

Submitted by Jill Connolly

Rule 1.2.4 Men may run in any WBRA open or novice classes. They are not eligible for membership, but may run as a non member.

Change to:

It shall be the policy to accept any women/man/girl/boy who desire membership. Eligibility for membership shall be left to the discretion of the officers of said organization. Junior and Youth division memberships will be open to girls or boys within the age brackets. Men over the age of 18 are not eligible for Open Division competition but are eligible for Year End Awards in the Novice Divisions. Rule 2.2.16

Submitted by Jill Connolly

Rule 2.2.16 Area directors will be responsible for ensuring at least one (1) area race each year, promoting WBRA in the area and will be a liaison to members residing in that area. The area will behold a consulting position on the board and receive their membership dues paid for the year(s) served.

Change to:

Remove Rule and area directors.

Submitted by Karla Gust

Add Rule:

2.2.17 No WBRA officer or director will receive payment or compensation for any work or duties performed at WBRA sponsored races. (ie Finals, Spring Fling, Speedhorse Shootout, Last Chance or Scholarship race)

Reason: Officers and directors should not be paid for “volunteer” duties.

Submitted by Karla Gust

Rule 4.1.7 WBRA will give blanket approval to all Pro-West and NPRA rodeos held within the State of Washington.

Change to: WBRA will give blanket approval to all Pro-West and NPRA rodeos held within the State of Washington for a fee of 1% of each approved rodeo purse.

Reason: Every association or group requesting our approval should be paying some kind of fee. At this time everyone, besides NPRA, is paying 6% and \$1/run or 1% of purse at rodeos.

Submitted by Jill Connolly

Rule 4.3.6 WBRA Open races may accept late entries for a \$10 late fee and they will run at the bottom of the draw in the order of entries received if the Open has filled during pre-entry time. If the Open has not filled during pre-entry time, there will be no Open race. The acceptance of late entries is up to the discretion of the race committee per the race approval submitted. The late fee of \$10.00 to be paid split \$5 to WBRA \$5 to the producer. Open entries will be considered final as of callbacks and Open entries must pay their entry fee even if they draw out or turnout the day of the race.

Change to:

WBRA Open races may accept late entries for a \$20 late fee and the race producer will determine if they are to run at the beginning, end, or fill a hole in the draw left from turnouts, vet outs, etc. If the Open has not filled during pre-entry time, there will be no Open race. The acceptance and placement of late entries is up to the discretion of the race committee per the race approval submitted. The late fee of \$20.00 to be paid split \$10 to WBRA \$10 to producer. Open entries will be considered final as of callbacks and Open entries must pay their entry fee even if they draw out or turnout the day of the race within 5 days of the race.

Submitted by Jill Connolly

Rule 5.1.9 When dress code is in effect, members are expected to wear western hats, long sleeve, button/snap with collar & cuff shirts, and western wear. When dress code is not in effect, members must wear long pants, boots, and other appropriate apparel. Shorts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, swimming suits, etc. are not considered appropriate, and are therefore not allowed.

Change to:

When dress code is in effect, members are expected to wear western hats or helmets, long sleeve, button/snap with collar & cuff shirts, and western wear. When dress code is not in effect, members must wear long pants, boots, and other appropriate apparel. Shorts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, swimming suits, etc. are not considered appropriate, and are therefore not allowed.

Submitted by Jill Connolly

Rule 6.1.11 Running start is allowed. Contestant may cross the starting line anywhere between the first two barrels. Contestant must proceed through the gate in a forward motion to position, turn and go or contestant will be flagged out. One (1) 360 degree turn is permitted. If race rules posted at the office read otherwise they will take precedence over this rule.

Change to:

Running start is allowed. Contestant may cross the starting line anywhere between the first two barrels. Contestant must proceed through the gate in a forward motion to position, turn and go or

contestant will be flagged out. One (1) 360 degree turn is permitted in open races. If race rules posted at the office read otherwise they will take precedence over this rule.

Submitted by Karla Gust

8.2.1 Nomination for special awards will come by September newsletter ballot from the general membership. They will be voted on by the membership using a prepared ballot at the meeting:

Change to: Nominations and voting for special awards will be done during the Annual Fall Meeting.

Submitted by Diane Miller

8.2.1 Rookie of the year: presented to a first year member in the WBRA in good standing who has attended 9 WBRA races and won the most money in the open during the year.

Change to: Rookie of the year: presented to a first year member in the WBRA, in good standing, who has attended 7 WBRA open or novice races and won the most open money during the year.

Submitted by Jill Connolly

Rule 9.1.2 Horses must be nominated before the Novice race (with the person handling the race, who in turn sends the information to the Novice Director) or one may nominate with the Novice Director prior to the scheduled race by mail. A \$20.00 registration fee and a completed novice registration form are required for each horse nominated before points count toward standings.

Change to:

Horses must be nominated before the Novice race (with the person handling the race, who in turn sends the information to the Novice Director) or one may nominate with the Novice Director prior to the scheduled race by mail. A \$25.00 nomination fee and a completed novice registration form are required for each horse nominated before points count toward standings. A minimum of \$100.00 in sponsorship money must be obtained for each nominated novice horse and postmarked to the treasurer, within 90 days of nomination date or any monies earned shall be forfeit and nominated novice horse shall be dropped from standings. Sponsorship money shall be sent directly to the WBRA treasurer to be deposited.

Submitted by Diane Miller

9.1.3 Futurity eligible horses may be nominated in the Novice division according to novice money won. Futurity money won counts as lifetime earnings on each horse.

Change to: Futurity eligible horses may be nominated in the Novice division according to money won. Futurity money won does not count during the horse's futurity year.

Submitted by Karla Gust

9.5.1 Money collected by the Novice Director throughout the year will be used to purchase equal year-end awards for both divisions. Proceeds from the money raising projects held by the WBRA shall be given to the novice for awards in an equal amount to \$10 per horse nominated, or \$1000 maximum.

Change to: Money collected by the Novice Director throughout the year will be used to purchase equal year-end awards for both divisions. Proceeds from WBRA fund raising projects will be given to the novice for awards equaling at least \$10 per nominated horse.

Submitted by Karla Gust

9.5.4 A minimum of 10 places in each division will receive the standard award to be determined by the novice director. Thereafter the standard award will be given to one out of every eight horses registered.....etc.....

Change to: A minimum of 5 places in each division will receive the standard award to be determined by the novice director. Thereafter the standard award will be given to one out of every eight horses registered....etc...

If rule passes we would need also change Rule 9.5.9 to “5”

Reason: There are not enough novice nominations to support or justify 10 standard novice awards in each division.

Submitted by Jill Connolly

Rule 10.1.2 Girls 12 and under are eligible for the Junior Division. Girls between the ages of 13 and 18 are eligible for the Youth Division. Age is determined as of October 1st of the given year. A copy of the member's birth certificate must be provided within one month after nomination. Any Youth/Junior member wishing to compete in the Open Division or nominate a horse in the Novice Division must pay the difference between the Youth/Junior dues and the full dues (additional \$20.00) and applicable nomination fees. A Youth/Junior membership does not affect the Rookie status. Once a member pays the full membership that will be her rookie year.

Change to:

Girls and boys 12 and under are eligible for the Junior Division. Girls and boys between the ages of 13 and 18 are eligible for the Youth Division. Age is determined as of October 1st of the given year. A copy of the member's birth certificate must be provided within one month after nomination. Youth/Junior members wishing to compete in the Open (girls only) Division or nominate a horse in the Novice Division must pay the difference between the Youth/Junior dues and the full dues (additional \$20.00) and applicable nomination fees. A Youth/Junior

membership does not affect the Rookie status. Once a member pays the full membership that will be her rookie year.

Submitted by Karla Gust

10.1.3 Dues for the Youth/Junior Division are affixed at \$35.00 per fiscal year. October 1st through September 30th. They shall be due and payable on the 1st day of October. Any member not paid by November 20th shall be dropped from the mailing list.

Change to: Dues for the Youth/Junior Division are affixed at \$50.00 per fiscal year. October 1st through September 30th.

10.1.4 Youth/Junior points are accumulated on the rider....etc.....A \$15.00 nomination fee is required.

Change to: Youth/Junior points are accumulated on the rider, not the horse and only in the Youth/Junior races. Dues must be paid to the Membership Director or with the person handling the race, before the race for points to count. The membership director or the race secretary will forward the information on to the Youth/Junior Director.

Submitted by Karla Gust

Chapter 11

Delete entire chapter and change to:

Chapter 11 Futurity Division

11.1 The Futurity Division is open to any horse that is five years old or younger as January 1 of the calendar year. Name and papers must be submitted at the time of nomination. If unregistered, must provide a proof of age with a veterinarian's affidavit.

11.2 Futurity horses nominated cannot have entered any barrel race prior to December 1st preceding their Futurity year, with the exception of exhibition and time only runs. Futurity horses may compete in any races after December 1. Failure to comply with this rule means forfeiture of nomination fee and elimination from the division. Horses may compete in events other than barrel racing at any time.

11.3 There will be a \$100 nomination fee for each horse nominated into the Futurity Division. Multiple nominations of eligible horses is allowed. Must be a full WBRA member in order to nominate. Nomination fee must be paid before points will count.

11.4 All horses subject to veterinary inspection at the discretion of the Futurity Director or the Board of Directors.

11.5 All money won at WBRA approved races and rodeos will count for year- end standings. The Futurity director will keep a record of standings.

11.6 There will be year- end awards for the top 3 Futurity horses, as of September 30, to be presented at the annual WBRA finals banquet. The Futurity champion will be awarded a trophy saddle, as money allows.

11.7 Must enter and compete at 9 WBRA prime races to be eligible.

If chapter 11 is revised.

Delete Chapter 12

Delete Chapter 13

Delete Chapter 14

Reason: This would create a division very similar to our Novice division. I hate the idea of not having the WBRA Futurity. It is one of the oldest in the nation, but has struggled to get significant entries for last 15 years. There is a huge amount of work and resources that go in to it. This was one way to keep part of the tradition going, by continuing to have a WBRA Futurity champion, even if it is structured differently.

Submitted by Justina Fisher

4.1.8 Race approvals submitted 3 weeks preceding last chance weekend (last full weekend in September) will not be approved.

Reason: allow the members to know set schedule of races in the last month of the season and not have random races thrown in last minute. i.e. if a race is submitted for approval on 8/29 for race to be held 9/9 it will not be approved as it is within the 3 week window before last chance.