



NBHA Texas District 26

Rules for the 2014 classes not covered by NBHA

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Texas District 26 includes Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, and Tyler Counties

Introduction:

District 26 will provide a fair and equal opportunity barrel race in all aspects of the competition. The shows will abide by the rules established by the NBHA and the by-laws adopted by the District 26 members. The District Director has the right to add and modify any by-laws as needed. It is the member's responsibility to read and be familiar with both the National rules and District by-laws. It is the member's responsibility to read the website for changes and updates.

Members are expected to show good sportsmanship conduct and exercise good values at all times. Disputes and disagreements that occur within the District should be brought forward in a professional manner that lacks blame and criticism. Every member has the right to their opinion; however, decisions will be made based on rules established and in the best interest of the District and its members.

Hard work, dedication, motivation, commitment, and unselfish teamwork are the values that create our great organization. We will strive to achieve a high level of personal performance in the arena while being value driven members, and may that collective energy deliver the total success of our District 26.

I. NBHA Texas District 26 Rules and Regulations

A. General Rules

1. **Number of Sanctioned Shows** -Number of point shows will be 15 per competition year.
2. **Yearly Meeting** - A general membership meeting will be held once yearly before the new competition year. Other meetings will be held if necessary during the year.
3. **Membership** - To earn and maintain points, a competitor must be a member in good standing of the NBHA. Members who fail to renew their membership within 30 days of their expiration date will forfeit any accumulated points previously earned during the competition year.
4. **Coggins Test** -Each member is responsible to provide a current Coggins at shows. Every arena will require a current coggins for the Texas Animal Commission for viewing.
5. **Show Cancellation** - If you are in question about weather or arena conditions, please call before you haul. The day of the show, there will be a posting on the website if the weather is in question. If the arena is covered - the show will probably remain as scheduled. (unless it is unsafe to do so) It will be member's responsibility to contact Director to inquire about rainout information or other cancellation information. It is not the Directors responsibility to contact each individual in case of rainout or cancellation. In addition, the website will have a posting if the show has been cancelled.
6. **Arena Facilities – Pens, Stalls, RV Hookups or any other type of overnight stay or daily rental**
Any competitor, vendor or visitor who wishes to stay overnight at any event needs to obtain director or arena managers' approval before doing so. The use of RV hookups, pens, and stalls available at any show are subject to charge according to the arena rental contracts of that particular arena. Each arena may charge a different rate. Some arenas enforce gate closing and locking each night, please check with the director for gate closing times if any. The insurance obtained for each NBHA TX 26 event only covers the day of the show and therefore all visitors, vendors, or competitors on the grounds at any time other than the day of the show must check with arena management regarding a release of liability waiver for that arena. Any and all stall rental fees, hookups, and pens will be posted for each show when available.
7. **Penlights** - (Laser lights) will not be tolerated at any NBHA show. If member or person traveling with member is caught with one of these lights, it is up to the Director to decide on the penalty.
8. **Dress Code** - Dress code will be relaxed. Pants and riding boot or riding tennis shoe is required. However, please refrain from wearing crop tops or other provocative or distracting clothing. **NO SHORTS ALLOWED WHILE COMPETING.**
9. **Equipment** - All contestants must use a western type saddle for their competition run. No English saddles, and no bareback runs.
10. **Show Hourly Schedule** – “WINTER” Month Sanctioned shows will be run at the times listed below.
 1. Books open at 09:00 am
 2. Regular Exhibition Barrels at 9:30 am till 12:30 pm
 3. Future Champions 8 & under at 1:00 pm
 4. Open 4D Barrels at 1:15 pm
 5. Youth 4-D Barrels 12 & under
 6. Teen 4-D Barrels 13 - 18
 7. Adult 4-D Barrels 19 - 49
 8. Senior 3-D Barrels 50 & over
 9. \$1000 Novice Horse Barrels
 10. Exhibition Poles
 11. Open Poles 3-D
 12. Youth Poles 3-D

11. **Show Hourly Schedule** - "SUMMER" Month Sanctioned shows will be run at the times listed below.
 1. Books open at 2:00 pm
 2. Regular Exhibition Barrels at 2:30 pm till 6:00 pm
 3. Future Champions 8 & under at 6:30 pm
 4. Open 4-D Barrels at 6:45 pm
 5. Youth 4-D Barrels 12 & under
 6. Teen 4-D Barrels 13 - 18
 7. Adult 4-D Barrels 19 - 49
 8. Senior 3-D Barrels 50 & over
 9. \$1000 Novice Horse Barrels
 10. Exhibition Poles
 11. Open Poles 3-D
 12. Youth Poles 3-D

12. **Disputes, Disagreements, and District Problems** - If a member has any issues, problems, complaints, etc., please inform the district director so that we may work through these issues. It is common courtesy and respectful to let your district director know what issues are bothering you so that the district director is at least informed of the situation. Issues should be attempted to be worked on the district level first, and if no resolution is achieved, then proceed to contact other officials.

13. **Tractor in Arena** - Most shows will be run with the tractor remaining in one of the arena corners in between drags.

14. **Draw Positions** - Draw positions are final. Do not switch draw positions with any rider or change Horse/Rider combinations. You will receive a No Time. The director must approve all necessary changes.

15. **Gate Calls** - the announcer will call out riders name three times within one minute, and if the rider is not crossing the timer within the next 60 seconds, a No Time will be given for the run.

16. **Dogs** - All dogs must be kept on a leash.

17. **Safety** - Riders should respect the "runner" that is in the arena. Stay out of the alley if you are not the current rider (or assisting the current rider) when the classes are in progress.

B. Entries and Entry Fees

1. **Entries** – Pre-entries will be accepted two weeks prior to each show and may be paid for by either cash at the show, check by mail that must be received 3 days prior to the race, check at the race or credit card / paypal at the race or by phone which will be assessed a 4.5% processing fee. Any draw outs on pre entries must be done before the pre entries close (8pm the Thursday before the race) via phone, text, email, or facebook. Pre entries that do not notify prior to book closing and do not show up at the race will be assessed a \$10 fee per competitor that must be paid prior to the competitor entering the next race. Please note this fee will go to year-end or finals awards or added money at one of the shows.

2. **Entries** - Each member is responsible to provide NBHA card at shows.

3. **Entries** - A \$5.00 non-member fee will be charged to each non-member competitor (not each horse) per NBHA show. Non-member fee may be waived at Directors discretion.

4. **Entries** - A contestant that calls in to be entered in a class or exhibition must have someone pay for the entry fee, and if the contestant does not make it in time for their run, **NO ENTRY FEES WILL BE REFUNDED**. The director will not pay for any call-ins or late entries.

5. **Entries** - A contestant may ride as many horses as they wish in each class. However, the competitor with multiple entries will receive points only for the highest placing horse in each division.

6. **Entries** - A contestant may ride any horse, regardless of ownership. However, a horse may not be shown by more than one person in a class, unless conditions are met according to NBHA Competition Rules as follows:
- Both contestants are members of the same immediate family who reside in the same household (husband, wife, children and grandchildren 21 and under). Children and grandchildren 21 and under who are attending school away from home, but who reside part of the year with their parents or grandparents are included under this rule.
 - Neither contestant is showing any other horse in that class.
 - In no case will the same horse be run **more than twice** in the same class.
7. **Entry Fees** - Total fees will be as follows:

CLASS	Entry Fee	Jackpotted Amount 80% Payback	District Finals Award Fee	District Year-End Award Fee	State / Regional Award Fee	Total Awards Fee Deducted from Entry	Entry minus Award fee	Show Fee 20% after Awards fee
Open 4-D	\$32.00	\$20.00	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$1.00	\$7.00	\$25.00	\$5.00
Youth 4-D	\$25.00	\$14.00	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$1.00	\$7.00	\$15.00	\$4.00
Teen 4-D	\$25.00	\$14.00	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$1.00	\$7.00	\$15.00	\$4.00
Adult 4-D	\$25.00	\$14.00	\$2.00	\$5.00	N/A	\$7.00	\$15.00	\$4.00
Senior 3-D	\$22.00	\$12.00	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$1.00	\$7.00	\$15.00	\$3.00
Senior Points	\$10.00		\$2.00	\$4.00	\$1.00	\$7.00		\$3.00
Novice Horse	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	N/A	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$3.00
Open Poles	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	N/A	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$3.00
Youth Poles	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	N/A	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$3.00
Barrel & Pole Exhibitions	\$5.00							
Future Champions 8 & Under	\$10.00	\$2.00 payout		\$8.00		\$8.00		

8. **District Finals Awards Fees** - This fee is maintained on the District level and is used to establish a fund to purchase prizes that will be given at the District "Finals". See "**District Finals**" for rules and details on the Finals.
9. **District Year-End Awards Fees** - This fee is maintained on the District level and is used to establish a fund to purchase prizes that will be given for the District Year-End awards.
10. **State Awards Fee** - This fee is maintained on the State level and is used to establish a fund to purchase prizes that will be given at the State Finals.
11. **Workers and Show Fee** - This fee is maintained on the District level and is used to establish a fund to pay workers and show expenses that are incurred such as arena rent, electricity, tractor rent, tractor diesel, tractor driver, office supplies, timer batteries, show equipment purchases, and any other expenses related to the production of the show.
12. **Refunds** - NO ENTRY FEE IS REFUNDED unless the director deems it necessary per arena conditions. If for any reason, injured horse or otherwise, and you need to draw out, you must do so BEFORE the first horse runs in your class. NO EXCEPTIONS! Otherwise, other refunds will be as director sees fit.
13. **Added Money** - All added Money would be divided equally in each division.

C. Class Descriptions and Payout Percentages

1. **Open 4-D Barrels** - Open will run in a 4-D format with a thirty-two dollar entry fee. Eighty percent of the entry fee goes to the payout. This eighty percent is calculated after the awards fee has been deducted. Twenty dollars of the entry fee will be will be jackpotted. A District Year-End awards fee of four dollars will be withheld from each entry. A District Finals awards fee of two dollars will be withheld from each entry. A State awards fee of one dollar will be withheld from each entry. A show fee of five dollars will be withheld from each entry. Payouts will be rounded up to the nearest whole dollar amount.
2. **Open 4-D Barrels** - A true cloverleaf pattern must be run with continued forward motion to be an official time. Contestant is allowed 1 turn per barrel. **Any additional turns around a barrel will result in a \$10.00 fine per turn. This is strictly enforced!** The fine must be paid before contestant may compete in future NBHA TX26 barrel races.
3. **Open 4-D Barrels Books Close** - Books close for the Open 4-D when the first runner crosses the timer.
4. **Open 4-D Barrels Payout** - The total payout of the entry fees from the class is to be divided as follows:

4-D Payout = 35% to the 1-D, 30% to the 2-D, 20% to the 3-D, 15% to the 4-D.

Places	1-12 Entries	13-20 Entries	21-40 Entries	41-80 Entries	81-120 Entries	121-160 Entries
1st	100%	60%	50%	40%	30%	28%
2nd		40%	30%	30%	25%	22%
3rd			20%	20%	20%	18%
4th				10%	15%	14%
5th					10%	10%
6th						8%

5. **Youth 4-D Barrels** - 12 & under youth with the age determined on January 1.
6. **Youth 4-D Barrels** - Youth Barrels will run in a 4-D format (½, ½, whole Second Splits) with a twenty-five dollar entry fee. Eighty percent of the entry fee goes to the payout. This eighty percent is calculated after the awards fee has been deducted. Fourteen dollars of the entry fee will be will be jackpotted. A District Year-End awards fee of four dollars will be withheld from each entry. A District Finals awards fee of two dollars will be withheld from each entry. A State awards fee of one dollar will be withheld from each entry. A show fee of four dollars will be withheld from each entry. Payouts will be rounded up to the nearest whole dollar amount.
7. **Youth 4-D Barrels** - Youth contestants may rollover their time in the Open class for the Youth class. Contestants wishing to carry a time must declare their intent before event begins. Any contestant carrying time must pay the applicable entry fee for both classes and is eligible to win prize money and NBHA points just as if the time was run in the other class. If this is done, the three NBHA classes must be run consecutively. The pattern for the Open, Youth, Teen, Adult, and Senior must be the same and must not be changed in any manner.
8. **Youth 4-D Barrels Books Close** - Youth books close when the first horse runs in the Youth class.
9. **Youth 4-D Barrels** - A true cloverleaf pattern must be run with continued forward motion to be an official time. Contestant is allowed 1 turn per barrel. **Any additional turns around a barrel will result in a \$10.00 fine per turn. This is strictly enforced!** The fine must be paid before contestant may compete in future NBHA TX26 barrel races.

10. **Youth 4-D Barrels Payout** - The total payout of the entry fees from the class is to be divided as follows:
4-D Payout = 35% to the 1-D, 30% to the 2-D, 20% to the 3-D, 15% to the 4-D.

Places	1-12 Entries	13-20 Entries	21-40 Entries	41-80 Entries	81-120 Entries	121-160 Entries
1st	100%	60%	50%	40%	30%	28%
2nd		40%	30%	30%	25%	22%
3rd			20%	20%	20%	18%
4th				10%	15%	14%
5th					10%	10%
6th						8%

- Teen 4-D Barrels** - 13 – 18 teens with the age determined on January 1.
- Teen 4-D Barrels** - Teen Barrels will run in a 4-D format (½, ½, whole Second Splits) with a twenty-five dollar entry fee. Eighty percent of the entry fee goes to the payout. This eighty percent is calculated after the awards fee has been deducted. Fourteen dollars of the entry fee will be will be jackpotted. A District Year-End awards fee of four dollars will be withheld from each entry. A District Finals awards fee of two dollars will be withheld from each entry. A State awards fee of one dollar will be withheld from each entry. A show fee of four dollars will be withheld from each entry. Payouts will be rounded up to the nearest whole dollar amount.
- Teen 4-D Barrels** - Teen contestants may rollover their time in the Open class for the Youth class. Contestants wishing to carry a time must declare their intent before event begins. Any contestant carrying time must pay the applicable entry fee for both classes and is eligible to win prize money and NBHA points just as if the time was run in the other class. If this is done, the three NBHA classes must be run consecutively. The pattern for the Open, Youth, Teen, Adult, and Senior must be the same and must not be changed in any manner.
- Teen 4-D Barrels Books Close** - Teen books close when the first horse runs in the Teen class.
- Teen 4-D Barrels** - A true cloverleaf pattern must be run with continued forward motion to be an official time. Contestant is allowed 1 turn per barrel. **Any additional turns around a barrel will result in a \$10.00 fine per turn. This is strictly enforced!** The fine must be paid before contestant may compete in future NBHA TX26 barrel races.
- Teen 4-D Barrels Payout** - The total payout of the entry fees from the class is to be divided as follows:

4-D Payout = 35% to the 1-D, 30% to the 2-D, 20% to the 3-D, 15% to the 4-D.

Places	1-12 Entries	13-20 Entries	21-40 Entries	41-80 Entries	81-120 Entries	121-160 Entries
1st	100%	60%	50%	40%	30%	28%
2nd		40%	30%	30%	25%	22%
3rd			20%	20%	20%	18%
4th				10%	15%	14%
5th					10%	10%
6th						8%

- Adult 4-D Barrels** – 18 – 49 Adults with the age determined on January 1.
- Adult 4-D Barrels** - Adult Barrels will run in a 4-D format (½, ½, whole Second Splits) with a twenty-five dollar entry fee. Eighty percent of the entry fee goes to the payout. This eighty percent is calculated after

the awards fee has been deducted. Fourteen dollars of the entry fee will be will be jackpotted. A District Year-End awards fee of four dollars will be withheld from each entry. A District Finals awards fee of two dollars will be withheld from each entry. A show fee of four dollars will be withheld from each entry. Payouts will be rounded up to the nearest whole dollar amount.

3. **Adult 4-D Barrels** - Adult contestants may rollover their time in the Open class for the Youth class. Contestants wishing to carry a time must declare their intent before event begins. Any contestant carrying time must pay the applicable entry fee for both classes and is eligible to win prize money and NBHA points just as if the time was run in the other class. If this is done, the three NBHA classes must be run consecutively. The pattern for the Open, Youth, Teen, Adult, and Senior must be the same and must not be changed in any manner.
4. **Adult 4-D Barrels Books Close** - Adult books close when the first horse runs in the Teen class.
5. **Adult 4-D Barrels** - A true cloverleaf pattern must be run with continued forward motion to be an official time. Contestant is allowed 1 turn per barrel. **Any additional turns around a barrel will result in a \$10.00 fine per turn. This is strictly enforced!** The fine must be paid before contestant may compete in future NBHA TX26 barrel races.

6. **Adult 4-D Barrels Payout** - The total payout of the entry fees from the class is to be divided as follows:

4-D Payout = 35% to the 1-D, 30% to the 2-D, 20% to the 3-D, 15% to the 4-D.

Places	1-12 Entries	13-20 Entries	21-40 Entries	41-80 Entries	81-120 Entries	121-160 Entries
1st	100%	60%	50%	40%	30%	28%
2nd		40%	30%	30%	25%	22%
3rd			20%	20%	20%	18%
4th				10%	15%	14%
5th					10%	10%
6th						8%

7. **Senior 3-D Barrels** - 50 & over. Members that turn 50 during the year may start after their birthday.
8. **Senior 3-D Barrels** - will run in a 3-D format (Full Second Splits) with a twenty-two dollar entry fee. Eighty percent of the entry fee goes to the payout. This eighty percent is calculated after the awards fee has been deducted. Twelve dollars of the entry fee will be will be jackpotted. A District Year-End awards fee of seven dollars will be withheld from each entry. A District Finals awards fee of two dollars will be withheld from each entry. A State awards fee of one dollar will be withheld from each entry. A show fee of three dollars will be withheld from each entry. Payouts will be rounded up to the nearest whole dollar amount.
9. **Senior 3-D Barrels** - Senior members who wish to carry over their time from the OPEN 4-D class for senior points **only** will pay the ten dollars total awards fee and will not qualify for jackpot money. Only riders in the senior class that pay the full twenty-five dollar entry fee will win jackpot money. This carry over time will be added to the senior class as if the rider is "entered" and the time will be used in the divisional format for placing just as if the rider was running in the class.
10. **Senior 3-D Barrels Books Close** - Senior books close when the first horse runs in the senior class.
11. **Senior 3-D Barrels** - A true cloverleaf pattern must be run with continued forward motion to be an official time. Contestant is allowed 1 turn per barrel. **Any additional turns around a barrel will result in a \$10.00 fine per turn. This is strictly enforced!** The fine must be paid before contestant may compete in future NBHA TX26 barrel races.
12. **Senior 3-D Barrels** - Senior contestants may rollover their time in the Open class for the Senior class. Contestants wishing to carry a time must declare their intent before event begins. Any contestant carrying time must pay the applicable entry fee for both classes and is eligible to win prize money and NBHA points

just as if the time was run in the other class. If this is done, the three NBHA classes must be run consecutively. The pattern for the Open, Youth, Teen, Adult, and Senior must be the same and must not be changed in any manner.

13. **Senior 3-D Barrels Payout** - The total payout of the entry fees from the class is to be divided as follows:
3-D Payout = 50% to the 1-D, 30% to the 2-D, 20% to the 3-D.

Places	1-10 Entries	11-15 Entries	16-30 Entries	31-60 Entries	61-90 Entries	91-120 Entries
1st	100%	60%	50%	40%	30%	28%
2nd		40%	30%	30%	25%	22%
3rd			20%	20%	20%	18%
4th				10%	15%	14%
5th					10%	10%
6th						8%

14. **Future Champs Class** - Age 8 & under or lead-line contestants. Age determined January 1. Not required to be a NBHA member but must have liability release waiver on file. Barrels will be set on a smaller pattern. Entry fee is \$10.00. Each rider will receive \$2 cash payout at each race. Rider must ride and /or pay entry fee for at least nine shows (\$45.00) and bring in a sponsor of at least \$35.00. The Future Champ sponsor does not qualify for the family sponsor program. If conditions are met, then the Future Champ will receive a buckle as a year-end award. Small prizes will be given at each show to all participants. Lead-line or beginners over 8 years of age must have district director approval prior to entering class.
15. **\$1000 Novice Horse Barrels** - Open to horses of any age that has barrel racing earnings limited to \$1000 or less in any division, placing, class, futurity, show, in which the horse won money in barrel racing . A contestant may enter more than one horse in the novice class.
16. **\$1000 Novice Horse Barrels** - A declaration of earnings statement must be filled out for each horse entered in the class. Statements are included on the entry form and must be updated at each show. Entries that do not include an updated earnings statement will be rejected. Failure to update earnings statements will result in disqualification from the class. Earnings must include any money won in barrel racing regardless of the owner or rider. Records will be kept on novice horses showing the earnings (in order to determine the horse's eligibility).
17. **\$1000 Novice Horse Barrels** - Nominations for the Novice Horse class are twenty-five dollars per horse per year to run for points and year-end awards in the novice class. Horses are not required to be nominated to compete in the class, however, horses that will run for points and year-end awards **ARE REQUIRED TO BE NOMINATED before** any points are awarded. You must be a TX 26 member to nominate and earn points on a horse in the Novice class. Horses that are nominated to the class will remain eligible to compete in the class until the end of the current competition year - even if the earnings exceed \$1000. All horses that are not nominated to the class will become ineligible to enter once the earnings reach in excess of \$1000.
18. **\$1000 Novice Horse Barrels** - Points are kept on Nominated horses. A 5-point system will be used. Points will be listed under the horses' name. Should any horse/rider team changes occur during the year, the horse must be re-declared in writing.
19. **\$1000 Novice Horse Barrels** - Protests on horses earning more than the declaration of earnings are welcomed with a \$100 protest deposit. Protests should accompany written evidence that the horse's earnings exceed the \$1000 novice limit. If the protest is supported, the horse in question will be disqualified, points (if any) removed and further entries in the Novice class from the owner will be rejected. The \$100 protest deposit will be refunded. All monies earned by the ineligible horse must be paid back to NBHA TX26 within 30 days and before the horse or its rider is allowed to enter any future classes. If the protest is not supported with clear evidence that the horse in question is not eligible, then the protest will be considered VOID and the deposit will not be refunded. All decisions regarding eligibility and protests will be made by the District Director. If a horse's eligibility is questionable, the NBHA TX 26 has the right to hold any money won by the horse until eligibility has been proven to the director.

20. **\$1000 Novice Horse Barrels** - Novice horses who have previously won the year-end novice title are NOT eligible to be re-nominated for the this class
21. **\$1000 Novice Horse Barrels** - \$1000 Novice Horse Barrels will run in a straight jackpot format. A knocked over barrel will result in a plus five-second penalty and is still eligible for points and money. Then novice entry fee is twenty dollars. Eighty percent of the entry fee goes to the payout. This eighty percent is calculated after the awards fee has been deducted. Twelve dollars of the entry fee will be will be jackpotted. A District Year-End awards fee of three dollars will be withheld from each entry. A District Finals awards fee of two dollars will be withheld from each entry. A show fee of three dollars will be withheld from each entry. Payouts will be rounded up to the nearest whole dollar amount.
22. **\$1000 Novice Horse Barrels** – Riders may choose to carry over the open time to the novice class.
23. **\$1000 Novice Horse Barrels** - \$1000 Novice Horse Barrels books close when the first horse runs in the Novice class.
24. **\$1000 Novice Horse Barrels** - A true cloverleaf pattern must be run with continued forward motion to be an official time. Contestant is allowed 1 turn per barrel. **Any additional turns around a barrel will result in a \$10.00 fine per turn. This is strictly enforced!** The fine must be paid before contestant may compete in future NBHA TX 26 barrel races.
25. **\$1000 Novice Horse Barrels** – The total payout of the entry fees from the class is to be divided as follows:

Places	1-5 Entries	6-10 Entries	11-15 Entries	16-20 Entries	21-25 Entries	26+ Entries
1st	100%	60%	50%	40%	30%	28%
2nd		40%	30%	30%	25%	22%
3rd			20%	20%	20%	18%
4th				10%	15%	14%
5th					10%	10%
6th						8%

26. **Barrel Exhibitions - Barrel Exhibitions** - The Barrel exhibitions are ran from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The Regular Barrel exhibitions are 5.00 dollars each or 3 for \$12. These exhibitions are run using a signup sheet method. Riders will sign up their name on the exhibition sheet and the announcer will call out the names for the running order in the Regular barrel exhibitions. Riders whose names are called three times within one minute and the rider is not ready, will be scratched and the next rider will be called.
27. **Barrel Exhibitions** - All barrel exhibitions are limited to one minute. Riders that exceed one minute during the barrel exhibitions will be charged \$5.00 as an additional exhibition charge. Riders must pay the fine prior to the competition run.
28. **Barrel Exhibitions** - the announcer will call out riders name three times within one minute, and if the rider is not crossing the timer within the next 60 seconds, your exhibition will be scratched.

D. District Finals

1. **District Finals** - The District Finals are the last two Sanctioned point shows of the competition year (Sanctioned show #14 and Sanctioned show #15). The District Finals are non-qualifying, which means, you do not have to ride in a certain number of shows to compete. Members and non-members can enter. The Finals will be held on a Saturday and Sunday in the same weekend. The shows will count as two separate sanctioned point shows, but are held in the same weekend and will be ran using a "District Finals" theme. District 26 MEMBERS only will be eligible for the prizes awarded at the show. District 26 members must have a current paid membership as well as paid the annual sponsorship to qualify for finals

awards. Memberships and Sponsorship must be paid prior to the 1st day of the finals. Members who do not meet these requirements will not receive awards, and the award will go to the next highest placing member that qualifies. Non-members are allowed to participate in all classes. Non-members that place will receive jackpot money, however, only District 26 MEMBERS will be eligible for the awards.

2. **District Finals** - A non-member may pay their membership and sponsorship and join NBHA Texas District 26 on either of these days to compete for the finals awards.
3. **District Finals Awards** - Awards will be given to the winners of each D in each class on both days. Other awards may be given. Awards will be determined based on sponsorships, fundraisers, and the District Finals awards fund.

E. Sponsorships and Sponsorship Requirements

1. **General Sponsorships** - Each member will be required to obtain a sponsor (sell advertising) to be eligible for year-end and finals awards.
2. **General Sponsorships** - If the sponsorship is not paid by the due date, the member will not qualify for year-end awards or be titled as winner of the district; even if they are considered by Nationals as a certain winner. Any titles will go to the member who has met the sponsorship requirements by the District.

GENERAL SPONSORSHIPS		
Single Membership	Family Membership	Minimum if turned in by:
\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	March 31
\$ 55.00	\$ 70.00	April 30
\$ 75.00	\$ 90.00	May 31
\$ 95.00	\$ 110.00	June 30
\$ 115.00	\$ 130.00	July 31
\$ 135.00	\$ 160.00	After July 31

If the member joins during the year, then the minimum should be met by the end of the first full month in which he/she joins. Then each month after will be in increments as outlined above. (This requirement is for awards only. It does not affect World eligibility.)

3. **Awards Sponsorship: Below is a list of sponsorships available. More information is available in the sponsorship package on our districts webpage at www.nbhatx26.com**
 - Championship Saddle \$1000 full or \$500 co-sponsored with 2 names / logos
 - Full Barrel Sponsor \$600 per barrel or \$1500 for all three barrels
 - Single Ring Barrel Sponsor \$200 for one barrel or \$500 for all three barrels
 - Bob Berg Buckle Sponsor \$250 full or \$125 co-sponsored with 2 names / logos on back
 - Trophy Tack Sponsor \$200
 - Your product sponsor – donate a min of \$200 in merchandise to be given away as awards
 - Open Class Sponsor \$100
 - Adult Class Sponsor \$100
 - Senior Class Sponsor \$100
 - Youth Class Sponsor \$100
 - Website & Flyer advertising sponsor \$50
4. **"Your Entry Fees are Paid" Program** - This is an incentive based program that rewards members for their participation in the district. The member is entitled to one FREE entry in one class of the finals. The member may choose which class is "paid." The member's entry fees will be paid by the district funds for 1 class (1 horse) for both days. For example, the members entry fees are paid in the SAT OPEN Barrels \$32.00 and SUN OPEN Barrels \$32.00 for both days for a total of \$64.00 paid by the district funds. This is a bonus program to encourage members to seek sponsorships for our district and reward them for work that is done for the district. The names of the qualifying members will be listed on the website.

- a. Eligibility for this program includes the following:
 - i. Members who sign cumulative sponsorships totaling five hundred dollars or more
 - ii. Members who work and are credited for a total of 25 work points
 - iii. Directors and Officers who complete the term for the year

F. Year-End Awards

1. **Year-End Awards** - Year-End awards will be decided on after the last show for the competition year according to the financial status of the District. Prizes will not be ordered until end of last show due to possible ties.
2. **Year-End Awards** - Member must **RIDE** in at least **6** shows of class during the competition year to be eligible for district year-end awards for that class. If member joins with 6 or less shows left for the competition year, then he/she may miss only 1 show from the time he/she joins until the end of the year. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** (Declaring an Open run for Youth constitutes a RIDE for Youth.) Prizewinners **MUST** be a TX26 member on the last show date.
3. **Year-End Awards - Tiebreakers:**
Year-end point tiebreakers will be decided as follows: Member with the most races attended will win tie. If points and number of races are tied, the member with the most first places (most seconds, etc.) in the division will win tie. If still tied after number of points, races and placing then a coin will be tossed by director.
4. **NBHA World Qualifiers** - *NBHA went to an Open 5-D format in 2010. The qualifying points for the World finals, is calculated on a 5-D format according to National rules.* District sanctioned shows will still run on the 4-D format and district year-end awards will be awarded on the 4-D format. The Youth (and Teen) World qualifying points are calculated on a 5-D format. The Senior World qualifying points are calculated on a 5-D format.
5. **NBHA World Qualifiers** - At the end of the NBHA competition year, the top point earners, in all classes and divisions from each district, will be determined. These finalists will be invited to compete in the NBHA World Championships. Note: Should the number of contestants cause the length of the show to be extended for an unreasonable period of time, entries may be limited at the discretion of Show Management.
6. **NBHA World Qualifiers** - No minimum number of shows is required for any class to receive points for World qualifying purposes.

G. Work Points

1. **Work Points** – Work points are a *requirement* for District Year End awards. A minimum of 10 work points must be earned to qualify for district finals awards and district year-end awards.
2. **Work Points** - Members will be provided an opportunity to work for points that will qualify them for the "Your Entry Fees are paid" program. Members are encouraged to participate in the work program.
3. **Work Points** - A work list will be provided at each show for the members to sign up to work specific jobs or specific classes during the show. For each job/class worked, the member will receive one work point. If the member does not fulfill the duty, the work point will not be credited.
4. **Work Points** - The work list will include jobs such as Time Keeper, Announcer, and Barrel and Pole setters.

5. **Work Points** - The work list will be divided by classes. If the classes are large numbered classes, then the class may be split allowing 1 member to work the first half and another member to work the second half.
6. **Work Points** - When the member receives 25 work points, they will qualify for the "Your Entry Fees are paid" program. 25 work points will qualify a member for one entry. The member is entitled to one FREE entry in one class of the finals. The member may choose which class is "paid." The member's entry fees will be paid by the district funds for 1 class (1 horse) for both days.
7. **Work Points** - A member may elect one of their family members to perform the job and the member will be credited for the work point.
8. **Work Points** - TOP HAND Award - Members that earn 50 or more work points will receive a special custom award for their time and work during the shows.
9. **Work Points** – BUY OUT OPTION – \$50.00 - In the event a member chooses not to participate in the work points program, the member can still qualify for district finals awards and year end awards by using the BUY OUT OPTION. This money is used to compensate workers to perform the duties the members would have done themselves. Each member that wishes to use this option must pay the fee prior to the "finals". All members are encouraged to participate in the work program. **REMEMBER: To qualify for year-end or finals awards you must earn the required 10 work points or use the "buy out option".**

BUY OUT OPTION FOR WORK POINTS	
Amount	Minimum if turned in by:
\$ 50.00	March 31
\$ 55.00	April 30
\$ 60.00	May 31
\$ 65.00	June 30
\$ 70.00	July 31
\$ 75.00	After July 31

H. Vendors and Commercial Sales

1. **Vendors** - All vendors must be a Sponsor of NBHA Texas District. Minimum sponsor for vendors is \$100 per year.
2. **Vendor Show Fees** -. Vendors must pay \$50.00 per show (or make an equal value merchandise donation to add to silent auction proceeds) at all regular sanctioned shows, and all vendor hook-ups will be subject to a \$25.00 charge for facility electricity.
3. **Vendors** - All vendors must contact the director prior to the shows they plan to attend.

****Any rules not covered by these by-laws will be in the NBHA Rule Book. Read and be familiar with the NBHA rules. It is your responsibility as a member.**

II. NBHA TEXAS DISTRICT 26 POLE BENDING

A. General Rules and Regulations

1. **Pole Bending Pattern** - A true "Weave" pattern must be run. This pattern can be found in the AQHA rulebook. Breaking "Plains" of the pattern will result in a NO-TIME. ("Plains" is the imaginary line between the poles vertically and at the poles horizontally. If you are not clear on the pattern, please ask before you ride.)

2. **Pole Bending Pattern** - This is an OPEN Pole Bending class. A five-second penalty will be added to the time for each pole that is knocked down. The time is still eligible for money and points.
3. **Open Poles Membership** - Non-NBHA members that wish to earn points in Pole Bending only must pay \$40.00 POLE BENDING only membership fee (NO REFUNDS) which will expire at the end of competition year. If contestant wishes to join NBHA later, after he/she already paid the Pole Bending only membership fee, he/she **must pay the full \$62.00 NBHA membership fee**. All other members that wish not to run for points will pay a \$10.00 day permit to run Barrels and/or Poles.
4. **Entries** - Positions will be drawn for each horse entered to determine order of run. If Contestant is riding more than one horse, he/she may request their runs to be separated by a drag.
5. **Entries** - A contestant may ride any horse, regardless of ownership. However, a horse may not be shown by more than one person in a class, unless conditions are met according to NBHA Competition Rules as follows:
 - a. Both contestants are members of the same immediate family who reside in the same household (husband, wife, children and grandchildren 21 and under). Children and grandchildren 21 and under who are attending school away from home, but who reside part of the year with their parents or grandparents are included under this rule.
 - b. Neither contestant is showing any other horse in that class.
 - c. In no case will the same horse be run **more than twice** in the same class.
6. **Pole Exhibitions** - Pole Bending exhibition fee is five dollars. There is a 90-second limit on the Pole exhibitions. These exhibitions are run using a sign-up sheet method. Riders will sign up their name on the exhibition sheet and the announcer will call out the names for the running order. Riders whose names are called three times within one minute and the rider is not ready will be scratched and the next rider will be called.
7. **Open Poles** - Open Poles has a twenty dollar entry fee. Eighty percent of the entry fee goes to the payout. This eighty percent is calculated after the awards fee has been deducted. Twelve dollars of the entry fee will be jackpotted. A District Year-End awards fee of three dollars will be withheld from each entry. A District Finals awards fee of two dollars will be withheld from each entry. A show fee of three dollars will be withheld from each entry. Payouts will be rounded up to the nearest whole dollar amount.
8. **Open Poles Books Close**- Open Pole Bending books will close when first runner crosses the timer.
9. **Open Poles Pay Out** - Pay Out will be as follows:
3-D Payout = 50% to the 1-D, 30% to the 2-D, 20% to the 3-D.

Places	1-10 Entries	11-15 Entries	16-30 Entries	31-60 Entries	61-90 Entries	91-120 Entries
1st	100%	60%	50%	40%	30%	28%
2nd		40%	30%	30%	25%	22%
3rd			20%	20%	20%	18%
4th				10%	15%	14%
5th					10%	10%
6th						8%
10. **Open Poles Points** - Points will be kept on a 10-point system. First place receiving 10 pts, etc. Points will be kept on rider only. Competitor may enter as many different horses as he/she wishes to run for the jackpot, but points will be awarded on the highest place only.
11. **Youth Poles** -18 & under youth with the age determined on January 1, 2014.

12. **Youth Poles** - Youth Poles will run in an Open format with a twenty-dollar entry fee. A five-second penalty will be added to the time for each pole that is knocked down. The time is still eligible for money and points. Eighty percent of the entry fee goes to the payout. This eighty percent is calculated after the awards fee has been deducted. Twelve dollars of the entry fee will be will be jackpotted. A District Year-End awards fee of three dollars will be withheld from each entry. A District Finals awards fee of two dollars will be withheld from each entry. A show fee of three dollars will be withheld from each entry. Payouts will be rounded up to the nearest whole dollar amount.
13. **Youth Poles** - Youth contestants may rollover their time in the Open class for the Youth class. Contestants wishing to carry a time must declare their intent before event begins. Any contestant carrying time must pay the applicable entry fee for both classes and is eligible to win prize money and points just as if the time was run in the other class.
14. **Youth Poles Books Close** - Youth books close when the 1st horse runs in the Youth class.
15. **Youth Poles Pay Out** - Pay Out will be as follows:

3-D Payout = 50% to the 1-D, 30% to the 2-D, 20% to the 3-D.

Places	1-10 Entries	11-15 Entries	16-30 Entries	31-60 Entries	61-90 Entries	91-120 Entries
1st	100%	60%	50%	40%	30%	28%
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16. **Youth Poles Points** - Points will be kept on a 10-point system. 1st place receiving 10 pts, etc. Points will be kept on rider only. Competitor may enter as many different horses as he/she wishes to run for the jackpot, but points will be awarded on the highest place only.
17. **Open Poles Year-End Awards** - A High-Point Championship Saddle will be given to the year-end highest accumulative point winner. Other prizes will be given through 6th place.
18. **Youth Poles Year-End Awards** - Year-end prizes for the Youth Poles will be determined based on sponsorships and district financial status. Prizes will be awarded through 6th place.
19. **Year-End Awards** - Contestant must enter Pole Bending in at least 6 sanctioned shows during the competition year to be eligible for year-end Pole awards. If member joins with 6 or less shows left for competition year, then he/she may miss only 1 show from the time he/she joins until the end of the year.

Any Pole bending rules may be added to or amended during the year if deemed necessary by the Director.

III. NBHA TX26 ALL-AROUND CHAMPION RULES

A. General Rules and Regulations

1. **Champion Saddle** - An All-Around Saddle will be given at the end of the year.
2. **Show Number Requirement** - Rider must compete in at least 9 sanctioned shows in the Open Barrels and in at least 9 sanctioned shows in the Open Pole Bending.
3. **Points Calculation** - Points will be taken from the Open Barrels division in which the rider has the most points. The number of points will then be doubled. The reason the barrel points are doubled is because the Open Pole Bending is based on a 10-point system (10 points to 1st) and the Open Barrels

is based on a 5-point system (5 points to 1st). It is only fair that the barrel points be doubled to match the Pole points.

4. **Points Calculation** - Barrel points and **OPEN** pole points will be added together. The rider with the most combined **OPEN** Barrel points and **OPEN** Pole Bending points will be the ALL AROUND CHAMPION.

IV. TX 26 2014 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

District Director – Natasha Rose
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Supporting Director – Wendy Ellington

Arena Director - TBA

Class Directors – TBA

Directors and Officers will be recognized with a gift of appreciation at the awards banquet.

A. Directors and Officers Roles and Responsibilities

1. District Director

- Schedule all shows
- Handle all issues within the district
- Answer any questions or concerns regarding our club
- Make sure members follow the rules set forth by the district and NBHA
- Make the decisions based on arena ground conditions, pattern set-up and accuracy, and any facility issues
- Host at least one membership meeting per competition year. Additional meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the director.
- Maintain and update the NBHA TX26 website
- Transport equipment to and from the show (timers, PA, Speakers, Barrels, etc)
- Maintain the financial status, financial account(s) and funds of District 26
- Maintain financial status logs available for members
- Pay necessary debts occurred by the District such as Arena Rent, Insurance, Workers, Replace Equipment that fails, Tractor rent, Tractor drivers (unless otherwise volunteered), advertisements, website operation, and all other expenses incurred by the production of the shows and district expenses
- Purchase and Order prizes and Year-End awards
- Track work points
- Assist the secretary at the shows with entries and paybacks
- Assist the Class Points Officer to maintain class and world qualifying points
- Assist the class point's officer to maintain correct logs on class points based on the rules set forth by the district and NBHA.
- Assist the "Journalist" by providing updates and articles for the newsletter
- Assist the fundraising director with fundraisers
- Maintain the sponsorships and give appropriate credit and appreciation to the sponsors through advertisement and publications
- Post facility inspection once show is complete to ensure it is left clean and secure

- Compensation from the NBHA Director's Handbook - When an NBHA Director acts as show promoter and/or show organizer for an NBHA event, that director is entitled and authorized to collect up to a **maximum of 50%** of the **net** profit (after all other expenses are paid) from the show, as compensation for services performed. The remaining profit is to be deposited in the District or State account for other routine expenses and year-end awards. NBHA Directors are also entitled and authorized to retain up to a **maximum of 20%** of any District, State and National sponsorship monies collected as a **result of their personal efforts.**
- Set up and take down the show office
- Set up and take down the entry tables
- Take show entries, enter results, and payouts with the assistance of the director
- General office administrative duties
- Answer questions regarding membership and classes, but will not be the one to go to if you have a problem or a concern about the district, rules, payout, etc.

2. Supporting Director

- Must be knowledgeable of the NBHA Rules and District By Laws
- General assistant for District Director during the shows
- Provide back-up support in the absence of the District Director
- Full-fill all duties of the show production when the District Director is not able to make a show

4. Announcer

- Shared role by members and by the director.
- Maintain a professional atmosphere to run an organized and time efficient show
- Compensation - Members that announce will earn work points for the "Your Entry Fees are Paid" program

5. Time Keeper

- Shared role by members
- Write down and maintain accurate logs of the times during the show
- Compensation - Members that are Time Keepers will earn work points for the "Your Entry Fees are Paid" program

6. Pole Bending Director

- Carry the poles to and from the show
- Set up and take down the poles for the class
- Compensation - Pole Bending Director will qualify for the "Your Entry Fees are paid" program and will be given an award of appreciation at the year-end awards banquet.

7. Tractor Driver / Tractor Rent

- Prep and maintain the arena ground before and during the show
- Haul tractor to and from the show
- Provide fuel for the tractor
- Compensation - The tractor driver is a paid position. All shows will require a tractor to be "rented". Both tractor driver and tractor rent are standard show expenses.

8. Arena Director

- Arrive at the show grounds prior to the opening of the books
- Hang banners / signs before the show and remove them once the show is complete
- Set up the timers
- Set up the barrel pattern stakes based on a recorded, predetermined and consistent pattern
- Re-measure the pattern in the event a stake is pulled up during a drag.
- Assist and recruit barrel setters
- Compensation - earn work points and be given an award of appreciation at the year-end awards banquet.

9. Barrel and Pole Setters

- Set up barrels/poles that are knocked over
- Remove barrels from the stakes every other drag
- Compensation - Members that are Barrel and Pole Setters will earn work points.
- Compensation - In the event that no members are willing to "work" to set barrels and poles, this will become a "paid" position and workers will be assigned by the director.

10. Concessions

- The concessions coordination will be provided by the director. Several arenas may provide their own concessions.

11. Clean-up Crew

- EVERYONE is the clean-up crew
- EVERYONE is responsible for their own trash and picking up after themselves.