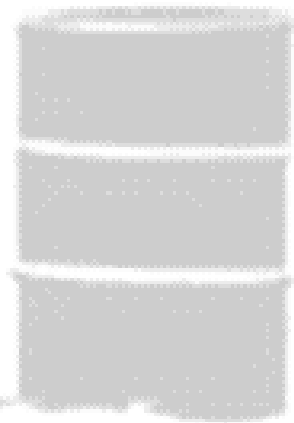




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**2012**  
**Rule Book**

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# 2012 GCBRA

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# Gulf Coast Barrel Racing Association Rule Book

## SECTION I—GENERAL

### A. NAME

The organization shall be known as **Gulf Coast Barrel Racing Association**, herein to be referred to as **GCBRA**.

### B. DEFINITION

**GCBRA** is an organization that offers barrel racers the opportunity to compete and compile points for year-end awards. The **GCBRA** year begins on November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, or directly after the year-end finals.

## SECTION II—BY-LAWS

A complete copy of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of **GCBRA** are available upon request from the President or Secretary of **GCBRA** and will also be available online at [www.GCBRA.net](http://www.GCBRA.net).

### A. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

1. The officers of the **GCBRA** will be the Executive Board of the Association. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. The President shall preside at all meetings of **GCBRA** and shall perform such other duties as are necessary and incidental to the proper administration of the association.
3. The Vice President shall serve as assistant to the President in the administration of the affairs of the Association and will perform such specific duties as may be assigned to her.
4. The Secretary shall keep all records of the **GCBRA**, send notices of the meetings, maintain a complete roster of membership and keep records of the points. The secretary will be paid a salary of \$50 per month to cover office supplies and other expenses, not including postage.
5. The Treasurer shall have custody of the **GCBRA** funds, accounting to the association at membership meetings. Treasurer accounts will be reviewed at the end of **GCBRA** year. This review is to be done by outgoing and newly elected treasurer and two (2) members which the Executive Board will appoint. The report will be made available by the first or no later than the second newsletter for the New Year.
6. The Jackpot Secretary shall be in charge of entries and the money at each jackpot and will be responsible for keeping \$600 Start-up cash for running the Jackpot. She will be expected to be at each jackpot at least one hour prior to scheduled starting time and stay for the entire jackpot. This position to be a paid position and shall receive no less than \$200 per jackpot. This person shall be an honorary member exempt from work points, dues and donations unless they are competing for points.
7. Refer to the **GCBRA** By-Laws for a complete description of officers duties.

### B. DIRECTORS AND THEIR DUTIES

1. The Board of Directors shall be responsible to answer questions and receive complaints and suggestions from members in their counties. They shall be responsible for the jackpots held in their areas and attend meetings of the board. A director having 2 unexcused absences from called directors' meetings will be automatically dismissed. If a director or an officer does not fulfill stated duties, the Executive Board can dismiss said director or officer.
2. Directors have the authority to make decisions until a Board of Directors meeting can be held. A non-competing director will be considered an honorary member, exempt from membership fees. If the non-competing director decides to compete during the year, they must pay all normal membership fees.

### C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Officers for **GCBRA** will be elected annually by the general membership. During the year, officers will appoint new directors as growth warrants. During elections at the general membership meeting, nominations will be made from the floor and voting will be by secret ballot. A candidate for any office must be a paid member.
2. Candidates for President and Vice-President must have held the positions of Officer or Director of **GCBRA** for at least one year.

### D. MEETINGS

1. There shall be at least one general membership meeting per year with at least two weeks' notice; the meeting shall be held at the end of the year for the purpose of electing new officers, and will be held at a different location than at a jackpot if possible. At any meeting, a 50% + one (1) majority of the membership in attendance is required on rule changes and a 2/3 majority is required for decision on disbanding; the removal from office any officer not performing duties; and other mainstream decisions.

### E. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

1. Membership in **GCBRA** is open to any interested barrel racer. To become a member, a **GCBRA** membership application must be filled out, signed, dated and returned to the Secretary. Dues are payable upon receipt. Dues are \$60.00 per year with \$30 for membership and \$30 going for yearend awards.
2. Family membership will be offered at \$60.00 for the first member and \$40 for each additional family member. This applies to immediate family members at the same mailing address. This entitles each family to one newsletter and one rule book per household. If each member desires their own newsletter, each will have to pay a separate membership.
3. Any person joining at the end of the **GCBRA** year to ride in the finals will have to pay their dues again when the New Year begins in January.
4. All **GCBRA** members are required to secure a donation of at least \$ 50. This donation must be given to the **GCBRA** Treasurer on or before June 1st, 2012 for member to be eligible of yearend awards.

### F. POINTS

1. Points will be kept on member's standing in 1st through 6th places for all classes except the novice horse class. The point system will be a fixed 6 point system for all classes, with 6 points awarded for first place, then 5, 4,3,2,1 for 2nd through 6th places. If there are fewer than 6 members in a class, 1st place will receive 6 points. In the case of a tie, points will be divided equally between the tied members. The Novice Horse Class will award points on a 10 point system with 10 points awarded for first place, then 9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 for 2nd through 10th place nominated novice horse entered in each jackpot. Points will be awarded to members in good standing only.
2. Points will count only from approved jackpots.
3. If only one member is entered in a class, that member will run and receive points. If there is only one entry and that person is not a member, the class will be combined with the next class if possible.
4. Points will be kept on the riders in all classes except the Novice Classes, where points will be kept on the horse. Points are transferable from one owner to another on **GCBRA** Novice Horses, as long as they are **GCBRA** members. A horse must compete in the class he is eligible for by money won by any owner. Points may only be counted in the class that the horse is eligible for by money won.

### G. FINES

1. ALL FINES MUST BE PAID BEFORE DUES ARE TAKEN FOR THE NEW YEAR. All fines must be paid within 30 days after notification of fine owed to qualify as a member in good standing. (Refer to Pg. 2 & Pg.4 of the **GCBRA** By-Laws.) All members owing fines will be maintained on the fines list for a period of 5 years.

## H. GOVERNING RULES

### 1. JACKPOTS

- a. Jackpots must be approved by **GCBRA** for points to count.
- b. All approved jackpots will be listed on the **GCBRA** website located at [www.GCBRA.net](http://www.GCBRA.net).
- c. When available, an electric eye will be used. A responsible flagman will flag and two times used if no electric eye is available.
- d. The drag must be determined before the jackpot begins and will have to remain the same throughout the jackpot. (Except for exhibitions). There will be a Big Drag after 50-100-150 etc.
- e. Any entry after the drag number has been drawn will be a random draw made by the jackpot secretary. No choosing of run number will be permitted.
- f. Jackpot will have a set time of 2 ½ hours before jackpot start time to call a director if there is any doubt as to the jackpot being postponed due to bad weather, etc.
- g. If a protest should arise regarding the amount of monies won by a Novice Horse, a fee of \$25 must be paid at the time of the incident. The protestor has one week to provide notarized documentation or an organizational letterhead of a dollar amount that a horse has won with the dates of those wins. Protestor should provide phone numbers of responsible people with the information about the protest within the specified time limit. The person being protested will be notified by letter of this information and will have one week to present any information stating their case to the Executive Board. The Board will at this time make their decision on the protest based on the information presented to them. If the Board should decide in the protestor's favor, the fee will be refunded. Awards will be held until the Board reaches their decision on the protest.
- h. All members are required to accrue at least 20 work points throughout the year as part of their membership obligation to **GCBRA**. A work point is received by helping set up equipment, working any class or taking down equipment. Working in the Open 5-D will receive double work points, at least 2 work points for every 30 runs. Work points will be kept by the **GCBRA** secretary from worksheets signed by members at each jackpot. Officers and Directors will be excluded from work points.

Non-Directors can work in the office during a jackpot but are only eligible to receive a maximum of ten (10) work points for the year regardless of amount of time they work upstairs.

Work points must be fulfilled by the conclusion of the last jackpot prior to the finals. Any member not completing work points will not be allowed to participate in the finals and must pay a \$40 fine due prior to rejoining **GCBRA** in the future. Members will not have the option of paying their work point fine prior to the completion of the current **GCBRA** year in order to compete at **GCBRA** finals or to receive year end awards.

A work point incentive award will be given to the top two (2) members with the most work points accumulated for the **GCBRA** year. First place will be awarded their next year's membership dues and second will be given awards to be named by the end of the year.

A member can be exempt from work points for the present year by getting two buckle donations-\$300.00 each and/or one saddle sponsor donation of-\$750.00.

- i. All entry fees for jackpots must be paid in cash only; therefore all payoffs must be paid in cash.
- j. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF ENTRY FEES ONCE A CLASS STARTS.** The class starts when the first runner in that class begins their run, defined as runner crossing the timer. Entries for the Open 5-D Barrels, Youth Barrels, Adult Barrels, Senior Barrels(as long as these classes are ran at the same time) are left open until the last twenty-five (25) runner or at the head officer's or director's discretion.
- k. Any rider failing to complete a pattern or breaking a pattern will receive a "No Time". Pole bending and barrel pattern: Failure to follow the standard barrel or pole pattern shall cause disqualification. Once you have committed to your run, you cannot back up your horse. Breaking the pattern will consist of crossing the wrong side of the barrel or pole. It makes no difference if the barrel or pole is up or down. Knocking down a pole will carry a five (5) second penalty. A

contestant may touch a barrel or pole with a hand. Disqualification also consists of falling off of horse (prior to completion of run), turning a barrel or pole twice, backing your horse, ceasing forward motion or crossing the finish line prior to completion of run.

- l. If you run out of order, you will receive a NO TIME.
- m. The end poles only will be staked to ensure accurate measurement for each pole run.
- n. No refunds on first exhibition. If there is a time limit directors may offer tickets to be used for the second exhibition.
- o. There will be fifty (50) pre-sale exhibitions for sale at 12:00. These exhibitions will be good for the next scheduled jackpot. In the event the next scheduled jackpot is cancelled, the exhibitions will be good for the next scheduled jackpot on the **GCBRA** calendar. All pre-sale exhibitions must be picked up by 12:00pm on the day of the jackpot. If not picked up by 12:00pm, there will be NO REFUND of said exhibitions. In the event you are unable to attend the next jackpot, you can arrange for someone to pick up the exhibition ticket(s) and sell them on your behalf. All pre-sale exhibitions are non-refundable.
- p. Between 12:00pm and 1:00pm at each jackpot, **GCBRA** will sell barrel pre-entries for the next scheduled jackpot. The runs will be sectioned off into thirty (30) run sections (i.e., runs 1-30, 31-60, 61-90, etc.) There will be no more than twenty (20) pre-entries sold for every thirty (30) runs and a member can only get one (1) number from each thirty (30) run section. Members must complete all entry forms and pay the entry fees when pre-entering. Pre-entries are only available to **GCBRA** members and can only be purchased by the member or someone in the member's immediate family. Members can switch horses on the pre-entry in the event the horse initially entered is unable to run at that jackpot.

**ALL PRE-ENTRIES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE EXCEPT IN THE EVENT THE NEXT SCHEDULED JACKPOT IS CANCELLED.** If the next scheduled jackpot is cancelled, all monies will be refunded. You will not have the option to roll the pre-entries forward to the next scheduled jackpot.

- q. A person may only enter themselves, their immediate family members and two other individuals at any given time (unless there is not a line). If that person has more individual entries than outlined above, they will need to go to the end of the line (if applicable) and wait to entry the other individuals.

## 2. CONDUCT

- a. **GCBRA** members are expected to support their organization and to show good conduct at all times. Definition of conduct damaging to **GCBRA** includes but is not limited to: 1) Making defamatory, libelous, or slanderous comments regarding **GCBRA**, its officers, directors, or agents 2) contacting sponsors and making defamatory, libelous, or slanderous comments regarding **GCBRA**, its officers, directors, or agents, or 3) any such behavior determined to be inappropriate by the **GCBRA** Board of Directors.
- b. Excessive abuse to any animal will be considered poor conduct. **ALL DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEASH** and if a dog is causing any type of problem, the owner may be asked not to bring the dog to **GCBRA** functions again. **GCBRA** will not be responsible for injuries by dogs.
- c. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT GCBRA FUNCTIONS.**
- d. **GCBRA** reserves the right to refuse services or remove anyone at any time who exhibits irresponsible behavior, disrupts the use of the facilities by others or is disrespectful of others. Irresponsible behavior includes but is not limited to the following:
  - Rudeness including loud and offensive language;
  - Unreasonable demands for service;
  - Being under the influence of a controlled substance or alcohol;
  - Threatening or erratic behavior; or
  - Behavior that detracts from the safety, welfare, and well-being of others.

e. All **GCBRA** members or minor child are expected to maintain good conduct. Disciplinary action, including suspension or termination, may be imposed for conduct that is deemed damaging or irresponsible towards **GCBRA** or its members. Such action that is not to the severity for suspension or termination should receive one or more of the following:

- 1st Offense - Verbal Warning;
- 2nd Offense - Written Warning to expire after 24 months;

If the **GCBRA** Executive Board and Board of Directors determine the conduct is more severe or if a member has already received a verbal and written warning in the previous 24 months, the following action may be taken:

Suspension from **GCBRA** for 24 months;  
Barred for life from any **GCBRA** sponsored function and membership.

f. Any person who sues **GCBRA** and openly and willingly disrupts **GCBRA's** livelihood will be barred for life.

### 3. CATEGORIES

In all classes where points are kept on the rider, riders may ride more than one horse with the fastest run being counted for points. (Exception of 5-D, 4D and 3-D classes. Rider may receive points in each "D" placing in)

#### a. Barrels

1. **7 & Under Barrels/leadline**- Open to youths ages 7& under. Entry fee will be \$11 with \$10 going towards year end prizes and \$1 to the jackpot. Ages of youth will be determined by their ages as of January 1st. If a non-member joins in the middle of the year, the class they ride in will also then be determined by their age as of January 1st. Lead line in 7 & under is acceptable. All contestants will receive a \$1 pay back.
2. **\$650 Novice Horse Barrel Class**—Open to any rider, but the horse is restricted by the amount of money won in any barrel racing event, regardless of owner. The horse must not have won over \$650, in lifetime earnings/winnings, in barrel racing, prior to nomination of horse for this class. This is an incentive novice class and you pay a 1-time nomination fee of \$25.00 that goes towards awards. You must enter the nominated novice horse in the Open 5-D, Senior 4-D, Adult 4-D or Youth 4-D to get a time. In addition to the \$25 nomination fee, there will be an additional fee of \$6 to be paid on each nominated horse at each jackpot entered that will go toward year end awards. All novice horse nominations are scored against each other for points and then you are scored with the class entered for points.
3. **Open 5-D Barrels**—Open to any horse or rider. Riders in the 5-D Open Barrels may get points on more than one horse if they place in different divisions. If both horses place in the same division, the fastest time will be awarded the points. Information on payoff procedures, points, no times, goes by **NBHA rules**. Open 5-D Barrel Payoff and procedures to be a part of the rule book and payoff will be equal pay out. Divisional winners will be determined by ½ second spits between all divisions.
4. **Senior 4-D Barrels- 45 & Over** – Age of rider as of January 1st. Riders in the Senior 4-D barrels may get points on more than one horse if they place in different divisions. If both horses place in the same division, the fastest time will be awarded the points. Information on payout procedures, points, no times, goes by **NBHA rules**. Senior 4-D payoff will be equal payout. Divisional winnings will be determined by one half second spits between all divisions. (½, ½, ½) You may enter the Open 5-D and Senior 4-D Barrels and run 1 time and carry over your time or you may just enter the Senior and run 1 time. All Senior entries are scored against all the other Senior entries.
5. **Youth 4-D Barrels– 18&Under** - Age of rider as of January 1st. Riders in the Youth 4-D barrels may get points on more than one horse if they place in different divisions. If both horses place in the same division, the fastest time will be awarded the points. Information on payout procedures, points, no times, goes by **NBHA rules**. Youth 4-D payoff will be equal payout. Divisional winnings will be determined by 1/2 second spits between the 1D, 2D, and 3D and a 1 second split between the 3D and 4D (1/2, 1/2.1). You may enter the Open 5-D and Youth Barrels and run 1 time and carry over your time. Or you may just enter the Youth and run 1 time. All youth entries are scored against all the other youth entries.

6. **Adult 4-D Barrels– 19-44** - Age of rider as of January 1st. Riders in the Adult 4-D barrels may get points on more than one horse if they place in different divisions. If both horses place in the same division, the fastest time will be awarded the points. Information on payout procedures, points, no times, goes by **NBHA** rules. Adult 4-D payoff will be equal payout. Divisional winnings will be determined by one half second spits between all divisions. (½, ½, ½ ) You may enter the Open 5-D and Adult 4-D Barrels and run 1 time and carry over your time or you may just enter the Adult 4-D and run 1 time. All Adult 4-D entries are scored against all the other Adult 4-D entries

**b. Poles**

1. **7 & Under Poles-** Open to youths ages 7& under. Entry fee will be \$11 with \$10 going towards year end prizes and \$1 to the jackpot. Ages of youth will be determined by their ages as of January 1st. If a non-member joins in the middle of the year, the class they ride in will also then be determined by their age as of January 1st. Lead line in 7 & under is acceptable. All contestants will receive a \$1 pay back.
2. **Open 3D Poles-** Open to any horse and rider. If a member rides more than one horse points will be awarded to fastest run. A broken pattern will receive a no time. A knocked down pole will receive a five (5) second penalty. Divisional winnings will be determined by one second spits between all divisions. (1, 1, 1 )
3. **Youth Poles– 18&Under** Age of rider as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. If a youth rides more than one horse points will be awarded to fastest run. A broken pattern will receive a no time. A knocked down pole will receive a five (5) second penalty.

**4. BARREL NOVICE HORSE RULES**

- a. To run in the \$650 Novice Horse Incentive Barrels, you must nominate your horse by paying a 1-time \$25 nomination fee. You must enter the nominated novice horse in the Open 5-D, Senior 4-D, Adult 4-D or Youth 4-D to get a time. In addition to the Class entry fee, there will be an additional fee of \$6 to be paid on each nominated horse at each jackpot entered that will go toward year end awards. All novice horse nominations are scored against each other for points and then you are scored with the class entered for points.
- b. If you win money at an event where money will be paid later, your novice horse earnings will be on the money won not the money in hand. The person must fill out a declaration stating the number of horses in the class and the amount of the entry fee; then give a reasonable amount expected to win. This amount stands and declaration will be signed by an officer and will stand until the exact amount is posted to the novice horse card.
- c. At the time each horse is entered, the amount of money won by that horse must be stated to the secretary. If money is won at any function other than **GCBRA** jackpots, it is your obligation to report this money earned to the secretary, for novice horse tracking purposes. If a member is found to have falsified any information given to the secretary, they will be fined \$50 and lose all points in any novice classes for the entire **GCBRA** year, but may run that horse in non-novice classes. A non-member will be prohibited from entering novice classes on any horses for the remainder of the **GCBRA** year. If a member should lose their points when falsifying information, points will be awarded to the next eligible horse in line. It is ultimately the owner's responsibility to have the accurate amount of lifetime earning on a novice horse.
- d. A novice horse cannot be entered twice in the same class. Novice horses must be ridden by **GCBRA** members for points to count.
- e. When a nominated novice horse has won over \$650 in the Novice Incentive Barrel Class they remain in this class throughout the Association year. The horse with the most points at the end of the Association year, wins the Novice Horse Award. The **GCBRA Officers** designate the number of places to be awarded.

**f. Point system Novice Incentive Barrels only:**

\$650 Novice Incentive Barrels: 10 point system, points to ten fastest nominated novice horses regardless of placing in respective classes.

Fastest time nominated novice horse	10 pts
Second fastest	9 pts
Third fastest	8 pts
Fourth fastest	7 pts
Fifth fastest	6 pts
Sixth fastest	5 pts
Seventh fastest	4 pts
Eight fastest	3 pts
Ninth fastest	2 pts
Tenth fastest	1 pt

## 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- a. Pole classes will be first all year
- b. Year Round Jackpots will start at 9am and the Barrel Classes at 2pm, (always call and/or check our website before you haul- this is up to the discretion of the Officers). Jackpot start times may be moved to 10am if it is determined by the Officers that three (3) hours of exhibitions are no longer required. This change will be noted on the **GCBRA** website and all advertisements approximately 1 month before the time change goes into effect. Members will also receive emails regarding the change.
- c. Event Order: Exhibition Poles, 18 & Under Youth Poles, Open 3D Poles, 7 & Under Poles, 7 & Under Barrels, Exhibition Barrels, Barrel Classes all in same draw including: Open 5-D Barrels, \$650 Novice Incentive Barrels, Senior 4-D Barrels, Youth 4-D Barrels, Adult 4-D Barrels. 2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibition Barrels will follow the conclusion of the barrel classes.

## 6. PAY-OFFS, ENTRY FEES AND OFFICE CHARGES

- a. Pay-off for Pole and Barrel Classes

**All 7 & Under Pole and Barrel Contestants will receive \$1.**

### Youth Poles (18 & Under)

# of Contestants	Places paid	Percentages
1-5	1	100%
6-10	2	60%-40%
11-15	3	50%-30%-20%
16-20	4	40%-30%-20%-10%
21-25	5	32%-25%-18%-15%-10%
Over 25	6	32%-24%-15%-12%-9%-5%

### 3D Open Poles

# of Contestants	Places paid	Percentages
1-12	1	100%
13-24	2	60%-40%
25-40	3	50%-30%-20%
41-58	4	40%-30%-20%-10%
59-79	5	32%-25%-18%-15%-10%
Over 80	6	32%-24%-15%-12%-9%-5%

### Youth 4D, Adult 4D and Senior 4D Barrels

# of Contestants	Places paid	Percentages
1-16	1	100%
17-32	2	60%-40%
33-54	3	50%-30%-20%

### Open 5D Barrels

# of Contestants	Places paid	Percentages
1-25	1	100%
26-50	2	60%-40%
51-75	3	50%-30%-20%
76-100	4	40%-30%-20%-10%
101-125	5	36%-25%-17%-13%-9%
126-170	6	32%-24%-15%-12%-9%-5%
171-200	7	26%-20%-15%-12%-10%-9%-8%
201-250	8	25%-19%-15%-12%-10%-8%-6%-5%

**b. Entry Fees:**

Open 5-D	\$32.00
\$650 Novice Incentive Barrels a 1-time Nomination Fee of \$25 \$6 each jackpot toward awards, in addition to class entry fee.	\$ 6.00
Senior 4-D 45 & Over	\$21.00
Youth 4-D 18 & under	\$21.00
Adult 4-D 19-44	\$21.00
7 & under Barrels	\$11.00
7 & under Poles	\$11.00
18 & under Poles	\$16.00
Open 3D Poles	\$21.00
<b>Exhibition Poles \$4 each or 3 for \$10</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Exhibition Barrels \$5 each</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibition Barrels \$4 each or 3 for \$10</b>	

- c. There will be a 60 second time limit on all exhibition barrels and exhibition pole runs in order to expedite the jackpot. Any runs over 60 seconds will be charged an additional timer charge of \$4.
- d. Excessive working of barrel or pole pattern is prohibited in all classes with an entry fee. Excessive working to be defined as more than One (1) turn around any one barrel or poles. Fine will be \$10.
- e. In the event a barrel is circled more than once during competition, the barrel circled will be re-drug prior to the next competitor.
- f. Re-runs or return of entry fee will be given in the event of a timer malfunction. There will be a 45 minute time limit allowed between the original run and the re-run in order for the horse to recover. Should there be a barrel knocked over during the first run, the penalty will not be carried over into the re-run.
- g. \$1 from all Open 5D runs will be collected and used as added money to the Open 5D at the **GCBRA** Year End Finals for the current year.

**I. NEWSLETTERS**

- 1. A newsletter will be mailed to a member that does not have internet access. It is the member’s responsibility to inform the Secretary, if a newsletter is needed. Additional newsletters are available for \$10. The newsletter will list approved jackpots, current standings, donations, and treasurer’s report and jackpot results and should be kept strictly factual with information pertaining to **GCBRA** members. Personal ads are available to members at no charge with a 20 word limit and non members for \$4. Business card size ads are available for \$10. Non-members may be placed on the mailing list and receive newsletters for \$15 per year.

**SECTION III—FINALS AND AWARDS**

**A. FINALS**

- 1. Finals will be held at the end of the year and will be open to members in good standing only. Points at the finals will count for year-end awards.
- 2. All fines, donations, work points and other obligations must be met before entering the finals and/or receiving year-end awards.

**B. AWARDS**

1. There will be awards given in each *class*, (amount/*kind* will be designated by *Officers following the guidelines mentioned below*) purchased by the income from the jackpots, including finals awards. \*Donations may be designated *to a class* by the donor if they wish to do so, *but not a designation to any one individual*. All awards will be prefaced on the size of the classes. May 31 is the deadline to determine whether participation is enough to award a saddle to any class/*category*. Ties for yearend awards will be decided by 1) Most number of jackpots placed in that division or class, 2) Most number of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc place finishes in that division or class or finally a flip of the coin.

\*Questions regarding the guidelines that must be adhered to, in order to maintain **GCBRA**'s status as a non-profit corporation (as defined in the Articles of Incorporation of Gulf Coast Barrel Racing Association dated April 7, 1989) qualifying **GCBRA** as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3), please see the Internal Revenue Code 170 (c) (2) (C).

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(c) which states that a charitable contribution defined for purposes of this section, the term "charitable contribution" means a contribution or gift to or for the use of.....

(2) A corporation, trust, or community chest, fund or foundation.....

(C) No part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.....

To be interpreted as not to specify any one individual to benefit from a donation, in the case the Donor wishes to designate their donation it would be designated to a category or class, but otherwise would be used to supplement all classes or categories of **GCBRA** as needed.

**ANY SITUATION WHICH ARISES AND IS NOT COVERED BY THESE RULES, WILL BE COVERED BY THE DECISION OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CURRENT YEAR.**

**AWARDS GUIDELINES**

The number of places to be awarded in each division will be determined as of the last jackpot in May of the current **GCBRA** year. The guidelines to be used are as follows:

**Open 5-D Barrels, Senior 4-D Barrels, Youth 4-D Barrels, Adult 4-D Barrels, Open 3D Poles, Youth Poles, (equal prizes per division)**

<u>Average Runs per Jackpot</u>	<u>Places</u>	<u>Awards</u>
>15	6	1st—Saddle 2nd—Buckle
10-14	5	1st—Saddle 2nd—Buckle
6-9	4	1st—Buckle 2nd—Buckle
4-5	2	1st—Buckle
<3	2	No Buckle

**Novice Incentive Barrels, and 7&Under classes**

Awards to be determined by **GCBRA** Officers.





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