

*Silver State Barrel & Pole Association*

**2019  
RULEBOOK**

*Approved by The Board of Directors as of: March 1, 2019*

**CORPORATE STRUCTURE**

**Section 1      Ownership**

- A. SSBPA has been operated by volunteers since 2005. It was established in December 2008 as a legal business entity under a private partnership. Later, on October 16, 2009, it was officially filed as a non-profit corporation 501(c) (3) under the laws of the State of Nevada. A copy of its Articles of Incorporation is available upon request.

**Section 2      Board of Directors**

- A. A list of the 2018-2019 Board of Directors can be seen on the organization's website, [www.ssbpa.com](http://www.ssbpa.com)
- B. All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business affairs of the corporation shall be controlled by, the Board of Directors.
- C. There shall be no compensation for Directors.
- D. No Director shall have any personal liability for any action taken in his or her capacity as a director in good faith.

**MEMBERS**

**Section 1      Eligibility**

- A. Membership is open to any person with a firm interest in the promotion of barrel racing and/or pole bending and breakaway roping, by payment of membership dues.
- B. A contesting membership allows the member to earn points toward year-end prizes and awards. It also allows them to hold a Director position.
- C. A Non-Contesting Membership allows the member to hold a Director position.
- D. It is the responsibility of each member to become familiar with the association Bylaws and Rulebook and to conduct themselves and their horses accordingly.

**Section 2      Annual Membership Dues**

- A. Membership status, by payment of dues, is not required to earn awards for the Winter Series.
- B. To be eligible for 2019 Summer Series end of season awards a Contesting Membership is required. Dues will be \$100.00 annually for the first horse. The second horse will be \$75.00. The third horse will be \$50.00. Each additional horse will be \$50.00. Each additional family member will be \$75.00.
  - a. Non-Contesting or Pee Wee Membership Dues will be \$20 annually.
  - b. If a donation of > \$200 is provided to SSBPA by a member, their membership dues will be reimbursed for the amount of the donation up to and not to exceed \$100.

- c. Membership is not contingent on a particular horse. Members may run any horse under their membership but must run each membered horse in the order they want them to receive points.
- d. Membership becomes effective upon receipt of dues.
- e. Membership dues shall be set by the Governing Board and will remain in effect until such time as the Board changes the amount of dues.
- f. SSBPA retains the right to refuse or revoke membership.

**Section 3      Disqualification, Suspension or Termination of Membership**

- A. Any member of the Association, or non-member participating in a SSBPA sanctioned event, may be suspended or expelled from the Association whenever it shall have been established by satisfactory evidence that such member has violated any of the rules of the Association. The following shall be considered as grounds for suspension or expulsion:
  - 1. Failing to pay when due any obligation to the Association.
  - 2. Failing to pay in a timely manner any bank fees, entry fees, dues or other obligation due as a result of submitting a payment that is returned for non sufficient funds.
  - 3. Abuse of an animal by any unnecessary non-competitive or competitive action (anywhere on event grounds) may be immediately disqualified from race participation.
  - 4. Using abusive or intemperate language or attempting to threaten, bribe, influence or harass any contestant or SSBPA official. Also, any remarks made with the intent to cast aspersions on the character or integrity of an SSBPA official.
  - 5. Moving or attempting to move markers at any time.
  - 6. Use of electronic and/or remotely controlled devices to alter the outcome of a run.
  - 7. Abuse of a horse in any way.
  - 8. Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
  - 9. Misidentifying a horse in any SSBPA class will disqualify a contestant.
  - 10. Other conduct that is not in the best interest of the SSBPA or its members.
  - 11. SSBPA Directors at their sole discretion shall have the authority to disqualify or deny entry to any horse they deem dangerous to the rider, or to other individuals, animals or property.

**RACE CATEGORIES / FORMAT**

**Section 1      Open 5-D Barrel Racing**

- A. The payout is a four divisional format. The 5-D payout format is divided into the following divisions: 1-D = fastest time; 2-D = fastest time + 0.5 second; 3-D = fastest time + 1.0 second; 4-D = fastest time + 1.5 seconds and 5-D fastest time +2 seconds.
- B. The standard course, as follows, will be set whenever possible.
  - a. A Minimum of 15 feet between barrels one and two and the side fence.

- b. A minimum of 30 feet between the third barrel and the back fence.
  - c. A minimum of 30 feet between the time line and the first barrel.
  - d. Stopping distance can be no less than 45 feet (from electric eye to fence).
- C. Standard course dimensions: 90 feet by 105 feet with a 60 foot starting line. If a standard course cannot be marked, then the distance between the second and the third barrel will not be more than the distance between the first and second barrel plus 20 feet. (Example: 70 feet between the first and 2<sup>nd</sup> barrel, then no more than 90 feet from the second to the third barrel).
- D. The barrel must be marked with a tape measure. No automatic measuring devices will be used.
- E. An electric timer shall be used, with the time indicated by the electric timer used by an official timer to be the official time. If the electric timer fails the rider will be given a re-run with like draw position in the drag.
- F. Time begins as the horse's nose crosses the start line and ends as the horse's nose crosses the finish line.
- G. Once the race begins there will be no altering of gates, barrels, electric eye or markers. The course must remain consistent from the first rider to the last.
- H. Barrels used must be 55 gallon metal barrels with top and bottom intact (not open ended). If metal barrels are not available, 55 gallon plastic barrels may be used adding four (4") inches of water or ten (10) pounds of dry sand to each plastic barrel.
- I. All contestants can go to either right or left barrel first, but must make two left turns and one right turn or two right turns and one left turn.
- 1. A "no time" will be given for:
    - a. Going off course (not completing a cloverleaf pattern)
    - b. Not running in drawn position.
    - c. Knocking over a barrel (if a barrel is knocked over and it sets up again on either end a "no time" will be accessed). Touching a barrel to keep it from falling is permitted.
    - d. Failure to maintain forward motion
- J. Contestants may ride any horse or as many horses as they choose in a class. A rider cannot ride the same horse more than once in any class. In no case will the same horse be run more than once in the same class.
- K. The ground around the barrels will be groomed after not more than every eight contestants. Depending on conditions the ground may be groomed more often.
- L. In cases where a rule is not identified in this rulebook, the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association rule will be followed.

## **Section 2      Open 3-D Pole Bending**

- A. The payout is a three divisional format. The 3-D payout format is divided into the following divisions: 1-D = fastest time; 2-D = fastest time + 1.5 second; 3-D = fastest time + 3.0 seconds
- B. An electric timer shall be used, with the time indicated by the electric timer used by an official timer to be the official time. If the electric timer fails the rider will be given a re-run in like draw position in the drag.
- C. The pole bending pattern is to be run around six poles. Each pole is to be 21 feet (6.4 meters) apart, and the first pole is to be 21 feet (6.4 meters) from the starting line. Poles shall be set on top of the ground, six feet (1.8 meters) in height, with no base more than 14 inches (35 cm) in diameter.
- D. A horse may start either to the right or to the left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly.
- E. Knocking over a pole shall carry a five-second penalty for day money but a No Time for year end points and division points. Failure to follow the course shall cause disqualification. A contestant may touch a pole with his or her hand in pole bending.
- F. Poles shall be PVC pipe. For added safety, PVC caps are recommended. Solid rubber bases are preferred, but hollow plastic bases shall be allowed only if filled completely to emulate a solid base.
- G. Time begins as the horse's nose crosses the start line and ends as the horse's nose crosses the finish line.
- E. The ground around the poles will be groomed after not more than every eight contestants. Depending on conditions the ground may be groomed more often.
- F. In cases where a rule is not identified in this rulebook, the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association rule will be followed.

## **Section 3      Open 2-D Breakaway Roping**

- A. The payout is a 2-Divisional format. The 2-D payout format is divided into the following divisions: 1-D = fastest time; 2-D = fastest time + 2 seconds.
- B. A mechanical barrier will be used. A string barrier with a colored flag attached is recommended.
- C. The time will start when the CALF breaks the barrier, and will stop when the flag drops.
- D. There will be a 10-second penalty for breaking the barrier.
- E. This is a one loop contest.
- F. Ropes are to be tied to the saddle horn with nylon string. A knot must be at the end of the rope with the string tied at the knot. There will be no tail. A white flag that is visible to the flagman or judge must be attached at the knot end of the rope.

- G. Rope must be tied to the horn with a nylon string and may not be run through bridle, tie down, neck rope or any other device.
- H. To be a legal catch the calf's head must pass through the loop. The loop must draw up on any part of the calf's body behind the head.
- I. The rope will break away from the saddle horn after the calf is caught. The rider can stop or turn off after the catch to facilitate the breaking of the string.
- J. After the catch the flagger will drop the flag when the string breaks off the horn, which is signaled by the flag flying at the time of the break. This is what the flagger will use as a timer to drop the flag. A minimum of two stopwatch timers will stop the watch when the flagger drops the flag and the lowest stopwatch time will be used for the end of the run.
- K. Roping calf without releasing loop from hand will disqualify catch.
- L. The contestant will receive no time should he/she break the rope away from the saddle horn by hand. However, if the rope should dally around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, undally the rope and then stop his/her horse to make the rope break away.
- M. Entry allows for 2 calves with the average time taken from the two.
- N. If no legal catch is made, a 400-second penalty will be assessed and will be used in the day's average.
- O. A contestant must call for an animal within a reasonable amount of time to be determined by the field judge.
- P. There is a 30-second time limit per run.
- Q. There shall be one or more timers, and a field flag/barrier judge.
- R. In cases where a rule is not identified in this rulebook, the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association rule will be followed.

**Section 4 Draw Positions**

- A. All horses/riders will run in their drawn positions. If a contestant is unable to run in her/his drawn position due to unforeseen circumstances **the Race Secretary**, at their discretion, may **allow the contestant to run at the end of the race.**
- B. The draw shall be done in a random manner. Under no circumstances shall a contestant pick their own draw position. The exception to this rule is to separate riders running more than one horse. **The Secretary has discretion in this matter and will make every attempt to give adequate time between each entry.**
- C. Contestants riding two or more horses must ride in the order drawn.
- D. Breakaway draw will run in reverse order for the second go.

**RACE FEES & PAYOUT**

**Section 1 Fees**

- A. Fees and a signed liability waiver will be collected prior to any competition run.
- B. Entry Fees are as follows:
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|-------------------|---------------------------|------|
| Barrel Race:      | Winter Series (all)       | \$35 |
|                   | Summer Series Members     | \$35 |
|                   | Summer Series Non-Members | \$40 |
| Pole Bending:     | Winter Series (all)       | \$35 |
|                   | Summer Series Members     | \$35 |
|                   | Summer Series Non-Members | \$40 |
| Breakaway Roping: | Winter Series (all)       | \$40 |
|                   | Summer Series Members     | \$40 |
|                   | Summer Series Non-Members | \$45 |
- C. Time only runs will be charged \$5 per run and the time allotted per run is not more than one minute.
- D. A late fee will be applied if a rider enters Barrels or Poles after the draw is complete. The late fee will be \$10. Signups for Breakaway can be taken up until the event.

**Section 2 Added Money & Payout**

- A. Added Money & Payout Percentages are as follows:
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|-------------------|-------------------------------|------|
| Barrel Race:      | <u>Added Money</u>            |      |
|                   | Payout                        | 100% |
|                   | <u>Entry Fee Distribution</u> |      |
|                   | Payout                        | 50%  |
|                   | Year End Awards               | 40%  |
|                   | Club Management               | 10%  |
| Pole Bending:     | <u>Added Money</u>            |      |
|                   | Payout                        | 100% |
|                   | <u>Entry Fee Distribution</u> |      |
|                   | Payout                        | 50%  |
|                   | Year End Awards               | 40%  |
|                   | Club Management               | 10%  |
| Breakaway Roping: | <u>Added Money</u>            |      |
|                   | Payout                        | 100% |
|                   | <u>Entry Fee Distribution</u> |      |
|                   | Payout                        | 70%  |
|                   | Livestock Producer            | 15%  |
|                   | Year End Awards               | 0%   |
|                   | Club Management               | 15%  |
- B. Division Payoff Percentages

5D Percentage Payoffs

Division 1 – 20%

Division 2 – 20%

Division 3 – 20%

Division 4 – 20%

Division 5- 20%

4D Percentage Payoffs

Division 1- 25%

Division 2- 25%

Division 3- 25%

Division 4- 25%

3D Percentage Payoffs

Division 1 – 33%

Division 2 – 33%

Division 3 – 33%

2D Percentage Payoffs

Division 1 – 50%

Division 2 – 50%

E. The payoff Schedule per Division is:

1 Places 100%

2 Places 60%, 40%

3 Places 45%, 35%, 20%

4 Places 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

5 Places 34%, 27%, 20%, 13%, 6%

6 Places 29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, 5%

7 Places 26%, 22%, 18%, 14%, 10%, 6%, 4%

8 Places 23%, 20%, 17%, 14%, 11%, 8%, 5%, 2%

10 Places 21%, 18%, 15%, 13%, 10%, 8%, 6%, 4%, 3%, 2%

- D. The number of places to pay in each division will be calculated based on the last placing rider in the 5D getting their entry fee back. As an example, if the payoff for the 5D is calculated to pay to 3 places than all other 'Ds' will also pay to 3 places.
- E. If times breakdown where there are fewer contestants in one division than payoff spots, the payoff percentages for that division will adjust to pay to the fewer contestants but remain the same in all other divisions.

### POINT SYSTEM

*This applies to the Summer Series only. There is no All-Around category in the Winter Series.*

#### **Section 1      Year End All-Around High Point**

- A. Points will be kept for the Year-End All Around High Point Awards only. You may only qualify your **top 2 placing horses** for All Around if riding more than 2 horses.
- B. Points for the Year End All-Around High Point will be combined from each of the members' barrels and poles participation at all races, for each membered horse. Breakaway participation does not apply.
- C. Points will be given as follows: 1st = 10 pts.; 2nd = 9 pts.; 3rd = 8 pts.; 4th = 7 pts, 5th = 6 pts.; 6th = 5 pt., 7th = 4 pts.; 8th = 3 pts.; 9th = 2 pts.; 10th = 1 pts
- D. All members in good standing competing in any SSBPA race will receive 1 point in each event entered.
- E. In the event a non-member places, the next member in line will receive points.
- F. In case of a tie, points will be divided as one. In other words, 1st and 2nd would be added together to make 21 points and then divided between the two to make 10 ½ points each.
- G. If more than one horse is run by a member that is competing for the all-around high point, all membered horses will receive points towards All Around but you may only qualify your top 2 pointed horses for All Around.
- H. Points are awarded to the rider only. Riders may use different horses throughout the season and can use a different horse for barrels and poles.
- I. Points are non-transferable.

### YEAR END AWARDS

#### **Section 1      Eligibility**

- A. Members in good standing at the end of the 2019 that have entered 6 of the 10 races of the Summer Series are eligible for year-end awards for that season. Members may pay for and take a no time for **one race** if they cannot make the 6 races do to unfortunate or unforeseen circumstances
- B. All participants are eligible for series end awards Winter Series. No membership is required.



## Section 2      **Divisional Awards**

- A. Awards will be given in each divisional category.
- B. Summer Series: Upon completion of the last race of the season, the fastest 4 times (at 4 separate races) for each member will be used to determine that member's Summer Series average. At least 1 time from two different arenas must be calculated in the 4 fastest times.  
  
Example: A member may ride 9 rides at Arena A and 1 ride at Arena B. The times taken to make the 4 run average will be the fastest times from Arena A and the Arena B time (even if the Arena B time is slower than a 4th Arena A time).
- C. Winter Series: Upon completion of the last race of a Winter Series ( depending on the number of races) the fastest times from (3 of 4 or 2 of 3 depending on the number of races) races for each participant will be used to determine that participants Winter Series average unless fewer races are ran due to weather.
- D. The season / series averages will be split into the Divisions as the rules specify.
- E. Runs receiving a no-time can be used to make up the members' required number of races as long as the member has 4 qualified runs for their average.
- F. If more than one horse is run by a member that is competing for awards, each membered horse's time will earn points towards All Around at each race and each membered horse's fastest times will be used in the average calculations.
- G. If a rider has purchased multiple memberships and runs multiple horses, the average will be calculated by the time from each race to equal membership #1, membership #2, and membership #3 and so on. Members riding multiple membership horses must run them in the order they will point 1, 2, 3 & 4. The horses will point in the order they are ran.

### **Additional Classes Offered By SSBPA At the discretion of the Board of Directors**

- A. **Futurity Class**-The Futurity Season will run from December 1, 2018 to November 30th, 2019 and the rules are listed next.
- B. Horses eligible to compete in SSBPA Futurity Class will be all horses 3 coming 4, 4 coming 5 and 5 coming 6 that have not been entered for points or money (exhibition runs only) prior to December 1, 2018. This class will be 2D with a 1 second split. Entry Fee \$25
- C. Proof of age with your horse's registration papers must be submitted prior to competition. If your horse is grade or unregistered, you must provide an affidavit of age from your vet and a photo of the horse.
- D. Futurity horses may compete for 1 season only.
- E. Any disputes on entered horses must be brought to an Officer or Directors attention.
- F. You may run or carry your time from the open for this class.
- G. **Derby Class**- The Derby Class Season (Formerly Maturity Class) will run from December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019.
- H. The Derby Class is open to all horses that are 5 coming 6, 6 coming 7 and 7 coming 8 and will be allowed 2 years competition in the SSBPA Derby class. If a horse was first competed on in 2011 or before they will not be eligible for the Derby in 2019. Last year's Maturity will count as the first year for returning horses unless the horse competed in 2011 or earlier. This class will be 2 D with a 1 second split. Entry Fee \$25
- I. Proof of age with your horse's registration papers must be submitted prior to competition. If your horse is grade or unregistered, you must provide an affidavit of age from your vet and a photo of the horse.
- J. Derby horses can compete for 2 years only

- K. Any disputes on entered horses must be brought to an Officer or Directors attention.
- L. You may run or carry your time from the open for this class.
- M. **Novice Class**- The Novice class is open to any rider that has won less than \$500 or any horse that has won less than \$500. This class will be 2 D with a 1 second split. Entry Fee \$25
- N. Once the horse or rider has won \$500 it is your responsibility to remove yourself from the class.
- O. You may run or carry your time from the open to this class, but all moneys won in both classes will count towards the \$500 earnings.
- P. Other side pot classes will be 18 and under, 19 to 45 and 46 +. These classes are carry over only.