-8th jackpot). **The board will make every effort to give progressive awards in descending order. IE: 1st-5th place will receive more than 6th-10th place, etc.**
- Every member who completes all requirements will receive a QUALIFIER Jacket at year's end. These jackets were voted on and will be NICE jackets, and 1 per person, not per set of awards. **This was voted on and won unanimously at the 2007 awards banquet.**
- To receive year-end awards, the rider must have a membership and fulfill all required duties. **(Compete at 10 jackpots, fulfill Jerky/Candy OR DONATION requirements, and 5 Work Requirements documented in the worklist Book; <u>IF IT IS NOT YOUR DOCUMENTATION, IT DID NOT HAPPEN!)</u>**
- In the event of a tie in a division, the tie will be broken by:

1. The amount of money won in the division.
2. The number of runs made.
3. Choice of a coin toss or run-off.

<u>EVENT RULES</u>

- There will be at least two (2) people keeping time. A Junior (17 & Under) will not be allowed to work in the office or alone in the arena as a work requirement.
- The pattern is made up of three (3) 55-gallon drums. The contestant will do a cloverleaf pattern around the barrels. The time will begin when the horse crosses the timer light. Time will end when the horse completes the pattern and returns across the timer light. The contestant may start either to the left or to the right.
- Knocking over a barrel shall carry a "no time". Disqualification consists of turning a barrel twice or making more than three turns of the cloverleaf pattern or crossing the finish line before completion of the run. Any of these actions will result in a "no time". In other words, the rider must always be in a forward motion to have a qualified time. The course must be measured exactly, and the pattern will be staked, if possible. The barrels will be set following the measurements of the arena, but not to exceed 90' x 105' with a 60' scoreline and 15' from the fence. The starting line should be sufficient to properly start and stop. The Director of the class shall give the Jackpot Secretary the length of the pattern before the class starts in case a stake is lost. The Director of the class will see that the barrels are properly staked, the timer is in the proper place, and the ground conditions are safe. Drags will be set at 5 runs UNLESS officers determine the ground is acceptable to be fair and go 7 or 8. A drag will be made at the beginning of each class.

- Contestants may ride any horse, regardless of ownership, and may ride as many horses as they choose in a class. However, a horse may not be shown by more than one person in a class, unless the following conditions are met:
- *Both contestants are members of the same immediate family who reside in the same household (husband, wife, children, and grandchildren 21 and under). Children and grandchildren 21 and under who are attending school away from home, but who reside part of the year with their parents or grandparents, are included under this rule.*
- Neither contestant is showing any other horse in that class.
- In no case will the same horse be run more than twice in the same class.

Clarification: If a Junior chooses to run in the Juniors ONLY, anyone can run that horse in the Open. If the Junior pays BOTH the Junior and Open fees, then the above rule applies...

Clarification: A horse, regardless of nomination, member, or non-member, can only receive ONE time per class, UNLESS the above rule applies to them. MEMBERSHIP & ADDITIONAL HORSE FEE RULES

- When you pay your membership dues, you are entitled to points for yourself (RIDER). You can ride any horse to receive these points. However, if you ride more than one horse at a jackpot, you must state on the entry form which horse will receive membership points before the jackpot. A member can also pay a $20.00 nomination fee for each additional horse to receive points and year-end awards on that horse(s) only. A nominated horse must compete in 10 jackpots to receive awards. A member must designate on the membership form if they wish points to accumulate on HORSE or RIDER. If points are on RIDER, the nominated RIDER must ride to get points; however, they may ride any horse. A member can ride a nominated horse for another member for points. A junior member must ride a junior-nominated horse. There will be no backtracking of points regardless of sale or injury.
- **Points will not be counted until membership dues, additional horse fees, and any prior obligations are paid.**
- If an additional horse fee has been paid and the horse is sold during its competition year, the points will go with the horse. The horse may continue to compete if the new owner is or becomes a member and can fulfill all requirements to receive year-end awards (this includes fees paid, work requirements, etc.).

PENALTIES AND VIOLATIONS

- The Board of Officers will be responsible for taking any grievance. If possible, the grievance will be taken care of on the spot. If not, the Officers will decide at a special meeting. The meeting will take place no more than five (5) days after the incident, and a decision will be made and given to the member. The member(s) involved have the right to be present at this meeting.
- No member shall refuse any reasonable request to assist the association, its officers, committees, or sponsors in the proper conduct of the affairs of the OCA.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

- Any member may be disciplined, fined, suspended, expelled, or denied any or all privileges of the Association. Whenever satisfactory evidence can be given to the Board of Officers that a member has knowingly and willfully violated any pertinent rule of the Association. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully. FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN EXCUSE.
- After a rule has been questioned by a member and the President decides to abide by the written rule, under NO CIRCUMSTANCES will the President or any Director be verbally threatened or abused in any way. The President's decision will be final. The member has the right to withdraw their membership (any fees that have been paid will not be returned) at any time.
- Violations of the pertinent rules of this Association shall be divided into two categories:

MINOR VIOLATIONS

- Minor violations are those listed below. A violation of any of these rules may result in a fine of not less than $10.00 and not more than $50.00 per violation. A decision as to the minor violation shall be based upon the written statements from the complaining party and their witnesses, and a similar statement by the member complained of and their witnesses. A decision shall be made by the Board of Officers upon said written documents without hearing by the parties involved.
- Minor violations shall be dealt with by the Board of Officers. A contestant cannot be flagged out for any minor violations.
- Minor Rule Violations: Any member who is subject to a written complaint about a Minor Rule Violation will receive a form letter from the Correspondence Secretary notifying them of the alleged violation within 30 days of said violation. Members must then submit the money for the fine within 30 days. The fine will be increased by $5.00 for each month thereafter until paid. There will be a 60-day time limit on filing minor violations. A member shall not submit their fine to anyone other than the Jackpot Secretary and should not submit a fine until they receive a notice from the Correspondence Secretary.
- Insufficient Checks: *WILL NOT BE TOLERATED*. If an insufficient check is given, points will not count until the check has been cleared or repaid in cash. Any member who has a check returned to the Jackpot Secretary will be fined $30.00 for the first offense. Cash will then be accepted from this person for any fees paid to the OCA thereafter if they hold a membership.
- Working your horse on the pattern after the stakes or barrels have been set. If the rule is violated, the rider could be subject to forfeiting points received at that jackpot.
- Any member who willfully causes trouble inside or outside the ranks of the OCA by excessively complaining, willfully causing disturbances via text/communicating with officers, text, or social

media, or unnecessarily aggravating the Officers, judges, or committees. This includes failure to observe any of the major rules.

- Five (5) or more violations of any of the above over a three (3) year period may result in a major violation.
- The decision and action of such Board of Officers shall be final and binding upon all parties, subject only to an appeal to the Board of Officers. Such appeal shall be made by delivering to the Correspondence Secretary within 20 days of the Board of Officers' decision, a notice that the approved party desires an appeal. The appealing party will be responsible for the cost incurred in obtaining a witness on their behalf and ensuring the payment of such costs.

MAJOR VIOLATIONS

- Major violations are those hereinafter listed. Whenever anyone shall be accused of any major violations, they shall be given not less than 30 days' notice of the appointed time. A place for hearing such accusations by the Board of Officers, at which time they shall have an opportunity in person or by counsel (licensed attorney only) to be heard and to present evidence on their behalf and to hear and refute evidence offered against them.
- All evidence in a major case will be in person or by written deposition, with the aggrieved party having the right of cross-examination.
- There is a 30-day time limit on filing a major violation.
- The accusing party must have at least one witness.
- Any member found guilty of using alcohol or drugs in any quantity while competing in an OCA event or under the influence of alcohol or drugs in the arena or on the grounds. Any member who willfully, by an act, whether by commission or omission, the result of which is to place the competitor in a favored position over other contestants.
- Any person having a relationship with an OCA competitor, whether related or not, complaining to or interfering with the management, director, committee, or judge on behalf of their competitor makes said competitor responsible and liable to this subjection.
- Any person having a relationship with an OCA competitor, whether related or not, commits or assists in any act by commission or omission. The result of which is to place the OCA competing member in a favored position, which makes said competitor responsible and liable for this subjection.
- Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, or harass verbally or on social media to any official or committee, or move markers at any time between the opening and closing times of events.
- Accusing or making statements detrimental to the OCA officials or committee verbally or on social media.

- Cheating or misusing OCA rules.
- Abuse of horses in view of the public. Such accusations must be supported in writing by at least two persons, the complaining party and one witness.
- The Board of Officers shall have the authority to suspend for a period not to exceed one year. Fine in an amount not less than $50.00 and not to exceed $150.00 for the first offense or both. Expel any member whenever it shall have been established by satisfactory evidence that such contestant or committee member has knowingly and willfully violated any major pertinent rule of the Association. The decision and action of the Board of Officers shall be final and binding on all parties, and there shall be no appeal therefrom.
- After a date, a person who has been denied the privileges of the Association, they shall not be allowed to compete or participate in any contest approved by the OCA.

AMENDMENTS

- Any rule change(s) addressed by a member(s) will be made in writing and presented to the Board of Officers. Any rule change(s) will be placed on the agenda to be voted on at the year-end banquet. Change(s), addition(s), or deletion(s) may amend the rules and regulations, or be repealed by a majority vote of the paid membership attending the year-end banquet or at a General Membership called by the President. Notice will be given to the members of the proposed change(s) at least ten (10) days before the meeting if a General Membership meeting is called and held at the time of a scheduled barrel race. For any reason, it must be held at the starting time of the jackpot to give everyone time to arrive on the premises. This will allow everyone to have a vote on the issue(s).
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