

KITTITAS COUNTY BARREL RACERS 2026 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP RULE BOOK

Article I - Name

Section 1: The organization's full name is Kittitas County Barrel Racers Association.

Section 2 This organization shall be known as the KCBR and its duration shall be perpetual.

Article II - Purpose

"Our mission at Kittitas County Barrel Racers is to provide an equal and inclusive opportunity for horsemanship and barrel racing in our local community to local residents and guests. We strive for fostering the growth and education in the equine industry and future opportunities of the sport for both its current riders and the youth coming up through our barrel racing ride nights and competitive jackpots"

Section 1 - The KCBR has been formed to provide a safe, long standing opportunity for members and guests to grow and compete in the barrel racing and pole bending opportunities in our area.

Section 2 - To provide good, healthy, and mindful competition for all ages, focusing on a positive environment to learn and grow.

Section 3 KCBR is a non-profit organization, under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article III - Membership

To adopt rules 1-19 and our "officers and other responsibilities" section in our current KCBR rulebook appropriately to the ByLaws of our organization.

1. Membership dues: \$60 per member including one (1) horse. \$20 for each additional family member including one (1) horse. \$25 for each additional horse. Parents of a peewee member must be a member. Non-riding parents' membership fee is \$50 plus the peewee membership of \$10.
 - a. If the club funds are at or below \$10,000 by January 1st of the new year, the officers have the right to call an emergency vote to reinstate the nomination fees and to also inform the members that annual awards will reflect the funds available, even if the funds were previously approved.
 - b. Club officers are exempt from membership dues.

2. Membership is open to any age. Members under the age of eighteen (18) years must have a parent or legal guardian sign the release waiver on the back of the membership form.
3. Anyone participating in KCBR events, ten (10) years and under will be required to wear a helmet, unless a parent/guardian signs off releasing all liability.
4. Dues and arena fees are required to be paid before points count.
5. One (1) membership meeting will be held of all general members. The Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the awards banquet to be determined by the President. Notice of this meeting will be disseminated to the general membership a minimum of three (3) months in advance. The Board of Directors (elected officers) will meet a minimum of quarterly. All board meetings are open to the general membership.
6. All proposed rule changes and a slate of officer nominations will be disseminated to the general membership thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. KCBR members elect officers as well as adopt any rule changes. The Board of Directors is the Nominating Committee for the following year's officer candidates. The Nominating Committee will attempt to slate a minimum of two (2) candidates per office. Nominations for officer positions will also be accepted from the floor of the annual meeting.
7. Officers: There is a job description for officers listed in the rulebook.
8. KCBR will attempt to provide Wednesdays as practice nights, only if the arena is available to practice in. The Wednesday night arena will be open to KCBR members for a \$10.00 fee per rider; non-members may ride for \$15.00 and sign a release form as a guest.
9. Poles will be set up on practice nights if possible.
10. The officers will have the right and responsibility to address safety issues on ride nights or point's nights. When an officer requests a change for safety reasons to a member and the member does not comply after one warning, his or her points from that night can be removed.
11. If a rule is not covered in our rule book, we will refer to the WBRA rule book, BRN4D rule book or NBHA rule book as a reference.
12. Anyone that uses KCBR electric eyes must pay a \$1.00 per run rental fee. Officers may donate them if needed.
13. When other associations use our club discount to rent the arena and make a profit for their organization, they will be charged \$1.00 per run.
14. Minutes will be promptly sent out to members every month. Meeting minutes will be sent out by email and posted on KCBR Facebook page.
15. Voting members have to be nine (9) years of age to vote on club issues.
16. All KCBR elected officers who serve their full term will be given a membership to the club for the term of their position and not be required to pay for the membership. All KCBR elected officers will receive one free banquet ticket for the awards banquet.
17. Three (3) "work nights" are required for the season per membership with a 3-4 membership limit for each event, whether that is a "family" or "individual" membership. The work nights are available for sign up at the start of the season and it is an obligation for the evening, not

a particular part of the evening. In addition to the members working, there will be a director in charge as a point of contact for each race. There are no requirements for members to attend meetings.

18. ALL members must conduct themselves in a way that is conducive to a positive image for the club, the sport of barrel racing and the livestock industry. Any abuse towards officers, other members or livestock/animals either in person, at meetings or on social media, will not be tolerated. As well as any unsportsmanlike conduct, any NSF checks, or outstanding/unpaid fees may cause the KCBR Officers/ Board of Directors to revoke ALL memberships related to the offending party from the Kittitas County Barrel Racing Club. KCBR reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone. In addition, any past member that has been removed from the club for such actions, will need a unanimous vote by the officers and board to be approved for future memberships.
19. New Rule proposals must be written in rule format and have an explanation as well as the current rule written below.

a. EXAMPLE:

i. Proposal #:

Rule being proposed written here in rule book word form.

Explanation: Explain why this new rule should be put into place.

Rule Currently States:

List current rule here.

Article IV - Point Race Nights

1. Entry fees are as follows:

b. PeeWee Barrels	\$5.00
c. Open 3D	\$10.00
d. \$500 Novice	\$10.00
e. Youth 11-15	\$10.00
f. Peewee Poles	\$5.00
g. Open Poles	\$10.00
h. Office Fee	\$10.00 per person, excluding Peeweews
2. KCBR reserves the right to co-approve NBHA/BRN4D races. The NBHA/BRN4D race will be run right after the Peewee class and riders can roll their time into the other classes. Riders must choose to roll or run prior to running in the NBHA/BRN4D race. The NBHA/BRN4D races will be run as an option one (1) race.

3. Each officer/board member will take charge of one point's race. Officers/board members need help with running these races and will call on members to help.
4. Entries are open until 6:45 pm (15 minutes prior to race start time).
5. Peepees will not start before 6:45.
6. A maximum of eight (8) places will be awarded with points in each division depending on the number of eligible runs.
7. A rider will receive three calls when it is their turn. After the third call the rider will be disqualified from that race. A standard course will be used unless the facility does not allow for one. See diagram in rule book.
8. Time onlys will be provided from 5:30-6:30. The fee will be \$4 each or 3/\$10 for member or non member. Any non member must sign the insurance release form before riding. Time onlys will be paid at the gate.
 - a. There will be no riders on the pattern during time onlys unless approved by the current payee and/or the officer in charge of the current race. Discretion is left to the officer in charge and/or the grounds person whether other riders are approved in the arena during time onlys, depending on the arena.
9. A rider with multiple horses must ride in the order the computer draws them. If this is not done, your run will receive a no time.
10. The standard order of classes will be Peepee barrels, 3D Open, \$500 Novice, Youth, Peepee poles and Open Poles. In June, July and August the pattern may be reversed (entering from the west end of the arena) to avoid riders running in the setting sun. The board of directors will make that decision. Poles may be run first during the summer and the board of directors will make that decision.
11. A contestant may opt to roll their time from an open race to the novice or youth race only. It is the responsibility of the contestant to notify the office of their intention to roll their time from the open to novice or youth classes prior to the start of the open. If a contestant fails to notify the office prior to the start of the open race the contestant must then compete in the novice or youth class that she/he has entered or forfeit their fees.
12. All exhibition runs will run last after the youth and before the poles as separate "class" and will receive the same draws as all other classes. This includes non-members that just came to make a run for a time (if no Jackpot is offered) and members that have an extra horse to run that didn't pay for an additional horse. Exhibition runs will be \$10/run.

Article V - Points

1. Points will be given to 8 places in all divisions:
 - 1st place – 8 points
 - 2nd place – 7 points
 - 3rd place – 6 points
 - 4th place – 5 points
 - 5th place – 4 points

- 6th place – 3 points
- 7th place – 2 points
- 8th place – 1 point

Article VI - High Point Saddles

1. If club funds allow, a saddle shall be awarded to the leader in each class of the club with sufficient entries and sponsorships. This replaces the high point saddle, giving the opportunity for more classes to award a saddle.

Article VII - Open 3D

1. The 3D open is open to riders of all ages, experience and horse of their choice. Points are awarded to rider only, unless multiple horses are ridden in the same night, then rider/horse combination is used for awarding points.
2. A knocked over barrel will result in a NT. The time will be announced so the rider knows their time, but it will be a NT.
3. 3D racers must attempt to make the fastest run possible. Any obvious attempt to “pull up” or pace their run will result in a no time. The Board of Directors will make the decision on this rule
4. Barrel Racers are required to run in five (5) of the nine (9) races to receive year end awards.
5. During the nine (9) points race nights, a member can be awarded points in more than one (1) division. If the same rider/horse combination receives points in two divisions, one year end award will be given in the division with the most points. The next member in the dropped division will receive an award.
6. Division time splits are as follows:
 - 1D – The fastest time of the night
 - 2D – The fastest time of the night plus 1 second
 - 3D – The fastest time of the night plus 2 seconds.

EXAMPLE:

- 18.000 – Fastest time of the night places 1st in 1D
- 19.000 – places 1st in 2D
- 20.000 – places 1st in 3D

Article VIII - \$500 Novice Class

1. \$500 Novice class is based on horses' lifetime money earned and starts on January 1, 2023.
2. \$500 Novice class will be based on horse / rider combination.
3. A knocked over barrel will result in a five (5) second penalty.

Article IX - Youth

1. Riders eleven (11) to seventeen (17) years of age are eligible to nominate their horse for the youth division, rider's age is as of January 1st.
2. No dollar amount limit on the horse.
3. The youth division is based on the rider. Points are awarded per rider, not horse/rider combination. Unless multiple horses are ridden in the same night, then rider/horse combination is used for awarding points.
4. A knocked over barrel will result in a five (5) second penalty,

Article X - Peewee Barrels and Poles

1. Riders age ten (10) and under are eligible to run in peewee, riders age is as of January 1st.
2. No dollar amount limit on the horse.
3. Points will count on the rider only and riders may only enter one time per race.
4. Peeweess can move up to higher level classes; however, once they move up they cannot move back down.
5. Peewee riders can move up to higher level classes on any horse or horses; however, If they run their peewee nominated horse in any higher KCBR points class then the rider and horse cannot move back down to the peewee class.
6. A knocked over barrel or pole will be a five (5) second penalty per object knocked down.
7. Riders must enter and run in four (4) of nine (9) races to receive year-end participation awards.

Article XI - Open Poles

1. There will be an open pole class, which will run after the barrel race.
2. Placing will be fastest to slowest. May enter more than one horse.
3. Points will be awarded the same as in barrels – eight (8) points down to one (1) point.
4. Pole benders must enter and run in five (5) of nine (9) races to receive year end awards.
5. A knocked over pole will be a five (5) second penalty per pole knocked down
6. Points will count on the rider only unless the rider has entered two or more horses in the same night; points will then be awarded on a horse/rider combination.

Article XII - Awards

1. The KCBR Awards Banquet will be held at the end of the year and the date of the banquet is to be determined by the awards committee after reviewing available dates.
2. The awards committee will present a budget for awards to the membership for approval.
3. Each year the committee will present a budget to buy a gift for the outgoing president. The committee will select the gift.
4. Most Improved rider will be awarded in two (2) age divisions – eighteen (18) and under and nineteen (19) and over.

5. There will be a Horse of the Year Award for the horse that shows the most improvement throughout the year, who has the most heart and continues to improve and maintains some consistency at races. Nominations/suggestions may be made by the membership. Current officers and board of directors will decide on the nominated horse to win this year end award.
6. An over 18/17 and under sportsmanship award will be awarded to the members that are voted as displaying the most sportsmanlike conduct and encouraging a positive atmosphere to members of the club throughout the year.
7. Awards will be given to the average size of each class after five (5) points races. Open will also be determined by the average size of the class after five (5) points races, then divided by three (3) to determine the placings in each D division. Peewee poles and open poles will also use an average size of each event.

Riders	Places given points
1-3	1
4-6	2
7-9	3
10-12	4
13-15	5
16-20	6

8. All Peewees outside of the placing system that attended and ran in four (4) of nine (9) races will receive a participation award for barrels and poles.
9. All first place winners will receive a championship buckle or award of equal value, per awards committee decision. The awards committee will have the liberty to decide what the award will be within their budget. The officers will meet with the awards committee to review their budget, and choices before any awards are ordered.
10. In the event of a tie, the individual with the highest overall placings will be awarded first place. If a tie still remains, the competitor who attended the greatest number of races throughout the year will be declared the winner.

Article XIII - OFFICER AND OTHERS RESPONSIBILITIES

PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all KCBR meetings and will be the overseer of all committees to ensure they run smoothly. He/She will be a mediator if need arises and will call upon the Board of Directors when decision making is necessary.

VICE-PRESIDENT: The Vice President will assist the president in any way possible. In the absence of the President, He/She shall preside at the meetings.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and maintain a complete, up to date membership roster.

POINTS SECRETARY: The Points Secretary shall keep a record of all points won by the KCBR members.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall keep records of business transactions and have custody of the KCBR funds, reporting to the membership at all meetings. He/She will make an annual report available to the membership at the November business meeting.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER: The equipment manager will be in charge of all KCBR equipment to include but not limited to: poles, barrels, barrel covers, electric eyes, KCBR flag, drag, etc. They will maintain good operable condition of all equipment and make sure that it is available as needed for all KCBR events.

SPONSORSHIP SHARE: The Sponsorship Chair is responsible for securing financial and material support from businesses, organizations, and individuals to help fund club events, awards, and activities. This role includes reaching out to potential sponsors, maintaining positive relationships with current sponsors, and ensuring all sponsors receive appropriate recognition. The Sponsorship Chair also keeps accurate records of sponsorship commitments and donations, provides regular updates to the club, and works closely with other committee members to align sponsorship efforts with club goals.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The board will consist of 3 positions, 1 (one) year term, 1 (two) year term and 1 (three) year term. Any current outgoing officer will be moved into the board of directors three year term position, moving other board members down in order, to the two year and one year position consecutively. If there are no outgoing officers, the current board member can nominate to stay on the board of directors for the next year, or a member can be nominated and voted in for any empty position. If any board member is leaving and there are no outgoing officers to fill the position, any current member can be nominated and voted to be elected to the open board position.

Article XIV - COMMITTEES

AWARDS/BANQUET COMMITTEE: The Awards/Banquet Committee will be in charge of securing donations and sponsors for the buckles and other awards. They will choose the awards to be given at the annual awards banquet. The Committee must consist of at least 3 (three) KCBR members. The Committee will also be in charge of putting the awards banquet together.

2025 OFFICERS

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BOARD MEMBERS

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