

RULE BOOK

SEBRA, Inc



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The purpose of the SEBRA is to provide an organization that will promote the sport and industry of bull riding, barrel racing and bucking bulls.

Our goals are to increase the number of participants, improve the quality of events and enhance the image of bull riding, while helping to make everyone's effort more profitable. These rules have been made to address the needs of SEBRA members, promote fairness, eliminate confusion, and assist all in their endeavors. These rules apply to all members and permit holders with no exceptions.

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1. ENTRIES & MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 Entry Requirement** - Competing members and contestants riding as permits must enter at the specified entry number listed on the schedule. You may enter yourself plus a limit of 3 other contestants.
- 1.2 No Recorded Message** - Competing members and contestants riding as permits must talk with a live person to enter. For weekend Turn Outs and doctor releases after hours, contact the SEBRA office. If no answer, leave a message. (336) 861-2219, (336) 669-8076
- 1.3 Alternates** - Alternates will be determined for each event after books have closed. Alternates will be put in a performance according to order of TOs DRs, DOs, etc. Alternates are added on first come, first in basis with members having priority over non-members.
- 1.4 Book Closure** - Event entry books close after the time of the call in, unless otherwise specified.
- 1.5 Local Entries/Permit Contestants** - Local / Permit Contestant entries will be taken by the venue producer after books are closed to fill available positions. Permit contestant must submit a completed permit application to the SEBRA office or to the event secretary with the permit fee. Money earned while competing on a permit will not count in the year end standings.
- 1.6 Membership Dues Payment** – Member Dues are \$150 per season. The monthly (HNN) Humps N Horns news magazine subscription is included and the (CBHN) Carolina Barrel Horse News for all barrel racer members.
- 1.7 Sign Membership Application and if under eighteen (18) have it notarized.** Each member shall, at the time of joining the association, sign a statement (included on the membership application) relieving the association, producers, stock contractors, rodeo committees, and all others of liability in case of injury. Members less than eighteen (18) years of age must have membership application signed by their parent or legal guardian and notarized.
- 1.8 Right to use name, photo, biography.** Each member of the association releases to the association the right to use their name, photograph, biography, and/or all other information pertinent to publicity and promotion. Such materials are to be used only for the good of the association and will not involve resale or commercial endorsement.
- 1.9 Enter By Close Time** - Close time will be the time specified in the SEBRA schedule on stated date.
- 1.10 Entry Fee Payment** - Entry fees must be paid unless drawn out due to legitimate doctor release or if you have notified the event secretary two (2) days prior to the performance you are competing. Contestants must pay entry fees at the venue or to the SEBRA office via credit card prior to the event. A \$10 service charge will be added to all credit card transactions.
- 1.11 Check In** - Contestants must check in with the event secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the event show time. Contestants not checking in or paying entry fees will be replaced by available alternates.
- 1.12 Returned Checks** - There will be a \$20 charge for all returned checks.

- 1.13 Fill Contestants** - The Event promoter/producer may designate one (1) contestant per ten (10) entries to fill positions at the event and must do so prior to the event books closing.
- 1.14 Membership dues automatically deducted** – If a contestant wins 1st place and is not currently a member the event secretary will automatically deduct \$150 from the prize money. The money won will count in the standings. This is for the bull riders only; not applicable for barrel racers.

2. TURNOUTS

- 2.1 Notified Turn Outs (NTO)** - Any competing member or permit contestant wishing to make a NOTIFIED-TURNOUT must do so by contacting the event secretary or the SEBRA office two (2) days prior to the event performance they are competing in. After the two (2) day period this will result in contestant having to pay the amount of the entry fee prior to competing. Turnouts may be paid at the venue the contestant is scheduled to compete in.
- 2.2 NON-NOTIFIED TURNOUT (NNTO)** - A NNTO will result in contestant having to pay the entry for that event performance and a \$20.00 additional fine. Contestants will not be able to compete in a SEBRA event until all fines are paid.
- 2.3 Short Round Turnout** - If an event has a short round and a rider qualifies back for the short round and cannot compete due to an injury or simply wishes not to compete he must notify the judges that he will not be competing before the short round bulls are loaded. This will enable the next highest marked man to be moved up to the short round. If the rider does not notify the judges he will not be competing in the short round before the short round bulls are loaded, he will be fined a \$40 non-notified short round turnout fine. The next man with highest score will advance to the short round and will receive that turn out bull. If the contestant is injured, he will still be eligible for the average payoff. **If the contestant simply wishes not to compete, he WILL NOT be eligible for the average payoff. Refer to rule 4-15 and/or 11-14.**
- 2.4 Two (2) Head Event Turnout** - If an event is a 2 head event and a rider cannot compete on the 2nd head due to an injury or simply wishes not to compete he must notify the judges that he will not be competing before the 2nd round bulls are loaded. If the rider does not notify the judges he will not be competing on the second head before the second round bulls are loaded, he will be fined a \$40 non-notified second head turnout fine. If the contestant is injured, he will still be eligible for the average payoff. If the contestant simply wishes not to compete, he WILL NOT be eligible for the average payoff. Refer to rule 4-15 and/or 11-14.
- 2.5 Doctor /Vet Releases** – Only medical releases, vet releases, or death in immediate family will be accepted as excuse for failure to pay entry fee. Releases must be mailed or faxed to the SEBRA office within 7 days of the performance for which fees were unpaid. Notification must be given to event secretary or SEBRA office 2 days prior to performance. Doctor verification must be received into SEBRA office 7 days after intended date of competition. Fraudulent abuse of Doctor's Release will result in a \$200.00 fine and subject to member disqualification. With the submission of a Doctors Release, the released contestant will be ineligible to compete in SEBRA events for a period of no less than seven (7) days. Contestant failing to comply with this rule will be held liable for entry fee and any fines incurred.

- 2.6 No Refund of Entry Fees** - Contestant entry fees will not be refunded once a contestant has competed. The only exception to this policy is at judge's discretion as addressed by rule 2-6.
- 2.7 Injury Draw-out due to injured in the chute** - When injured and physically unable to compete due to being injured in the bucking chute in the (long go only), an injured contestant can draw-out or be drawn-out and entry fees less the SEBRA Fee and Stock Fee (if applicable) will be refunded. If the Event has a Day Money purse, the contestants Day Money must stay in the Day Money purse for the contestant to receive Day Money.

3. DRAWING PROCEDURES

- 3.1 Stock Draw** - Stock must be drawn with at least one judge and/or staff member present.
- 3.2 Short Go Round Stock Draw** - Short Go Round Stock Draw shall be in reverse order, with lowest qualifier receiving stock draw 1st to highest qualifier receiving stock draw last. Event representative may designate re-ride order.
- 3.3 Draw Back Procedure for Short Go Round** - If not enough qualified rides for the short round the Judges will either draw or take contestants back on time to fill the remaining positions. This is done by randomly drawing riders who did not receive scores in the long go or determining the riders who rode the longest without making a 8 second qualified ride.
- 3.4 In Case of a Tie for the Last Hole in Short Round** - In the case of ties resulting in more than the pre-set number of positions in the short go round, a coin flips with only two contestants, random draw with three or more will decide which contestants will advance to the short go round. A contestant eliminated from short go round due to flip/random draw is eligible for average payoff.
- 3.5 Drawn Bull Becomes Sick or Crippled** - A judge must decide on a bulls ability to be used if a bull that is drawn becomes sick or crippled. The bull will be replaced in the draw if the judge decides the bull cannot be used.

4. BULL RIDING

- 4.1 Scores** - The rider and the bull are to be scored separately. The rider will be scored according to the degree of control exhibited by the rider and the degree of difficulty of the bull. Figures used in scorings shall range from zero (0) to twenty-five (25) (including quarter, half and three quarter points) per judge on both the bull and rider. The total may reach a maximum of one hundred (100) points.
- 4.2 Timing** - Each ride shall be timed for eight (8) seconds. The time starts when any portion of the bull passes the plane of the chute gate (excluding horns, ears and tail.) The contestant must complete the 8 second qualification limit to be eligible for a score.
- 4.3 Judges Official Scores** - Judges will submit to the event secretary their scores for each ride for that performance immediately following the completion of the performance. The scores will be termed official scores when posted and/or verified by the judges and may not be changed once submitted.
- 4.4 Riding Requirements** - Riding must be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without hand-hold.

4.5 Knots or Hitches - No knots or hitches to prevent the rope from falling off the bull when the Contestant leaves the bull will be used.

4.6 Bell - The rope must have bell. Bell must be under belly of bull when the contestant leaves the chute entering the arena.

4.7 Hooking Bull Ropes or Loops with Spurs or Rowels - Hooking bull ropes or loops with spurs or rowels will result in disqualification of the ride for the first offense, 2nd offense will result in disqualification and a fine of \$100. Each subsequent offense will be disqualification of the ride and the fine will double each time.

4.8 Requirements of Scoring - A contestant will receive a score if he makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in the riding hand.

4.9 Sharp Spurs will not be allowed - Contestants may be disqualified and/or fined if sharp spurs are worn.

4.10 Pulling Contestants Rope - No more than two (2) persons may be used to pull the contestants rope.

4.11 Disqualification of Rider - Any of the following shall disqualify a rider:

A. Being bucked off

B. Touching bull, equipment or person with free hand

C. Using sharp spurs, or placing spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.

D. Not having a bell on bull rope.

E. When a rider has been advised, he is next to go and is not above the bull with his glove on when previous bull leaves the arena.

F. Intentionally leaving chute with spurs hooked or lodged on the bull rope loop(s).

4.12 Excessive Time in Chute - Riders taking too long in chute before calling for bull will be fined \$50 first offense. The fine doubles with each subsequent offense. (Riders have a 1 minute time limit after bull is standing properly) This will be determined by both judges. Judges have the authority to disqualify rider as well, at judge's discretion.

4.13 Protective Vests - Protective vests for all SEBRA members/permits competing at a SEBRA event are required to be worn.

4.13 Bull Tails - The bull tail will not be allowed under the flank straps.

4.14 Short Round & (2) Two Head Event Riding Requirement - When an event has a short round or is a two header the rider is required to make an honest attempt on both the second bull to be eligible for the average payoff. The honest attempt will be at the Judge's discretion.

5. RE-RIDES

- 5.1 Re-rides** - Event Producers / Stock Contractors have the option to use the re-rides as they see fit. (Example- The first turn out bull may be used or they can go to the set re-ride pen. This should be pre-determined by the Judges, Producer and Stock Contractor before the events begins.
- 5.2 Judge Shall Inform Contestant of His Options** - If re-ride is given, judge shall inform contestant of his score and an option of a re-ride. Contestant may refuse the re-ride and take the score. Contestant must notify judge immediately of his decision to accept or reject the option upon learning which bull would be used as a re-ride and the time of the re-ride. If the rider accepts the re-ride, the judge must clearly mark RR or Option on the judge sheet.
- 5.3 Discretion of Judge** - Re-rides will be given at the discretion of a judge. Reasons for possible re-rides include the following: if a bull stops or fouls rider, stock contractor's equipment fails, performance of a bull is inferior. No re-ride will be given if contestants own equipment breaks.
- 5.4 Options of Contestant** - If a contestant is granted a re-ride, he may take the same bull for a re-ride, provided the stock contractor is willing and a mutual agreeable time can be arranged. If a contestant opts to accept the re-ride on the same bull, he must take the markings for the re-ride, unless there is a foul or the stock contractor's equipment fail on the re-ride.
- 5.5 Inferior Bull Performance** - If a bull's performance is inferior and that bull is already drawn for a contestant that contestant must qualify on that bull before re-ride may be given. If, in the opinion of the stock contractor and judges, that bull needs to be taken out of the draw, the contestant who had him drawn will be given the designated re-ride.
- 5.6 Chute Fighting Bull** - If, in the opinion of the judges, a rider makes two honest efforts on a chute fighting bull and is unable to do so, he may have a re-ride.
- 5.7 Bull Riders knocked off at the Chute, Fence, or Bull Falls** - Riders who are knocked off at the chute, who are fouled or whose bull falls will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the judges.
- 5.8 Flank Strap comes off the Bull** - A bull rider may have the option of a re-ride, or of accepting a marking, if flank comes off the bull, providing a contestant has qualified up to the point the flank coming off. The re-ride may be given on the same bull, if the stock contractor is willing, or a re-ride bull, is so requested by the contestant.
- 5.9 Bull Stops** - If a bull stops, provided the contestant has qualified up to the point of the stop, the contestant may pull his wrap and will be awarded a re-ride. The contestant may have the option of a re-ride, or upon qualifying, of accepting a score.
- 5.10 Bull Hips Himself** - If, in the opinion of the judges, a bull hips itself while leaving the chute and the cowboy declares himself by getting off as soon as this happens he will receive a re-ride.
- 5.11 Bull Injury or Bull Not Shipped** - Designated Re-ride - In the case of bull injuries or bulls not shipped after the draw has been done, replacement stock should be the designated re-ride for the performance for which the injured bull was scheduled for competition.
- 5.12 More Re-rides are awarded than bulls available** - If all the bulls have been used, the contestant may take his last score or be drawn-out and entry fees less the Finals Fee, The Office Fee and Stock Fee (if applicable) will be refunded. (in Long-go only).

6. JUDGES

- 6.1 Changing Judges** - Event judges may NOT be changed during the course of an Event except in the case of an illness or emergency or by request of SEBRA Officials.
- 6.2 Selection** - Event judging staff at SEBRA Events must be selected by SEBRA from an approved judges list.
- 6.3 Scores** - Scores will be totaled by both judges, verified by the event secretary, and posted after each performance.
- 6.4 Turnouts** - Must mark TO on judge sheet.
- 6.5 Judges Stop Watches** - Each judge carries a stop watch with a latch side arena judge being the prevailing decision. The judge should stop his watch upon disqualification or the horn sounds, whichever comes first. If horn is short of 8 seconds, judge must go with horn.
- 6.6 Judges Decision is Final** - Judges have the authority to have interfering individuals removed.
- 6.7 Sign & Date each judges sheet** - Be descriptive about turnouts, visible injury, and doctor releases. Record buck-off times & mark the bull.
- 6.8 Judge Cards** - A Judge must buy a membership card or pay a one-time permit per performance he works. The bull riding finalists will vote on the judges for the finals.
- 6.9 Grievances** - Grievances may be submitted in writing to the SEBRA Directors by any contestant protesting event procedures or judge's decision, and will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Grievances filings must be received within 30 days of the incident in question.
- 6.10 Standard Judges Pay** - Judges are to be paid \$200.00 per performance. Any other amount must be approved by the SEBRA office prior to the event. Weekly and Bi-Weekly Events are the only exception to this rule, but must also be approved through the office.
- 6.11 Judges must be approved by the Director of Judging** - Event Promoters/Producers must contact the judging director for approved Judges for all SEBRA Events.
- 6.12 Judges Authority** - SEBRA Judges have full authority to remove animals, personnel, media or any individuals that interfere with the safety or quality of the event.
- 6.13 Judges on site 2 Hours before Event Starts** -
Event judges are required to be at the event 2 hours before the start time. Judges are to check all bull horns for the required diameter of the horns, the arena ground, and the bucking chutes and back pens for unsafe conditions. Judges are also to assist the Event Secretary with drawing procedures and any other help the Secretary may need that is Event related.
- 6-14. Judging your own bulls**
Judges are prohibited from judging their own stock at any event. The ONLY exception to this rule would be in the case of a judge not showing up and the stock contractor being a certified judge may judge if there are no other certified judges available.

7. STOCK CONTRACTORS & LIVESTOCK

7-1. Numbering

All livestock must be numbered by permanent brand. The identification numbers must be readable at all times. If they are blurred or haired-over, the numbers must be clipped or renumbered. SEBRA Management must approve any exceptions to the above in writing.

7-2. Unsatisfactory Bulls

A SEBRA Representative or judge may declare particular bulls unsatisfactory. Upon verbal notification, the stock contractor or Event promoter must eliminate the bull(s) from the draw.

7-3. Blunting of Horns

All horn bulls used in SEBRA events will have their horns blunted to at least the diameter of a half dollar (1 - 3/8 inches). Bulls not meeting this requirement will be removed from the draw until the requirements are satisfied.

7-4. Tipping Bull Horns

Stock Contractors are prohibited from tipping bull horns at any SEBRA Event. Bull Horns must be tipped before arrival at the event the bull. The bull will be removed from the draw and the Stock Contractor is subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, a fine of \$100 per bull not tipped correctly. The Stock Contractor may also face ineligibility in addition to fine.

7-5. Humane Treatment

No sick or injured bull will be used in competition.

7-6. Prods / Hot Shots

Use of a prod / hot shot or similar device is prohibited once a contestant is over the bull in the chute, no exceptions.

7-7. Flank Straps

The tail of the flank strap cannot be more than three (3) feet long after completely pulled.

7-8. Stock Contractor Fees

Stock Contractors must pay their SEBRA dues to be eligible for bulls to be considered for the Year-End Finals and to be voted for Stock Contractor of the Year.

7-9. Stock Qualifications for Finals.

A bull must be bucked at least five (5) performances to be considered for the year-end Finals.

7-10. Judges Inspection.

Event judges will inspect the bulls horns prior to the performance. If the bulls horns are too sharp, the bull will be removed from the draw. Refer to rule 7.4

7-11. Drawn Bull Becomes Sick or Crippled.

A judge must decide on a bulls ability to be used if a bull that is drawn becomes sick or crippled. The bull will be replaced in the draw if the judge decides the bull cannot be used. The rider has the option to accept the reride bull or be drawn out of the event. If the rider chooses to be drawn out, the entire entry fee will be refunded.

8. CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

8-1. Discipline.

All members may be subject to reprimands, fines, suspension, or expulsion for the violation of the SEBRA rules.

8-2. Alcohol and Illegal Drugs.

Being under the influence of or consuming alcoholic beverages and/or drugs in the arena of a SEBRA Event will result in a \$100 fine and shall result in major disciplinary action.

8-3. Fighting and Horseplay.

Fighting and Horseplay in the arena will result in a \$100 fine, disqualification, and/or expulsion. SEBRA Representative at the event will determine the appropriate discipline.

8-4. Obscene gestures or cursing out loud.

Making obscene gestures or cursing out loud while in the arena or on the chutes will result in a \$100 fine. This will be determined by the two event judges and/or SEBRA Representative at the event.

8-5. Conduct.

SEBRA reserves the absolute right to discipline individuals whose:

(a) Honesty, integrity and professionalism do not reflect the image expected of Members of the SEBRA.

(b) Personal conduct reflects badly upon SEBRA, its Members, and/or the sport of bull riding.

Proper and Respectable Conduct is expected when members are representing SEBRA at promotional functions, staying at host hotels and dining at host restaurants. Complaints will be reviewed by a committee selected by SEBRA staff and disciplinary action determined. Accused member will be able to attend committee review.

8-6. Dress Code.

All competing members and permits must wear a long sleeve western shirt, cowboy hat, and cowboy boots at any SEBRA Event. Anyone assisting that is visible on, behind the bucking chutes, or in the arena must adhere to the dress code, including cowboy hat. A warning will be issued for first offense, thereafter a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per occurrence.

9. BULL FIGHTERS

9-1. Bull Fighters Card.

A bull fighter must buy a card to be eligible to work the finals. The bull riding finalists will vote on the bull fighters for the finals. A bull fighter may buy a permit for each performance he works, if he chooses not to buy a card. There must be two (2) or more bull fighters working per performance.

10. PRODUCER / PROMOTER PROCEDURES

10-1. Producer Card.

Producer must pay membership dues for the season his event is scheduled.

10-2. SEBRA Advertisement.

SEBRA Logo must be included on all posters, flyers, bill boards etc. Two SEBRA banners must be displayed in arena. And two SEBRA sponsor banners must be displayed providing they do not compete with producer sponsors.

10-3 Event Bullfighters.

Event must have a least two (2) bullfighters.

10-4. Event Judges.

Event must have SEBRA approved Judges. See rule 6-10. for recommended Judges pay.

10-5. Event Approval.

Event approval is determined by SEBRA Directors. Consideration is given to time and distance parameters along with market area.

(a) SEBRA will not sanction another event within Sixty miles (60) of another event scheduled, and within thirty (30) days ahead and thirty (30) days after such scheduled event.

Exemptions to this policy can only be authorized by SEBRA Directors approval. The promoter of the established event must also approve the conflicting event.

There shall be no more than four (5) SEBRA Events on one weekend, unless approved by SEBRA Directors.

10-6. Minimum Added Money.

Event producer is responsible for having the amount of added money at the event. The producer must have the amount that was posted in the schedule. SEBRA Directors will review and determine the required minimum amount of added money per event on a yearly basis.

10-7 Ground Preparation.

The arena ground must be approved by an Event judge, a SEBRA representative, or stock contractor. The arena ground must be flat and not too deep.

10-8. Chutes.

The chutes must have support for feet. A platform in back must extend the full length of the chutes.

10-9. Unsafe Arena Conditions.

An Event Judge, SEBRA representative, or stock contractor can stop an event until an unsafe condition is corrected.

11. SECRETARY & PAYOFF PROCEDURES**11-1. SEBRA Fee.**

There is a \$13.00 charge deducted from every cowboy's & cowgirl's entry fee, including card holders & permits for each performance. For weekly events there is a \$7.00 charge deducted from every cowboy's & cowgirl's entry fee, including card holders & permits for each performance. The event secretary is required to submit the total amount of the SEBRA fee to the SEBRA office.

11-2. Results.

Arena Secretary is responsible for recording and submitting to the SEBRA office all results from the event. This includes the original judges sheets, secretary sheets, payoff sheet and a list of turnouts & doctor releases.

11-4. Payoff Errors.

The event secretary will be responsible for reviewing the individual Event results and correcting any errors before submitting results to the SEBRA office. An error may occur and may not be found until after the prize money has been awarded. In this case, SEBRA will be responsible for correcting the payout error. Members / Permits who have been underpaid will be paid the appropriate amounts. Members / Permits who were overpaid will be notified and required to reimburse SEBRA for the amount of the over payment. Members / Permits who were overpaid and do not reimburse SEBRA will not be eligible to participate in SEBRA events until the amount due is paid. Members / Permits will have 30 days upon notification to clear their account.

11-5. Call in Procedure.

SEBRA Office will be responsible for taking entries unless stated otherwise. Members have 1st priority during set call in time. Non Card Holders will be accepted after members.

11-6. Permits.

Permits must be purchased before or at the event. A Permit Application must be filled out and returned to the arena secretary. Secretary will be responsible for submitting these fees and applications to the SEBRA office.

11-7. Submissions.

All materials required to be submitted by the Arena Secretary to the SEBRA office must be post-marked no later than 3 days from the date of the last performance. (For example, your last performance is on Saturday, your results must be postmarked no later than Tuesday). Failure to abide by this rule shall result in a \$25 fine. This fine will double weekly. Producer is responsible for Secretary therefore he will be responsible for fine.

11-8. Posting Payoff.

Secretary must post payoff after event. Secretary must use payoff set by SEBRA.

11-9 The Following Bull Riding Payoff is required for all regular season SEBRA events.

(Unless specified otherwise)

Total Contestants Paid	Entries	Places	Payback Percentages
1-7	1		100%
8-14	2		60%, 40%
15-21	3		50%, 30%, 20%
22-28	4		40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
29-35	5		33%, 25%, 19%, 13%, 10%
36-42	6		32%, 24%, 18%, 12%, 9%, 5%
43-49	7		30%, 23%, 17%, 11%, 8%, 7%, 4%
50+	8		27%, 22%, 17%, 13%, 9%, 6%, 4%, 2%

Note: When only five (5) contestants qualify for six (6) money payoff, money should be divided 33%, 25%, 19%, 13%, 10%. When only seven (7) contestants qualify for eight (8) money payoff, the money shall be divided 30%, 23%, 17%, 11%, 8%, 7%, 4%. Clarification: If only one (1) qualified ride is made, that contestant shall receive all the prize money; if two (2) rides are made those contestants shall receive the prize money, divided 60%, 40%, same as a two (2) money payoff, etc. If there are no qualified scores, deduct the SEBRA Fee (\$13.00 per contestant) & Send to the SEBRA office. Deduct the Stock Charge, if applicable and give to the stock contractor. The remaining entry fee (ground money) will go back to the contestants.

11.10 The following Barrel Racing Payoff is required for all regular season events.

*Required SEBRA Barrels Payoff (Unless specified otherwise)

Total Contestants Paid	Entries	Places	Payback Percentages
1-7	1		100%
8-14	2		60%, 40%
15-21	3		45%, 33%, 22%
22-28	4		40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
29-35	5		33%, 25%, 19%, 13%, 10%
36-42	6		32%, 24%, 18%, 12%, 9%, 5%
43-49	7		30%, 23%, 17%, 11%, 8%, 7%, 4%
50-56	8		27%, 22%, 17%, 13%, 9%, 6%, 4%, 2%
57-63	9		24%, 19%, 15%, 12%, 10%, 8%, 6%, 4%, 2%
64-70	10		22%, 18%, 15%, 12%, 10%, 8%, 6%, 4%, 3%, 2%

11-11. Finals & Special Event Payoff.

The SEBRA National Championship Finals and Invitational Events may choose to pay additional holes. Number of Holes will be determined by SEBRA staff.

11-12. No Qualified Rides.

In the case of no qualified rides during an entire performance, Secretary will refund contestants entry fee less (minus) the \$13.00 SEBRA fee and the Stock Fee (if applicable). Producer receives stock fee, SEBRA receives SEBRA fee. For weekly and bi-weekly events the SEBRA fee is \$7.00

11-13. Day Money Purse.

For events where day money is applicable. In case of no qualified rides in the long round day money will be refunded to the contestants.

11-14. Day Money Purse at a Two (2) Head Event.

If an event is a Two (2) Header, day money is awarded only to the contestants who received a score on the first Head. The second Head of bulls are considered as the Short Round Head and day money is not awarded to contestants whom received a score for the second Head.

11-15. Short Round & (2) Two Head Event Riding Requirement for Average Payoff.

When an event has a short round or is a two header the rider is required to make an honest attempt on the second bull to be eligible for the average payoff. The honest attempt will be at the Judge's discretion.

11-16. Receipts.

The event Secretary is responsible for providing receipts to every contestant. Copies must also be sent to the SEBRA office with the secretary packet.

12. SEBRA NATIONAL FINALS EVENT**12-1. Finals Contestants.**

Each year SEBRA will determine how many Bull Riders & Barrel Racers will be taken to the finals. This will be posted on the official website www.gosebra.com The Top Bull Riders & Barrel Racers taken to the Finals will be determined by money won.

12-2. Number of Events Required.

A bull rider must compete in at least five (5) SEBRA events following the purchase of his card to be eligible for the finals event. A barrel racer must compete in at least three (3) SEBRA events following the purchase of her card to be eligible for the finals event.

12-3. Finals Awards.

Any bull rider and barrel racer that qualify for the finals must compete in the finals to receive any awards he or she has earned, unless he or she has a valid doctor release. If this matter is questionable it may be voted on & determined by the finalists.

12-4. Bull Rider Rookie of the Year.

First year in SEBRA and riding less than 5 years defines rookie of the year. First year contestant with most SEBRA money won will determine the rookie of the year. If rookie of year qualifies for the finals he must compete in finals to receive award, unless he has a valid doctor release. If this matter is questionable it may be voted on & determined by the finalists.

12-5. Year-end Finals Bulls.

SEBRA Staff with the aid of a committee of bull riders, bull fighters, judges, and advisors will select the bulls to be taken to the Finals. Each Stock Contractor will submit a list of bulls to be considered.

12-6. Stock Qualifications for Finals.

A bull must be bucked at least five (5) performances to be considered for the year-end Finals.

12-7. Voting for Finals Awards.

Contestants will be required to submit voting ballots for various year end and finals awards such as Producer of the Year, Stock Contractor of the Year, Event of the Year etc.

12-8. Finals Personnel to be voted. The following SEBRA Finals Personnel will be selected based on SEBRA Finals contestants' votes:

Three (3) Bull Fighters

Two (2) Judges

One (1) Secretary

One (1) Barrel Man/Arena Entertainer

One (1) Announcer

12-9. Finals announcer and clown/barrel man. The announcer and clown/barrel man who received the “Announcer of the Year” and Barrel Man of the Year” award for the previous year will have first bid to work the following season finals.

12-10. Finals Personnel set pay. The Executive Committee will set pay for the following SEBRA Finals Event personnel, at not less than the stated minimum:

- Secretary: \$200 per performance
- Judges: \$200 per performance
- Bull Fighters: \$250 per performance
- Announcer: \$750 per performance
- Barrel Man: \$750 per performance

13. COWGIRLS BARREL RACING

13.1 Membership Dues Payment – Member Dues are \$150 per season and must be purchased prior to competing for monies won to count in the standings. (CBHN) Carolina Barrel Horse News online subscription is included with the membership.

13.2 Entry Fees Amount – The required entry fee at all regular season events is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. The weekly and bi-weekly events do not have a required entry fee amount.

13.3 Notified Turn Outs (NTO) & Non-Notified Turn Outs (NNTO) Any competing member or permit contestant wishing to make a NOTIFIED-TURNOUT must do so by contacting the event secretary or the SEBRA office two (2) days prior to the event performance they are competing in. After the two (2) day period this will result in contestant having to pay the amount of the entry fee prior to competing. Turnouts may be paid at the venue the contestant is scheduled to compete in. NON-NOTIFIED TURNOUT (NNTO) - A NNTO will result in contestant having to pay the entry for that event performance and a \$20.00 additional fine. Contestants will not be able to compete in a SEBRA event until all fines are paid.

13.4 Contestant must begin run from mouth of gate or alleyway and move in a forward direction (cannot enter arena and set horse), if gate or alleyway is in the center of the barrel pattern. The bars in the alley must be removed or buried so that the center alley will be completely level, to be deemed safe by the judges. Any gate that barrel racers are required to enter, either center or side, the bar must be removed or buried. When using a center alley in the barrel racing, the barrel racers must leave through the center alley, unless the gate has been closed. The barrel racer can be fined for turning her horse off before going out the center alley. This is the sole opinion of the judges whether the rider causes this, or he can waive the fine if he thinks someone or something in the alley scares the horse.

13.5 There will be a sixty (60) second time limit for barrel racers to begin their run after entering the arena. One of the judges will keep time and enforce this rule.

13.6 Contestants cannot be required to begin run from an off-center gate or alleyway.

When there is a split or double alleyway, contestants may be required to run from mouth or alleyway, if they have a choice of either alleyway. When center alleyway is used, it will be posted whether gate will be open, closed or barrel racer's option to run out. Once a contestant is disqualified, she cannot work her horse.

13.7 Barrel racers are required to wear western attire (long sleeved shirts with or without collar, wrist length) western hats and boots in the arena, on the back of the bucking chutes and on the back of the timed event chutes one (1) hour prior to and during the performance time. Barrel racers may not wear worn out jeans while competing. Failure to comply will result in a warning for first offense, thereafter a fine of twenty five dollars (\$25) per occurrence.

13.8 Barrels are to be set on inside of each stake in a cloverleaf pattern.

13.9 Judges are responsible for measuring, staking and marking of the barrels and score-line, before the beginning of the first performance and thereafter measured off by judges before each performance from such stakes, to determine if stakes are still in their original places, measuring to be done with tape measure. Judges must turn in barrel stake and score-line measurements, in feet and inches, to rodeo secretary for recording before the first performance. Electric timers will be staked or marked and reset over that stake or mark for each performance. Judges will be responsible for setting up electric timers. Before setting the barrel pattern, take into consideration where the electric timers are to be set. Allow enough room to get cord to announcer's stand or suitable area. Make sure there is access to power if needed. Do not set course too wide for the electric eye to line up.

13.10 The standard barrel course shall be: ninety (90) feet between barrels one (1) and two (2), one hundred five (105) feet between barrels one (1) and three (3) and two (2) and three (3); sixty (60) feet from barrels one (1) and two (2) to score-line; Sixty (60) feet from score-line to the end of the arena for stopping room if the arena allows; no less than 45 feet. Decision is subject to Director Approval. To set course, measure length and width of arena to determine if standard course can be set. Measure score-line and stopping distance, then set barrels one (1) and two (2). Make an arc on the ground from barrel one (1) and barrel three (3) - then from barrel two (2) to three (3). Set the marker for barrel three (3) where the arcs cross, being sure that barrel three (3) is at least twenty (20) feet off the back of the arena fence. Measure score-line from both barrels one (1) and two (2) to be sure that the distance is equal for contestants going to either the right or left barrel first. Barrels one (1) & two (2) will be set a minimum of eighteen (18) feet off of the arena fences unless arena is one hundred (100) feet or less in width, then barrels one (1) & two (2) will be possible. If arena size does not permit standard course, measurements in proportion to the size of the arena shall be used, shortening the distance between barrels. The standard course lengths cannot be exceeded. If score-line is less than the maximum sixty (60) feet, there must be a minimum of fifty (50) feet from the chutes or arena fence for stopping room, unless the arena has a center gate or alley and contestants are allowed to run out the gate. When distance between barrels (1) one & 2 (two) is reduced from standard pattern, for every 10 feet barrels are reduced between (1) one & (2) two. The maximum distance between barrels (2) two & (3) three shall be reduced by (5) five feet.

13.11 When staking barrels for a center alleyway the patterns will be staked starting with the alleyway and measuring equal distance from each side of gate (not the arena).

13.12 The arena must be worked (not hand raked) after fifteen (15) barrel racers have run. Arena must be worked before each performance and before slack. During slack arena must be worked after same number of positions offered in performance, not to exceed fifteen (15) barrel racers. (Clarification: Rodeo management may work the ground after fewer than 15 barrel racers have run, but no more than 15 barrel racers may run without working the arena.)

13.13 A contestant will not be disqualified or penalized for touching a barrel.

- 13.14** If contestant knocks barrel over, there will be a five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over.
- 13.15** If all barrels are standing when contestant crosses the score-line after completing a qualified run, it is considered a qualified run, even if a barrel falls after she is flagged.
- 13.16** The use of an electric timer is required and must be backed up with a flag and two (2) timers. The manual times are to be averaged between the two (2) timers and recorded in hundreds and one zero (0) added to have a time recorded in thousands. If the electric timer fails three (3) times during one performance or two (2) times on the same contestant, times will revert back to hand flagged times with original stopwatch times to be used on all contestants. Manual times will be used for payoff only when the automatic timer is no longer serviceable.
- 13.17** There shall be no talking to flagmen, timekeepers or judges during the barrel racing event.
- 13.18** Both judges will be required to be present during the barrel racing event with one judge flagging line and the other judge watching to see that a qualified cloverleaf pattern is run. Flag judge will flag nose at the start and finish of the race. The line on fence for flagman shall be marked.
- 13.19** Judges may appoint responsible persons to replace barrels in proper position if barrels have been knocked down by a contestant during a run.
- 13.20** A SEBRA Official will draw the order in which the contestants will run.
- 13.21** Barrels used must be (55) fifty-five gallon size. Steel or plastic barrels may be used and barrel covers are permitted
- 13.22** After the barrels have been staked, no one will be permitted to go around the stakes or barrels for the duration of the barrel racing closer than fifteen (15) feet from the stakes used.
- 13.23** A barrel racer must compete in three (3) events to be eligible to compete at the finals. Barrel only events do count toward the (3) three event eligibility. The barrel only events must follow the same rules as if there were bulls & barrels. These may not be held in conjunction with any horse show events! You do not have to compete at events in (3) three different locations. For example: If you compete at Giddy Up Ranch Arena in Somewhere, NM on (3) three different dates these count toward the (3) three event rule.
- 13.24** Contestant will be disqualified, if after crossing score-line and being flagged by the flagman, she re-crosses score-line before completion of a true cloverleaf pattern run.
- 13.25** Reruns in the barrel race will be taken at the barrel racer's discretion, either at the end of the barrel race or immediately following the performance. The same rule applies to the slack. Reruns will be taken either at the end of the barrel race or immediately

following the slack. If contestant chooses to make their rerun immediately after, the ground must be worked regardless of the number of horses that run during the performance.

13.26 Rerun to be given contestant at judges' discretion should contestant be fouled. Any penalties incurred during original run will be added to rerun at judge's discretion. If an entire performance is rerun because of barrels not being in original places, then all contestants will run over and any penalties are disregarded.

13.27 It is highly recommended that stock not be watered within twenty-five (25) feet of the barrel stakes.

13.28 No one on horseback, besides contestant, will be allowed to remain in arena during contestant's run.

13.29 A contestant shall compete in the performance in which they are entered and be ready when called upon to compete or be disqualified from that go round of competition.

13.30 The same horse is able to run more than one time but with a different rider. The judges will draw at least five (5) contestants, splitting the contestants riding the same horse.

13.31 You are only allowed to enter one time per performance you are competing/entered.

13.32 Barrel Only Events must have minimum added money of \$200 and at least 10 contestants must enter before the event can be held. Contestants must enter during the specified call in time listed on the schedule. All rules apply as if the event was a bulls and barrels and cannot be held in conjunction with horse show events. The only rule exception is only one judge is required.

13.33 Required Barrel Racing payoff for SEBRA Barrels sanctioned events

The following Barrel Racing Payoff is required for all regular season events.

*Required SEBRA Barrels Payoff (Unless specified otherwise)

Total Contestants Paid	Places	Payback Percentages
1-7	1	100%
8-14	2	60%, 40%
15-21	3	45%, 33%, 22%
22-28	4	40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
29-35	5	33%, 25%, 19%, 13%, 10%
36-42	6	32%, 24%, 18%, 12%, 9%, 5%
43-49	7	30%, 23%, 17%, 11%, 8%, 7%, 4%
50-56	8	27%, 22%, 17%, 13%, 9%, 6%, 4%, 2%
57-63	9	24%, 19%, 15%, 12%, 10%, 8%, 6%, 4%, 2%
64-70	10	22%, 18%, 15%, 12%, 10%, 8%, 6%, 4%, 3%, 2%

14. PASSES

14.1 All contestants who pay entry fees shall be entitled to admittance for themselves during all performances. The contestant shall only be entitled to admittance for one additional person during the performance in which they compete. All guests must accompany contestant when entering the event. **This rule does not apply to weekly series events.**

14.2 All SEBRA Officers, Board of Director's and Event Director's shall be entitled to admittance for themselves and one additional person during all performances.

14.3 The event secretary will furnish a list of contestants and other personnel to be admitted to each event to the person on the contestant gate.

15. SERIES & TOUR EVENTS

15.1 Series Awards. When a series begins in one season and ends/concludes in the next, money earned counts toward buckles and awards beginning the date you buy your card, regardless of which season it was purchased. You must have purchased a card during the duration of the series to qualify for a buckle or awards. Money toward SEBRA year-end standings counts for the year in which your card was purchased. If a series runs into a new season, a new card is needed to count money won/earned for the current year-end SEBRA season standings.