

WISCONSIN GIRLS BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION

2021 / 2022 / 2023 BY-LAWS

Failure to know and abide by rules and regulations of W.G.B.R.A. will not be accepted as an excuse in any dispute arising over rules. For your own benefit, read and become familiar with them.

I.NAME

The name of the organization shall be known as Wisconsin Girls Barrel Racing Association, Inc. (W.G.B.R.A.)

II.PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

This association has been formed for the following purpose:

1. To promote barrel racing and encourage women, men, boys and girls of all ages to participate in the sport of barrel racing.
2. To maintain high standards, good sportsmanship, and fair play among all who participate in any barrel races approved by W.G.B.R.A.
3. To cooperate with any club or organization sponsoring a barrel race.

III.OFFICERS

1. The Officers elected will be President, Vice President, Secretary/Membership Chairperson, Point Secretary/Hours Chairperson, Treasurer and Awards Chairperson, whose duties will include resolving issues over by-laws, points, and membership standings.
2. The officers shall be elected every 3 years at the annual business meeting, which is in November to coincide with the by-law changes.
3. Offices and voting shall be limited to Adult Female Wisconsin resident members- No office shall be held by any member under 19 years of age, men or any non-resident. Voting age is 19 years and older as of January 1st of current year.
4. Anyone that wants a by-law changed must bring it in writing. By-laws will be reviewed **every 3 years** at the October meeting and voted on at the November Business meeting, unless it is decided by the officers that a change needs immediate attention. A special meeting can be called to talk about the issue and a special vote can be sent out to all members, if passed the new by-law would become effective immediately. Votes must be signed to be counted. In case of a tie, the president will then cast her vote, otherwise the president does not vote.
5. Any officer wishing to be relieved of her position must submit a written notice of resignation.

6. All officers shall serve without salary or compensation.
7. The president shall preside over all meetings and officers meetings. She shall receive all complaints, disputes or questions. If it is not covered or clear in the by-laws, a meeting will be called of the officers.
8. The vice-president shall carry on the regular duties of the president in the president's absence.
9. The secretary shall keep a written record of all business meetings. She shall handle all general correspondence of the Association as well as handle all membership submissions.
10. The point secretary shall be responsible for keeping track of points that each member submits online under the SUBMIT POINTS tab at the www.wgbra.com website WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF EVENT to determine eligibility of points for each race. She shall also make available any necessary forms used by the WGBRA. She shall also make points books available at each meeting for members to check points. She shall make a hard copy of points available for all meetings and administer a random audit of any member once a month. The hours chairperson shall be responsible for recording work hours earned from WGBRA shows.
11. The treasurer shall be responsible for all money received or paid out by the WGBRA. She must keep an accurate account in writing and supply a report of finances at each meeting. All money paid out in the amount of \$5.00 or more must be paid out by check, with the exception of payouts at our WGBRA shows. A receipt must accompany all monies paid out. There must be 2 members (the treasurer and another officer) that have access to any and all accounts for WGBRA.
12. Board of directors shall have the power to review points and determine their validity.
13. The year end awards chairperson is required to have a financial statement at the first meeting after the annual awards banquet.
14. The hours chairperson will be responsible for recording hours earned from shows.

IV. MEETINGS

1. The WGBRA shall hold monthly meetings as needed to be determined by the officers.
2. The annual business meeting shall be held at the November meeting.
3. The president may call special meetings.

V. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF W.G.B.R.A.

1. ALL MEMBERS MUST WORK A MANDATORY AMOUNT OF HOURS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS. Nonresident Wisconsin women members, resident and non-resident men, youth and resident and non-resident members under 19 years old as of January 1st and resident and non-resident peewee members must work at least 3 hours. Women Wisconsin resident members, 19 years and older as of January 1st of that year, must work at least 5 hours. If a parent and child (that still qualifies to run in the Youth for W.G.B.R.A.) are both

members, the required hours are 5 hours for the family. Unless you have paid for your hours to be worked- see rule V. 2. Only Women Wisconsin resident members, 19 years and older as of January 1st of that year, can hold office and have voting rights.

Hours worked for a general member need to be from the following: Barrel/Pole Setters, Gate Workers, Exhibition Workers, Grounds Workers, Show Set Up or Tear Down, or as Ok'd by the current board. Officers hours will come from any of the before mentioned including office work.

You *may* have non-members work your mandatory hours. Members can also give other members their hours. If a member has a member OR non-member work for them, the hours must still be turned into the Hours Chairperson with the name of the member OR non-member that worked for you, what they did and for how long. If a member will be having someone else work their hours, the Hours Chairperson needs written notice 2 weeks prior to the WGBRA show to plan work hours properly.

Members are required to turn in their hours worked to the hours chairperson with card provided to them at the WGBRA show. This card must be turned in to the office at the end of the show or mailed to the hours chairperson - postmarked within 2 weeks of the working date. Hours must be completed by the end of the point season of the current year. It is the member's responsibility to see that their hours are recorded correctly. Members must contact hours chairperson regarding any discrepancies.

2. WGBRA allows the option to pay for your hours to be worked. You have until April 1st of that point season to choose this option and pay. The hours worked fee is \$40.00 in addition to your membership and nomination fee's. Anyone wishing to pay their hours to be worked fee AFTER April 1st will need to pay \$50.

3. Those WGBRA members who work their volunteer hours at the WGBRA race(s), shall receive double points for barrels and/or poles points taken from the WGBRA show. The Points Secretary will double the points after they are properly reported by each member via the SUBMIT POINTS tab on the www.wgbra.com website.

4. Non-members may participate at any barrel race the W.G.B.R.A. holds. Should a non-member wish to become a member, his/her points/hours will count after dues have been paid to the current membership secretary of the W.G.B.R.A. Points will be counted starting from the date membership is postmarked or given to the membership secretary in person.

5. Memberships do not carry from year to year. Member's points do not count until he/she has paid the current years dues. Any members that do not have dues paid by March 1st of current year will be taken off the WGBRA Members Only Facebook page. Summer points season runs from March 1st to September 30th. Winter points season runs October 1st to the last day of February the following year.

6. A member shall be brought to the attention of the officers or board of directors if their good standing or points are in dispute. Only that member, and not the W.G.B.R.A. in its entirety, will be subject to review.

7. Any individual not in good standings shall not be granted membership.

8. To publish any information in regards to dates and locations of barrel races is up to the club or organization holding the event, not the W.G.B.R.A.

9. Any paid help at WGBRA activities needs to be approved and the dollar amount decided, either at a meeting by the members or a Special Meeting of the officers.

10. All W.G.B.R.A. members must donate at least one silent auction item each year. (The money earned here will be used towards year end awards.)

Hours are accumulated by:

Working at any WGBRA show will count towards member's hours. (1 hour worked=1 hour accumulated, 15 minutes worked= 15 minutes accumulated). Meetings will NOT be counted towards worked hours.

VI. 4-D Barrel DIVISION GUIDELINES AND MEMBERSHIP DUES

YOUTH 4-D BARRELS

* Girls and boys 18 years of age and under as of January 1st of current year

*Membership fee \$40.00

*Youth must work 3 hours at WGBRA show

*Option to pay hours worked fee by April 1st of that point season

*Can only nominate to youth OR peewees barrels, not both

* No voting rights

PEEWEE

*Boys and girls 10 and under as of January 1st of the current year

*Nomination fee for barrels only is \$10, no membership fee if only nominating for peewee barrels

*Can only nominate to youth OR peewee barrels, not both

*There are no division placings (1D, 2D etc) for peewee, all placings are considered 1D

*Peewee must work 3 hours at WGBRA show

*Option to pay hours worked fee by April 1st of that point season

*No voting rights

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S DIVISION 4-D BARRELS (Separate divisions, same rules)

*Women (Wisconsin residents and non-residents) and Men 19 years of age and over as of January 1st of current year

*Membership fee \$40

*Resident and non-resident men and non-resident women work 3 hours at WGBRA show

- *Resident Wisconsin women work 5 hours at WGBRA show
- *Option to pay hours worked fee by April 1st of that point season
- *No voting rights for men and nonresident Wisconsin women members
- *Voting rights for Wisconsin resident women members and can hold office

NON-CONTESTING / SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP

- * Membership fee \$10.00
- * Female members who are Wisconsin residents and over 19 years of age can vote and hold an office
- * Cannot take points for an award
- * Non-Contesting member must work 5 hours at WGBRA show
- * Option to pay hours worked fee by April 1st of that point season.

A. How the 4-D Barrels point system works

1. The point season will run from March 1st to 11:59 pm September 30th of the current year. The winter season begins October 1st to 11:59 pm on the last day of February.
2. Points are based on the rider. If you ride multiple horses in one class, you will receive your points for the highest placing in any one division, if you are tied for a placing on 2 horses in different divisions you would take the points in the highest division you place in. (You would get one set of points per class no matter how many horses you run in that one class.)

Example 1: You place 3rd in the 1D on horse # 1 and you place 5th in the 2D on horse # 2, you would receive your points in the 1D;

Example 2: You place 4th in 2D on horse # 1 and you place 4th in 3D on horse # 2, you would receive your points in the 2D.

Example # 3: You place 1st in 3D on horse # 1, and you place 15th in 2D on horse # 2, you would receive your points in the 3D.
3. You are required to have a paid entry and receive a time for each class to receive points. All multiple day events must be taken on the day you made the run. Any exhibition, practice, warm up, etc are not to be considered competition runs and are not to be counted for points.
4. Points must be reported via the SUBMIT POINTS tab on the www.wgbra.com website no later than 2 weeks after the date of the event. The 14 day window to submit points begins the day after the event date.
5. Points can be accumulated from any show or event published 2 weeks in advance. No points can be taken from any "LAST MINUTE" races or on the spot races.

Example of how to take points:

Open 4-D Barrel Race-**1-100** entries Points are taken through **15th place**

1st place 1-D=100 points

2nd place 1-D=99 points

3rd place 1-D=98 points

4th place 1-D=97 points

(Points are taken through 15th place)

1st place 2-D=100 points

2nd place 2-D=99 points

3rd place 2-D=98 points

4th place 2-D=97 points

(Points are taken through 15th place)

1st place 3-D=100 points

2nd place 3-D=99 points

3rd place 3-D=98 points

4th place 3-D=97 points

(Points are taken through 15th place)

1st place 4-D=100 points

2nd place 4-D=99 points

3rd place 4-D=98 points

4th place 4-D=97 points

(Points are taken through 15th place)

Classes with entries **101-200-** points will be taken to **20th place**

Classes with entries **201-300-**points will be taken to **25th place**

Classes with entries **301-400-**points will be taken to **30th place**

Classes with entries **401-over-**points will be taken to **35th place**

6. All points accumulated will stay in the division they are won in. Example: A rider may accumulate points in all 4 divisions throughout the point season.
7. Age division classes, rodeos, jackpots, novice horse, novice rider, and any other class that is not placed as a 4-D will be considered 1-D points.
8. Youth points may be accumulated in Youth 4-D, Open 4-D or any available classes they are eligible to run at the show. Peewee points may be accumulated in Youth 4D, Open 4D or any available classes they are eligible to run at a show, however peewee points do not accumulate in separate divisions, only one barrel division. So for registered peewees, 4D points would accumulate with 2D or 3D or 1D points all together.
9. Any class with divisions greater than 4, will be placed out to the 4D only. For example: There are 23 riders who placed in the 4D and you placed 3rd in the 5D. Then the points you report would be 26th in the 4D (the 23 riders that placed ahead of you in 4D plus the 3rd place you were in the 5D).
10. Points are taken as awarded, example; some shows may have one 4-D class placing ½ second splits, and one 4-D class placing full second splits. Points are awarded as placed at show.

B. Determining Eligible Points

1. When the W.G.B.R.A. sponsors any barrel race that will be the only place a member can take points from on that day.
2. The only time a horse may have 2 or more riders is at a show or rodeo that permits it.
3. Points will be taken by the go-round. No average points count.
4. You are allowed to take points from a carryover or a sidepot.
5. You may only take points from one horse per class. If you run more than one horse in the same class, you may only report the points for the horse which places highest regardless of division. For example: Horse A places 5th in the 1D and Horse B places 1st in the 3D, then you can only report Horse B points because that horse placed higher in its division.

C. 4-D Barrels Award Guidelines

1. Women's, Men's and Youth 4-D Barrels will place the top 5 in each division. Monetary amounts will be equal in each division, but dollar amount may vary in each group depending on number of member's in each group.
2. Each rider that is nominated is eligible for one award.
3. Any rider that is nominated and places in multiple divisions will automatically receive the award in the division the member has received the highest placing in. If a member would have the same placing in more than one division, at the end of the point season, at that time they would take the award in the highest division.
4. A sportsmanship and hard luck award will be given out at the annual awards banquet each year. This will be voted on by current members.

VII. OPEN 2D POLE DIVISION GUIDELINES AND MEMBERSHIP DUES

* Peewee, youth, women and men 19 years of age and over as of January 1st of current year all compete against one another in the Open 2D Poles Division

*If only competing in poles, no barrel membership, then membership fee is \$40 is due

*If competing in WGBRA barrels (\$40) and poles, then an additional \$10 is required to compete

*If nominated as a peewee barrel competitor (\$10), then an additional \$40 is required to compete in poles

1. Any nominated member may take points in either or both pole bending or pole weaving.
2. Any pole race greater than 2D will only be placed to 2D. For example: If there were 8 in the 2D and you placed 1st in the 3D, then you would report 9th place in the 2D (the 8 2D places ahead of you plus your placing in the 3D)
3. If you ride more than one horse in the same race, you can only take points for the highest placing horse, no matter the division. For example: One horse places 5th in the 1D and the second horse places 1st in the 2D. You can only report the points of the horse that places 1st in the 2D because it was the highest placing horse. If one horse places 2nd in the 1D and the second horse places 2nd in the 2D, then you can only report the horse that placed 2nd in the 1D.
4. You are allowed to take points from a carryover or a sidepot.
5. Point season runs March 1st to 11:59 pm September 30th of current year.
6. One nomination fee per rider.
7. Rider must place in the top 15 to receive points. Example; 25 entries-1st place receives 25 points, 2nd place receives 24 points, and so on down to 15th place.
8. Year end pole awards will be given as follows:

<u># of nominations</u>	<u># of award placing's in each division</u>
1-10 nominations	1
11-20 nominations	2
21-30 nominations	3
31-40 nominations	4

And so on.

9. See...**VI. C. Determining Eligible Points** This applies to the Open Pole Division as well.
10. Poles are placed however the class is run. For example: if the class is a 2D with full second splits that is how it is placed, if it is a straight jackpot with no divisions, your placing would fall into 1D for points.
11. Each rider that is nominated is eligible for one award for poles.

12. Points must be reported via the SUBMIT POINTS tab on the www.wgbra.com website no later than 2 weeks after the date of the event. The 14 day window to submit points begins the day after the event date.

VIII. WINTER BARREL SERIES GUIDELINES AND MEMBERSHIP DUES

*Peewee, youth, women and men 19 years and over as of January 1st of the current year all compete against one another in the Winter Barrel Series

*\$20 for all current year WGBRA members

*If not current WGBRA member, then \$40 fee to compete in the Winter Barrel Series

*Membership paperwork and fee must be paid to the membership secretary before eligible to take points. Points can be taken the day it was postmarked if mailed or the day it was hand delivered to the membership secretary.

1. You are allowed to take points from a carryover or a sidepot.
2. Point season runs October 1st to 11:59 pm the last day of February the following year.
3. One nomination fee per rider.
4. See...**VI.C. Determining Eligible Points** This applies to the Winter Barrel Series as well.
5. Points must be reported via the SUBMIT POINTS tab on the www.wgbra.com website no later than 2 weeks after the date of the event. The 14 day window to submit points begins the day after the event date.
6. Season end Winter Series awards will be given as follows:

<u># of nominations</u>	<u># of award placing's in each division</u>
1-10 nominations	1
11-20 nominations	2
21-30 nominations	3
31-40 nominations	4
And so on.	

IX. CLUB DISBANDMENT

If in any event the W.G.B.R.A. should disband, all properties including real estate, and equipment, shall be liquidated and all monies be dispersed to a non-profit charity or charities, of which to be decided by the officers at that time. No club member past, present or future shall benefit from the funds of the club.

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