

BRN4D Rules & Guidelines  
(Effective July 1, 2025)

**I**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership dues will be \$55.00 annually. Membership for each additional horse shall be \$35.00 annually.

Membership for youth and seniors competing in Youth and Senior Division ONLY will be \$55.00 annually and include year-end awards.

Membership dues for youth and seniors competing in the Open division as well as Youth and/or Senior Division will be \$55.00 annually. If you wish to be eligible for Youth or Senior division year-end awards, there is an additional \$25.00 annual awards fee.

Annual membership will run from July 1 to June 30 each year.

Dues must be paid before points will count toward standings. Membership forms will be available at all BRN4D races.

BRN4D retains the right to refuse membership.

**II**  
**SANCTIONING**

Call the BRN4D office (503-656-8181) or email [Niki@BRN4D.com](mailto:Niki@BRN4D.com) or [Jessica@BRN4D.com](mailto:Jessica@BRN4D.com) to obtain a producer's portal log in. All producers must fill out an online race guide prior to the event to advertise their race.

All BRN4D prime or co-sanctioned races must at a minimum offer the open class.

In order for a race to receive approval for co-sanctioning, the producer must declare and maintain Prime Sanctioning with a recognized and established barrel racing association. An association is defined as an organized body of enrolled members whose activity is guided by written rules and has a clearly defined and published payout. The race will be conducted in accordance within the rules and guidelines of the Prime Sanctioning body.

BRN4D reserves the right to deny sanctioning to any individual or organization if it is determined not to be in the best interest of BRN4D or its members.

**III**  
**CO-SANCTIONING**

BRN4D management must approve all co-sanctioning. Co-Sanctioned events will be governed by the Prime Sanction rules. At all races that BRN4D is the Co-Sanction, BRN4D members will pay an additional \$2 per run, per horse, per class for points. Conflicts will be resolved by BRN4D management.

BRN4D Prime races are governed by BRN4D rules. Youths running in a BRN4D Prime youth race must meet BRN4D eligibility requirements.

Races that are NBHA Co-Sanctioned for points will use this procedure: NBHA Youths meeting the BRN4D age requirements for youth may roll their open time into the Youth class or they may run in the Youth class. NBHA Youths whose age exceeds the BRN4D requirements must run in the open class. They must pay the NBHA Co-Sanction fee for the Youth class (\$2.00). This will be reported to the NBHA District Director whose District sanctioned for points along with the sanctioning fees. These riders are eligible for district points only, not the Youth jackpot monies. The NBHA District Director will add these times into the actual BRN4D youth class and recalculate placings for the purpose of awarding District points only.

For BRN4D Prime shows that are NBHA Co-Sanctioned as Qualifiers only, the process stays the same except BRN4D will forward fees and times to either the State Director or District Director, whoever is the Co-Sanctioning person.

#### **IV** **SCHEDULING RACE DATES**

Geographical protection up to 200 miles will be offered to producers producing races that have \$1,000.00 added per race, and 100 miles to producers producing races that have \$500.00 added per race. If there are scheduling conflicts, producers are encouraged to work together to coordinate race schedules and times. Protected races must have their online guide date approved by BRN4D office no less than 60 days prior to their event. If a race qualifies for protection, all races booked after the protected race has been sanctioned must be 200 miles (\$1,000.00+ added) or 100 miles (\$500.00+ added) or greater away from the protected race location.

Resolution for races that are booked and create schedule conflicts will be left up to BRN4D management. Sanctioning may be denied.

#### **V** **CANCELLATION OF RACES**

If a race date must be cancelled, call or email the BRN4D office immediately. Cancellations may be assessed a \$100.00 fine at the discretion of the BRN4D management. All collected fees must be refunded immediately and every effort must be made to notify contestants that the race has been cancelled

#### **VI** **RACE CATEGORIES**

Open: Any rider

Novice: Rider or horse (at least one of the two) must be under \$500 in barrel racing lifetime earnings as of race entry date

Senior: Rider 45 years of age or older as of date of first Senior competition entered

Youth: 17 years of age or younger as of date of first Youth competition entered of the current BRN4D year

Inbetweeners: Rider age 18-44 as of race entry date

Pee Wee: 10 years of age or younger as of January 1 and cannot compete in any other class at that race.

Futurity Incentive: Open to horses that qualify under the BRN4D Futurity Incentive Rules

Derby Incentive: Open to horses that qualify under the BRN4D Derby Incentive Rules

A contestant may opt to roll their time from an Open race to any other classes offered. It is the responsibility of the contestant to notify the office of their intention to roll their time to all other classes prior to the start of the

Open race. If a contestant fails to notify the office prior to the start of the Open race, the contestant must then make an additional run in any other class they have entered or forfeit their fees.

## **VII**

### **ENTRY FEES**

<b><u>Added Money</u></b>	<b><u>Suggested Entry Fees</u></b>
\$100-\$250	\$25-\$40
\$250-\$500	\$35-\$50
\$500-\$750	\$45-\$60
\$750-\$1,000	\$55-\$70
\$1,000 +	\$65-\$80

Futurity Incentive – no more than \$30 (unless added money warrants)

Derby Incentive – no more than \$30 (unless added money warrants)

Novice - no more than \$30 (unless added money warrants)

Youth - no more than \$30 (unless added money warrants)

Senior - no more than \$30 (unless added money warrants)

Pee Wee – entry fees should be no more than \$10 per entrant. BRN4D suggests that all entrants receive a participation award (i.e. ribbon, button, trophy, etc) Pee Wee entrants have the option of being led through the course by an adult on foot.

Producer has the right to refuse entry.

## **VIII**

### **ADDED MONEY**

100% of advertised added money must be put into the payout pot. The amount of added money and awards must be listed separately on all advertising.

## **IX**

### **STATE/PROVINCE RECOGNITION POINTS**

A State/Province point program will be in place for all BRN4D sanctioned races. Individual high point winners will be designated by state. The season begins July 1 and ends June 30. Awards will be distributed at the BRN4D finals and must be picked up at BRN4D Finals by the winner or person designated by the winner. AWARDS WILL NOT BE MAILED – NO EXCEPTIONS! No points will be awarded at BRN4D Finals.

#### **Points will be awarded as follows:**

Participation points per race (must compete): 50 points

Points will be awarded on a dollar won basis. \$1 equals 1 point, cents will be dropped.

Riders entering more than one horse in any point qualifying race category will get points on the horse with the most points in the race. If an additional membership fee has been paid on a second horse, the horse with the lower points awarded will go toward the second membership. It does not matter which horse a member rides, the points are awarded to the rider, not the horse. BRN4D will keep track of all points and publish to the web page.

State/Province Open, Youth and/or Senior awards will be determined and awarded at BRN4D Finals.

In order for a State/Province to receive Open year-end awards, there must be a minimum of 16 active BRN4D members in that State/Province. Only memberships with qualified runs will count towards year-end awards. Youth or senior in any given State/Province with 50 or more BRN4D members will receive year-end awards.

All BRN4D approved races, regardless of state, will count for your home state points. If a rider moves out of their originating state after becoming a member, all points remain in the originating state for the remainder of that race year.

## **X** **FINALS**

To qualify to race in the BRN4D Finals, you must be a member of BRN4D and compete in the number of races (see below) required for the class in which you wish to compete:

Open Division: 6 races per membership

Youth Division: 4 races per membership

Senior Division: 4 races per membership

Example: You must run in six (6) open BRN4D qualifier races, per membership, to compete in the Open at Finals. You must run in four (4) senior BRN4D qualifier races, per membership, to compete in the Senior division at Finals. You must run in four (4) youth BRN4D qualifier races, per membership, to compete in the Youth division at Finals. For each additional horse one wants to run at finals, you must pay the additional membership fee of \$35.00 and have the required number of qualified runs. Example: 24 runs throughout the year will qualify you to run 4 horses at Finals, if you have 4 memberships.

BRN4D membership will be required to run in the Novice class at the Finals.

## **XI** **BONUS POINT RACES**

Double Points: Any individual race with added money exceeding \$499.99 but less than \$1,000.00 will receive double points.

Triple Points: Any individual race with added money exceeding \$999.99 but less than \$5000.00 will receive triple points.

Quadruple Points: Any individual race with added money exceeding \$4,999.99 will receive quadruple points.

## **XII** **OFFICE CHARGES**

Producers can retain no more than 30% of entry fees which includes \$2.00 run fee. If a producer withholds less than 30%, the percentage withheld must be consistent throughout the event and the percentage withheld must be posted at the race or advertised. If a contestant is entering more than one horse, only one late fee may be charged.

## **XIII**



6	27%	23%	18%	14%	10%	8%								
7	25%	21%	18%	14%	10%	7%	5%							
8	23%	19%	17%	14%	11%	7%	5%	4%						
9	21%	18%	16%	14%	11%	7.5%	5%	4%	3.5%					
10	20%	18%	15%	12%	9.5%	7.5%	6%	5%	4%	3%				
11	19%	17%	14.5%	12%	9.5%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3.5%	2.5%			
12	19%	17%	14%	11%	9%	7%	5.5%	5%	4%	3.5%	2.75%	2.25%		
13	18.5%	16.75%	13.75%	10.75%	8.5%	6.55%	5.5%	5%	4%	3.5%	2.75%	2.25%	2.2%	
14	18.5%	16.75%	13.75%	10.75%	8.05%	6.25%	5%	4.5%	3.5%	3.25%	2.75%	2.5%	2.3%	2.15%

If times breakdown where one division has no riders in it, then the payout must be: 40%, 35%, 25%

If times breakdown where two division have no riders, then payoff must be: 60%, 40%

If times breakdown where three divisions have no riders, then payoff must be: 100%

The last spot on the payoff of the 4<sup>th</sup> division should pay back no less than then amount of the entry fee. If less than 10 riders are entered in a race, payoff can be less than the entry fee. Maximum number of places pad must be used when figuring the payoff.

If times breakdown where there are fewer contestants in one division than payoff spots, the payoff percentages will remain the same regardless of the amount of payees in a particular division. The remaining payoff spot(s) added together and divided amongst the placing payees as follows:

- 1 place – 100%
- 2 places – 60%, 40%
- 3 places – 40%, 35%, 25%
- 4 places – 37%, 28%, 20%, 15%
- 5 places – 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%
- 6 places – 27%, 23%, 18%, 14%, 10%, 8%
- 7 places – 25%, 21%, 18%, 14%, 10%, 7%, 5%

#### **EXAMPLE:**

**A race paying five (5) places and only four (4) contestants placing in a D:**

#### **Division 1**

1	Dawn Gibson	15.631	\$494.01
2	Josie Masden	15.917	\$404.19
3	Charlee Weygandt	16.072	\$299.40
4	Joni Jensen	16.128	\$194.61
5	No one placing		\$104.79

**Payoff when only four (4) placing in a five (5) place payoff:**

1	Dawn Gibson	15.631	$\$494.01 + \$38.77 = \$532.78$
2	Josie Masden	15.917	$\$404.19 + \$29.34 = \$433.53$
3	Charlee Weygandt	16.072	$\$299.40 + \$20.95 = \$320.35$
4	Joni Jensen	16.128	$\$194.61 + \$15.71 = \$210.32$

Take the number of contestants placing in that particular D and divide the total amount of money from the payoff spots that no one placed in by the number of contestants placing in that particular D. The \$104.79 for 5<sup>th</sup> place was divided on a 37%, 28%, 20%, 15% and added to the original payoff. If only 3 place, then 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place payouts are added together and divided 40%, 35%, 25%.

**XVII**  
**PAYOFF CORRECTIONS**

It is the event producer's responsibility to do the payout correctly. If the payoff is determined to be inaccurate, the race producer is liable to make the appropriate corrections in a timely manner. Contestants who fail to pay back an overpayment due to miscalculation will be suspended for 30 days following written notice from the producer until monies are paid back in full. BRN4D will award points according to the advertised payout and is not responsible for making monetary adjustments; this responsibility lies with the producer.

**XVIII**  
**LIABILITY DISCLAIMER**

All persons who participate in any race must sign a disclaimer of liability regardless of their membership status with Barrel Racers National 4D (BRN4D).

**XIX**  
**RACE RESULTS**

Results (all classes, including averages) must be emailed within 48 hours following your event. Producers must also upload a pdf version to the producer portal to be displayed on the BRN4D website Results page.

Prime Races: List of all contestants, times (including no times) and the run fee of \$1.00 per entry per class must be mailed within 72 hours of the conclusion of your event.

Co-Sanctioned Races: List of all BRN4D members who paid co-sanction fees, times (including no times) and the co-sanction fees of \$2.00 per class must be mailed within 72 hours of the conclusion of your event.

Any BRN4D membership forms/fees collected must be mailed within 72 hours of the conclusion of your event.

Mail to: BRN4D 27300 S Pederson Rd Estacada, OR 97023

If complete race results, including average and fees are not postmarked within 72 hours of the conclusion of the event, producer will be fined \$25 for each day past due. This information is vital to the timely posting of points standings.

**XX**  
**RETURNED CHECKS**

Failure of any member or non-member to make good on a returned check to BRN4D or a BRN4D sanctioned event may result in suspension of a members' privilege to compete in any BRN4D sanctioned event. This member or non-member's name will appear on an ineligible list published on the BRN4D webpage. Once producers have exhausted all efforts to collect on a returned check they are asked to call or email the BRN4D office so that appropriate measures can be taken.

**XXI**  
**HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS**

Any contestant who abuses an animal by any unnecessary non-competitive or competitive action (anywhere on the event grounds) may result in disqualification at the producers' discretion and/or suspension by the BRN4D management.

**XXII**  
**TRADES OR DRAW POSITIONS**

All horses/riders will run in their drawn positions. If a contestant is unable to run in her/his drawn position due to unforeseen circumstances, the producer, at their discretion, may allow the contestant to run at the end of the race. Trades are allowed on a position for position basis. The show management at the producers' discretion must approve trades amongst riders.

**VET OUT/MEDICAL OUT/TURNOUT SPOTS ONLY:** Show management may, at the producers' discretion, fill holes in the draw with late entries at the individual rider's request. Holes in the draw must be filled lowest available number first. If show management/producer allows, riders drawn later in the draw may trade up to a vet out/medical out/turnout spot if the available number is the same position or lower in the rake. Example: Rider 92 may trade up to an earlier draw number if the open spot is second, third, fourth or fifth out on the rake.

The draw shall be done in a random manner. Under no circumstances shall a contestant pick their own draw position. The exception to this rule is to separate riders running more than one horse. Show management has discretion in this matter.

Contestants riding two or more horses must declare their desired horse order and ride in the order drawn.

**XXIII**  
**COMPETITION RULES**

The barrel pattern at a BRN4D sanctioned event must meet the following conditions:

- a. A minimum of 15 feet between barrels one and two and each side fence
- b. A minimum of 30 feet between barrel three and the back fence
- c. A minimum of 30 feet between time line and first/second barrel line
- d. Stopping distance can be no less than 45 feet (from electric eye to fence)

Standard course dimensions: 90 feet by 105 feet with 60 foot starting line. If a standard course cannot be marked, then the distance between the second and third barrel will not be more than the distance between the first and second barrel plus 20 feet. (Example: 70 feet between first and second barrel, then no more than 90 feet from the second to the third barrel)

The barrel must be marked with a tape measure, no automatic measuring devices will be used.

Once the barrel race begins, there will be no altering of gates, barrels, electric eyes, or markers. The course must remain consistent from the first rider to the last.

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 by adding four (4) inches of water or ten (10) pounds of dry sand to each plastic barrel.

**GROUND**



The ground around the barrels must be reworked and leveled, using a mechanical groomer pulled by a motorized vehicle, after every eight (8) or fewer contestants have competed. Hand raking alone is not acceptable.

Ground moisture should be regularly tested and water added if needed. Good and safe ground condition must be a priority at each and every race.

A “no time” will be given for:

- a. Going off course (not completing the cloverleaf pattern, circling between barrels, any backward motion)
- b. Not running in drawn position
- c. Knocking over a barrel (if a barrel is knocked over and it sets back up again on either end a “no-time” will be assessed) Touching a barrel to keep it from falling is permitted.

Contestants may run any horse or as many horses as they choose in a class. A rider cannot enter the same horse more than once in any class, unless a multiple day run for the same payout has been advertised in advance on the race guide. In no case will the same horse be entered more than twice in the same class/payout per day. BRN4D Points will only be awarded to the highest placing per horse per membership in the final payout.

### **RERUNS**

Should a producer deem a rerun is in order due to mechanical errors or unforeseen circumstances, the contestant will be given the option of running at the end of their race or at the end of the race class. This option will be granted to all contestants given a rerun.

If a “no time” penalty occurs before interference, the “no time” will stand.

### **DRESS CODE**

Dress Code (long sleeve shirt, hat or helmet and boots) is left to the discretion of the producer. If enforcing a dress code, it must be advertised.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Poor sportsmanship should not be exhibited and will not be tolerated

### **CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

If a conflict cannot be resolved with show management, a written grievance can be submitted to the BRN4D office. BRN4D management will contact Advisory Board and a determination will be rendered.