

# *Silver State Barrel & Pole Association*

## **2021 RULEBOOK**

*Approved by The Board of Directors as of March 15, 2021*

### **CORPORATE STRUCTURE**

#### **Section 1      Ownership**

- A. Volunteers have operated SSBPA 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 Nevada's laws. A copy of its Articles of Incorporation is available upon request.

#### **Section 2      Board of Directors**

- A. A list of the 2021 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 Board of Directors shall control the corporation's business affairs.
- 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 strong interest in promoting barrel racing and 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. A Peewee Membership allows for the Peewee member to run in the Peewee Barrels and Poles only. It is free with a Paid Membership with a parent or \$20 if the parent is not a member.

- E. Each member's responsibility is to become familiar with the Association Bylaws and Rulebook and 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. Eligibility for the 2021 Summer Series end-of-season awards requires a Contesting Membership. 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. Donations of \$200 provided to SSBPA by a member, their membership dues will be reimbursed for the donation amount up to and not exceeding \$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 remain in effect until the Board changes the dues' amount.
  - 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 an SSBPA sanctioned event, may be suspended or expelled from the Association if established by satisfactory evidence that such member has violated any of the Association's rules. 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 on time any bank fees, entry fees, dues, or other obligations due to submitting a payment returned for non-sufficient funds.
  - 3. Abuse of an animal by any extreme 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 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 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 or issued a refund if they choose not to re-run.
- 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. The 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 to start their race 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 a drawn position.
    - c) Knocking over a barrel (if a barrel is knocked over and 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. If a rule is not identified in this rulebook, the SSBPA Board of Directors will make a ruling.

## **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 left of the first pole and then run the pattern's remainder accordingly.
- E.    Knocking over a pole shall carry a five-second penalty for day money but will not count as a run towards the year-end average. 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 if filled, emulating 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 visible to the flagman or judge must be attached at the rope's knot end.
- G. Rope must be tied to the horn with a nylon string and may not be run through a 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 upon 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, un-dally the rope, and then stop his/her horse to make the rope break away.
- M. Entry allows for two calves with the average time taken from the two.
- N. If no legal catch is made, a 400-second penalty will be assessed and used on the day's average.
- O. A contestant must call for an animal within a reasonable amount of time 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. Suppose a contestant is unable to run in her/his drawn position due to unforeseen circumstances. *The races' Secretary, at their discretion, may allow the contestant to run at the end of the race.*
- B. The draw shall be done randomly. Under no circumstances shall a contestant pick their 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 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 before any competition run.
- B. Entry Fees are as follows:

Entry Fees	Barrels	Poles	Breakaway
Summer Series Members	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 40
Summer Series Non-Members	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 45
Winter Series	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Fundraisers	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>

- 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 late draw is complete. The late fee will be \$10. Sign-ups for Breakaway can be taken up until the event.

**Section 2 Added Money & Payout**

A. Added Money & Payout Percentages are as follows:

	Barrels	Poles	Breakaway
<i>Added Money Payout</i>	100%	100%	100%
<u>Entry Fee Distribution</u>			
<i>Payout</i>	50%	50%	70%
<i>Year-End Awards</i>	40%	40%	15%
<i>Club Management</i>	10%	10%	0%
<i>Livestock Producer</i>	0%	0%	15%

B. Division Pay-off Percentages

Percent Payoffs				
	5D	4D	3D	2D
Division 1	20%	25%	33%	50%
Division 2	20%	25%	33%	50%
Division 3	20%	25%	33%	
Division 4	20%	25%		
Division 5	20%			

C. Fundraiser Event fees added money and payout percentages will be determined by the Board of Directors and are not counted towards Year End Awards.

E. The payoff Schedule per Division is:

1	Places	100%								
2	Places	60%	40%							
3	Places	45%	65%	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%	
9	Places	21%	18%	15%	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. For example, if the payoff for the 5D is calculated to pay to 3 places, all other Divisions will pay three places.

- E. If there are fewer contestants in one Division than payoff spots, the payoff percentages for that Division will adjust to paying 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 two placing horses** for All-Around if riding more than two horses.
- B. Points for the Year-End All-Around High Point will be calculated at the end of the year by placing in each Division and qualifying by entering 6 of 10 Races.
- C. Points will be given as follows: In Each Division in Barrel and Poles.

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1	199.00	5	191.00	9	183.00
2	197.00	6	189.00	10	181.00
3	195.00	7	187.00	11	181.00
4	193.00	8	185.00	12	179.00

- D. All members in good standing competing in any SSBPA race will receive 5 points in each race entered for both Barrels and Poles. If 6 Races are entered in Barrels you will receive 5 points x 6=30 points. If 10 races are entered in Poles you will receive 5 points x 10=50 points.
- E. You must enter 6 Races in Barrels and Poles to Qualify for All-Around.
- F. Non Members will receive no points for year-end averages or races entered.
- G. If there is a tie for All-Around, the member with the highest placing will be win 1<sup>st</sup> place.
- H. We will only give awards to the top five in All-Around.
- I. If more than one horse is run by a competing member 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.
- J. 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.

## YEAR-END AWARDS

### **Section 1     Eligibility**

- A. Members in good standing at the end of 2021 and who have entered six of the Summer Series races are eligible for year-end awards for that season. Members may pay for and take a "no time" for **one race only** if they cannot make six races due to unfortunate or unforeseen circumstances
- B. All participants are eligible for series end awards for Winter Series and any Fundraising races where awards are given. No membership is required.

### **Section 2     Divisional Awards**

- A. Awards will be given in each divisional category to every member entering at least six races.
- B. Summer Series: Upon completion of the last race of the season, the fastest four times (at four separate races) for each member will be used to determine that member's Summer Series average. At least one time from two different arenas must be calculated in the four fastest times if different Arenas are used.  
  
Example: A member may ride nine rides at Arena A and one ride at Arena B. The times taken to make the four-run average will be the fastest 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, the fastest times from (two of three or three of four) races for each participant will be used to determine that participant's Winter Series average.
- D. The series averages will be split into the Divisions as the rules specify.
- E. Runs receiving a no-time can make up the members' required number of races as long as they have four qualified runs for their average.
- F. If more than one horse is run by a member competing for awards, each membered horse that enters six races will be given points for their year-end average placing and points for races attended as stated above in the All-Around pointing rule.
- G. Suppose a rider has purchased multiple memberships and runs multiple horses. The average is calculated by time from each race to equal Membership #1, Membership #2, Membership #3, etc. The horses will point in the order they run and must remain consistent.

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

- A. 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 one-second split. Entry Fee \$25 Once the horse or rider has won \$500; it is your responsibility to remove yourself from the class. You may run or carry your time from the open to this class, but all winnings in both classes will count towards the \$500 earnings.
  
- B. Side Pots - Youth 17 and under, 18 to 45, and Senior 46 +. These classes are to carry-over only. The ages are as of January 1, 2021.

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