



# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BARREL HORSE ASSOCIATION

## RULES

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### **1. CANCELLATION OF AN EVENT**

Should SABHA need to Cancel an Event or adjust start times, due to inclement weather or other, Competitors will be notified via Facebook/Website as soon as possible prior to the event start time. Change of time to be decided by the Thursday night prior to the event. If a horse is withdrawn prior to completion of an event a refund will be paid out upon presentation of a Vet Certificate.

### **2. CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR**

No bad language, behavior or any other actions the committee deem not within acceptable standards; the committee will approach the member discretely to discuss the matter, if it cannot be resolved the member may be asked to leave the event.

Our club promotes a friendly, fun and safe atmosphere, where all members respect each other's activities, property and animals; all of which should not be interfered with at any event.

### **3. ANIMAL CRUELTY**

Animal abuse: hitting horses around the head, or excessive use of whip, over and under in Barrel Race competition will result in disqualification for the duration of the competition. Ruled by judges and/or disputes committee. There will be no refund of entry fees.

All Incidents will be reviewed by the ABHA Board. Further disciplinary action may be enforced. This may include Fines, and or further suspension. The ABHA and SABHA have a zero tolerance for animal abuse.

### **4. SOCIAL MEDIA CODE OF CONDUCT**

The ABHA and SABHA do not condone the posting of any derogatory or slanderous remarks made on Facebook or any other form of social media by any person, member or non member. Any person found in



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breach of this code of conduct may face disciplinary action in accordance with ABHA Rules.

### **5. BULLYING and HARRASMENT**

Engaging in, or attempting to engage in any action of a threatening nature, berating, harassing, intimidating - either in person, via telephone, email or all forms of social media, assaulting or striking any member or non-member may result in the suspension of your ABHA membership at the Board's discretion.

### **6. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS**

If the SABHA Committee have reasonable belief that any rider or member is competing under the influence of any type of drugs or alcohol, they will be asked to dismount and will be disqualified from the event.

### **7. ANIMAL BEHAVIOR**

Whilst SABHA can be used as a training event, if any horse is deemed unsafe or dangerous to its rider, spectators or other horses and competitors, it will need to be either contained to a safe area or be removed from the event. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure their mount is in a fit and sound condition to compete.

### **8. TIMERS/JUDGES/OFFICIALS**

**8(a)** Members are reminded that Timers are judges at any event.

Disputes need to be lodged in writing to the committee no later than 30 minutes after the end of the event the dispute is regarding. Any disputes after this time will not be taken into consideration.

Once prize money and placings are awarded after this time, they will remain as stated.



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Gate Persons are officials and members must comply with reasonable directions from these persons and all rule compliance.

- 8(b)** Members must comply with a reasonable request by venue providers whilst at events.

### **9. EXHIBITIONS**

Once around the pattern (riders can go around each drum as many times as they like) within a one-minute time limit.

### **10. TINY TOTS BARREL RACE (Led Rider)**

**10(a)** A Led Rider is any person who is not able to control their mount without aid. A lead rope must be attached to the horse/pony and the rider assisted by the handler (who must be an ABHA member) in led events. The rider must be 7 years of age or under as of the 1st July each calendar year.

**10(b)** Tiny Tots are to be led. If an underage (Tiny Tot) competitor demonstrates competency to ride un-led a request may be lodged with the Secretary for Committee consideration to ride in the Junior Assisted. If the Committee deems that the rider is not competent that rider shall return to the Tiny Tots. SABHA's focus is to provide a safe and fun environment for our riders.

### **11. ASSISTED RIDER**

An assisted rider is any person who requires assistance to compete. The assistant is required to be in the arena at all times. The rider must be over 7 of age and under 12 years old as of the 1st of July in each Calendar year.

### **12. DAVE WATERS MEMORIAL BARREL RACE**

- The Dave Waters is a non competitive event. It is designed for any riders who are non-competitive in the divisional competitions.



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- All profit will be donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.
- Riders that are not SABHA financial members are not eligible to win the end of season Dave Waters Perpetual Trophy. All riders that enter this event cannot enter any other barrel divisions.
- Once a competitor completes a time that is within four seconds of the fastest Open Divisional time that competitor is no longer eligible to enter this event in the next season.

### 13. OPEN DIVISIONAL BARREL RACE

As per ABHA Rules.

Divisions will be based on number of runners for **Prize money** payouts.

- 1 - 6 runners will be a one division event
- 7 - 12 runners will be a two-division event
- 13 -21 runners will be a three-division event
- 22+ runners will be a four-division event.

#### **This is for prize money only**

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SABHA Divisions for points will be based on a three-division format regardless of how many runners are in the event, or a four-division format if runners exceed twenty two.

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After event awards will also be based on a three-division format regardless of how many runners, or a four-division format if runners exceed twenty two.

### 14. JUNIOR DIVISIONAL BARREL RACE

Rider must be under 18 years of age, as of the 1st SABHA Round after the ABHA Finals. Competitors that are 17 years of age from that 1st



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round are eligible to complete the SABHA season as a junior if they turn 18 years of age during that season. The competitor will be notified, by SABHA, that upon turning 18 years old that season, that they no longer accrue qualification for the ABHA finals as a junior, and this will be noted on the time sheets by SABHA to the ABHA.

SABHA's season runs in line with the financial year.

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### **18. OPEN POLES**

As per ABHA Rules.

### **19. EVENT GUIDELINES**

- THE ARENA WILL BE SHUT FOR 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO START TIME FOR COURSE SETTING.
- Payments must accompany entries.
- All entry fees are “per horse and rider combination”.
- ALL riders and handlers must be ABHA members to compete or assist riders – day membership is available.

### **20. GROUND RULES**

NO alcohol is permitted in the warm up area for the duration of the SABHA barrel race event.

NO prams, small children or dogs are permitted in horse warm up area/alley way/arena entry point. Dogs must be on a lead at all times in non designated areas.



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NO spectators or vehicles allowed in alley way/arena entry point and are to be kept to a minimum in warm up area – there are designated spectator areas.

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*SABHA is an ABHA Affiliate and abides by the ABHA Rule Book. Only ABHA members are permitted to ride at SABHA events. ABHA members should refer to the ABHA rule book to understand the Rules and their Responsibilities in addition to these SABHA Rules.*

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