

UKBHA

Members Handbook

Introduction

This handbook is issued with the intention of providing a guide to the fundamental rules for United Kingdom Barrel Horse Association (UKBHA) events, competitions and shows.

Mission Statement

- ▣ To act as the Official Governing Body for the sport of Barrel Racing in Great Britain
- ▣ To promote the sport and increase participation
- ▣ To provide competing opportunities for members in the UKBHA shows and classes
- ▣ To improve performance of both riders and horses through training and coaching programmes
- ▣ To recognise the success of members and their horses
- ▣ To promote the highest standards of care and welfare for all Barrel Racing horses

Association Structure

The Association is headed by the President of the association, Luke Burrige, the secretary of the Association is Sami Nash. The Treasurer of the Association is Luke Burrige and he will be responsible for all financial outlay and incomings.

The UKBHA is a not-for-profit Association therefore, all moneys received will go into the Association bank account and be used for the advancement of the Association and its members. The Association's registered office is:

31 Flat B Allfarthing Lane, Wandsworth, London, SW18 2PG.

Phone: 07757 105 985

email: ukbha@outlook.com

All paperwork, member's forms, complaints and appeals must be sent to these addresses.

Constitution

Objectives

1. To promote the sport of Barrel Racing and increase participation in the sport.
2. To provide coaching and riding opportunities for Barrel Racers around the UK
3. To provide clinics and shows for all levels of rider around the UK.
4. To provide training opportunities with higher level professionals.
5. To provide a support network that enables an increase in quality and quantity of riders, horses and competitions in barrel racing.
6. To provide regular communication with its members via email correspondance and facebook.
7. To publicise the sport through press and other organisations.

Constitution

The Association shall be run by a President, Luke Burrige, assisted by an Association Secretary, Sami Nash, who will dedicate their time to acheiving and maintaining the objectives of the Association.

We are a 'not for profit' association.

Financial records will be kept and will be available to any member upon request.

There will be a seperate Association bank account.

The Association will maintain a suitable insurance policy.

Subscription rates shall be decided annually and shall be renewable on the 1st January each year.

All members must have adequate third party insurance and up to date vaccination/passport for their horse which must be available on demand.

The Association will have a dedicated Child Protection and Welfare Officer and First Aid Officer - currently Luke Burrige

There will be an Annual Association meeting each year where members may raise any matters they wish to be discussed.

On completing and signing the membership application form, you will be deemed to have agreed to abide by this constitution and any other rules or regulations that are put in place in the future.

If the Association President, with consultation of its members, decide that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Association, they shall realise any assets held by or on behalf of the Association. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred by the Association President to such other not for profit institution or institutions having goals similar to the goal of the Association as the members may decide, or failing that, shall be applied by the President for some other worthwhile purpose.

Membership

Membership shall be for one year and shall be renewable on the 1st of January each year. Membership subscription rates shall be decided by the Association President.

Accounts

The accounting year for the Association shall end on the 31st of December each year. All accounts will be kept on record and made available to any member who requests to see them. This will be the responsibility of the Treasurer.

Notices

Any notice to be given to any person in accordance with these Rules, shall be given in writing. A notice may be given to any member either personally or by sending it by post to their registered address. Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected 24 hours after posting of such letter.

Amendments

Any amendments made during the course of the year must be sent out to all members to inform them of any changes that may effect them.

Dissolution

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objectives of the Association. Such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some other charitable object.

Disciplinary Procedures

Agreement to Be Bound by the Rules

Membership in the Association carries certain responsibilities as well as rights. Any member of the Association may be disciplined, fined or suspended upon a showing of good cause.

Any non-member may be denied membership and the privileges attached thereto, whenever it shall be established by satisfactory evidence that such non-member is not a worthy candidate.

Every member of the Association, by the completion of their membership application form, agree to be bound by the Constitution of the Association and all rules, regulations and bylaws made hereunder and agrees that the decisions of the Council, Disciplinary Committee and other competent authorities of the Association given in accordance therewith shall be final and binding upon them.

Code of Conduct

No member shall:

Act in an unsportsmanlike manner.

Conduct themselves in a manner which is detrimental to the character and/or prejudicial to the interests of the Association, or brings it into disrepute.

Conduct themselves at an event in a manner which is offensive to other members or the public.

Mistreat or abuse in any way a horse at an event or elsewhere.

Discriminate against any person on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, language, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, pregnancy, religious belief, class or social background, sexual orientation, gender reassignment or political belief.

PENALTIES AND/OR DISQUALIFICATIONS

*UKBHA membership and participation in UKBHA events is a privilege, not a right. Behavior which is damaging to our Association or its membership will not be tolerated. Violation of any of the following provisions may subject a member to disqualification from UKBHA events, being denied entry to UKBHA events or suspension from the Association.

1. Any act in connection with a UKBHA approved show or other UKBHA business in violation of this section by a member of the family of a UKBHA member may be deemed to have been committed by the UKBHA member and subject him or her to penalties.

2. Any act deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the UKBHA may result in the suspension of a member, including but not limited to the following.

a. Using abusive or intemperate language or attempting to threaten, bribe, influence or harass any

contestant, show official or UKBHA official. Also, any remarks made with the intent to cast aspersions on the character or integrity of a UKBHA official or show official.

- b. Moving or attempting to move markers at any time.
 - c. Use of electronic and/or remotely controlled devices to alter the outcome of a run.
 - d. Abuse of a horse in any way.
 - e. Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
 - f. Misidentifying a horse in any UKBHA class will disqualify a contestant.
 - g. Other conduct that is not in the best interest of the UKBHA or its members.
 - h. Failure to make good on a returned check to the UKBHA or to any UKBHA approved event, or to any other association which has a cooperative agreement with the UKBHA on returned checks.
 - i. Show Management and/or UKBHA officials at their sole discretion shall have the authority to disqualify or deny entry to any horse they deem dangerous to the rider, or to other individuals, animals or property.
3. A member who has been suspended or disqualified under this section may appeal to an appeals committee of UKBHA officials. The date, time, and location of such meeting will be determined by the UKBHA President. The decisions of such appeals committee shall be final and binding on all parties.

PROTESTS & COMPLAINTS

Persons who believe a rule violation or infraction has occurred at a UKBHA event, may file a written protest with UKBHA offices, 31 Flat B Allfarthing Lane, Wandsworth, London, SW18 2PG. The written protest must be accompanied by a £25 protest fee. The protest must be made within 30 days of the incident which is being protested. If the protest proves to be valid, the £25 protest fee will be returned to the person filing the protest. If the protest proves to be invalid, the protest fee will go into the UKBHA account. In certain cases, determined by the President, the UKBHA may reserve the right to return the £25 protest fee even if the protest proves to be invalid. This is the **ONLY** manner in which a protest or complaint will be accepted.

(NOTE: This rule does not prevent Directors and Show Managers from correcting obvious problems brought to their attention, without the submission of a written protest fee.)

Any situation not covered under these rules shall be decided by the UKBHA official on site.

Forfeitures

Any rider participating in a UKBHA class or division in which he/she is not eligible will forfeit the earnings or awards to the UKBHA. It is the responsibility of the ineligible and or disciplined member and/or owner to

return all forfeited earnings and awards to the UKBHA.

Upon receipt of any forfeited earnings and awards the UKBHA will redirect them to the show committee to be redistributed. UKBHA will make corrections to the class placings

and earnings in the UKBHA records.

Notice of Findings, Penalties and Appeals

The Association will, within seven days of the Disciplinary Committee decision, notify the complainant and the accused in writing of the findings of the Disciplinary Committee, of any penalties imposed and the right of appeal as provided for in the rules.

Other than as provided for in the above rules, the findings of and penalties imposed by the Disciplinary Committee shall be final and binding on all parties in every case.

Publication of Findings and Penalties

The Association may at their absolute discretion publish any disciplinary ruling or direction made concerning any personal matter in such manner as they shall think fit, whether in the public press circulating throughout or in any part of the United Kingdom, or abroad and/or on television or sound broadcasting, and/or to and through any news of broadcasting agency or agent, or otherwise and every member of the Association shall be deemed to have consented thereto.

Policies

The Association adopts the policies as set out by British Reining and the British Equestrian Foundation in respect of Child Protection, Vulnerable Adults and Equity, Health and Safety, Horse Welfare and Drug Free Sport. The Association also has a Complaints and Appeals policy in place.

The UKBHA is fully committed to and accepts its legal and moral obligations to comply with its duty of care, to protect all children and vulnerable adults and safeguard their welfare.

British reining has in place a comprehensive child protection and equity policy in line with other BEF Member Bodies. These are subject to constant review and are therefore not contained in this Handbook. Those currently in force can be viewed on the British Reining website www.britishreining.co.uk and can be downloaded from the site.

Members need to be aware that the UKBHA allows the videoing of its events including classes involving Youth competitors. If any parent or youth has any concerns of the videoing of events then they should contact the show organisers and if need be the Association President.

Any member with a concern at any time relating to child protection should make contact the Association's President.

Horses

Horses taking part in competition must be healthy and compete on their inherent merits. The use of a prohibited substance might influence the horse's performance or mask an underlying health problem and could falsely affect the outcome of competition. If any Horse or competitor is found using prohibited

substances they will be subject to elimination from competition and also possible expulsion from the Association. Prohibited Substances are listed on the website of the BEF (British Equestrian Federation).

Competition Rules

1. A UKBHA barrel race is a timed event using three identical barrels set in a cloverleaf pattern. (The UKBHA Championships will use 55-gallon metal barrels with closed ends. All other shows are not required to use metal barrels, however, barrels must be empty. They must not have any weights in them which will make it less likely for them to be knocked over.)
2. The starting gate or gates must remain the same throughout the entire event. A contestant may request that the gate be closed after they enter the arena. If an arena has more than one gate at the end where riders enter the arena, riders may be given a choice of starting gates as long as the choice is extended to all riders.
3. The start/finish line and the barrel positions should be permanently marked and must remain the same throughout the entire event.
4. The pattern at a UKBHA show must meet the following conditions:
 - a) The first two barrels must be a minimum of 10 feet (3 metres) off the side fence.
 - b) a minimum of 20 feet (6 metres) between the third barrel and the back fence.
 - c) a minimum of 20 feet (6 metres) between the time line and the first barrel.
5. Ground conditions
 - a) The ground conditions within the arena must remain consistent throughout the event. The ground around the barrels must be reworked and leveled after each 10 or fewer contestants have competed. An amount less than 10 may be set by the show organisers/management and/or judges.
 - b) The preferred method of working the ground is with a ground tool pulled by some type of motor vehicle. Hand raking will be acceptable at regional shows only.
6. Any time a contestant crosses the starting line, time will begin.
7. A contestant will be given a "no time" for missing the pattern.
8. A contestant will be disqualified for running out of turn. It is the contestant's responsibility to know his/her draw position.
9. A contestant will be given a "no time" or a 5 second penalty for knocking over a barrel. A "no time" or 5 second penalty will also be given if a barrel is knocked over and it sets up again on either end. Touching a barrel, including to keep it from falling, is permitted without penalty. Show organisers, management and/or judges will predetermine whether a knocked down barrel will result in a "no time" or a penalty. The same

rules will apply to all competitors.

10. A contestant will be given a "no time" if the horse or rider falls during the run in such a manner as to break the pattern, or if the rider falls off the horse.

11. If a barrel is moved off its marker during competition, the barrel must be reset prior to the next competitor's run.

12. Contestants may ride any horse, regardless of ownership, and may ride as many horses as they choose in a class. However, a horse may not be shown by more than two people in a class. Under no circumstances is a horse to compete with more than two riders.

13. Entries for a UKBHA class will close when the first horse in that class runs, or at an earlier time as specified on the show bill. Under no circumstances will entries be taken for a class after the first horse in that class has entered the arena.

14. At all UKBHA sanctioned shows, the draw shall be done in a random manner. (computer, shuffling cards, drawing numbered chips, etc.) All horses in the draw must be named. Riders with multiple entries must ride their horses in the position in which they draw up. Once set, the draw may not be changed, except to accommodate entries with the same horse or rider, or entries involving members of the same immediate family, which have drawn up close to each other. What constitutes "close to each other" will be determined by Show Management; however, a consistent standard should be adhered to for the class. The draw may not be changed to give preference to any rider or to accommodate another commitment of a particular rider such as work or another barrel race. Changes must be moved to the end.

15. Only one horse may be in the competition arena at any time during competition. A second horse may be used to help the competing horse enter but must then leave the arena before the run starts. Failure to do this will result in a "no time".

16. Reruns shall be granted if the timer fails to work properly or if the barrels are not placed properly on their markers. Any penalty incurred on the original run shall not be applied against the rerun; however, any penalty occurring on the rerun shall apply.

17. If the pattern is altered in any way during the running of a class, such that it cannot be restored to its original layout, all runs made to that point are void for the purpose of UKBHA points. UKBHA points may be awarded only if the entire class is rerun. (An altered pattern includes, but is not limited to: Changes in the staked position of the barrels; a change in the position of the timing device, either vertically or horizontally; or a change in the position of the entry gate(s).

18. Contestants who are given a "no time" or penalty, either for missing the pattern or knocking down a barrel, may complete the pattern. However, show management may, at its discretion, ask a rider who is taking excessive time to train, to leave the arena immediately. If such request is not complied with, a £15 fine may be assessed, payable to the UKBHA.

19. UKBHA Officials have the right to disqualify any uncontrolled horse which does not begin performance within three minutes of the time the rider has been called. This rule does not apply to competitors who have

not checked in with gate personnel.