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## Valley Girls Barrel Racing Association

In the spring of 1961, the President of the Washington Barrel Racing Association came to Walla Walla to hold a meeting of girls interested in barrel racing. To encourage participation, a regional awards system was set up and at the close of the season, top ten awards were given. The area encompassed interested girls from both Oregon and Washington who were competing in the Walla Walla Valley. A saddle was given to the "Walla Walla Regional Barrel Racing Champion, in 1961.

The following year, a formal group was organized to be known as the Valley Girls Barrel Racing Association. A junior division was set up. Shodeos were held to raise money for awards. Saddles and top ten awards were given.

In 1977, the Valley had grown enough so that a third division was formed. Awards were given in the junior, senior, and open divisions. In 1995 the Novice Horse Division was added. 1998 saw the addition of another division, the HONORS. VGBRA secures a saddle to be given to the Overall Champion. Gold Card member, Shirley Dickerson, donates a gorgeous portrait to our Reserve Over All Champion.

The first Barrel Daze weekend was held in 1979 with the first futurity being added in 1981. These two events, held together, have grown to be among the largest of their kind in the Northwest.

Members of VGBRA, "run the barrels" in many types of competition, (WBRA, OBRA, WPRA, ICA, NIRA, PWRA, NPRA, AQHA, Junior, High School, College, and Pee Wee Rodeo Associations, and at the Pioneer Posse) but at home they are united in a common cause.....good barrel racing!

## **Articles of Association**

1. To promote the sport of barrel racing and to establish a method of communication and a central address for the convenience of all members.
2. To make known to all members information concerning dates of barrel races, points, winners and other particulars which members are interested in.
3. To establish a point system by which yearly champions will be named and awarded suitable prizes.
4. To establish dues which will be kept by the Secretary-Treasurer. The dues will be used for the Association's necessary costs, postage, and supplies. Should a sizable amount accumulate in the treasury, after all necessary expenses have been paid, it will be used toward yearly prizes for the VGBRA.
5. To establish VGBRA rules. Barrel racing should be considered a rodeo event and treated as such in regard to timing and pay-offs, when there is an entry fee.
6. The Valley Girls Barrel Racing Association is an independent, non-profit organization.
7. Any person becoming a member of the association shall comply with all of its rules, by-laws and decisions and be bound by same.

## Membership

1. It shall be the policy to accept any person who desires membership and lives within the designated boundaries. Eligibility for members shall be left to the discretion of the officers, directors, or members of said organization.
2. Members are divided into three age groups, a Novice Division, and the HONORS Division: Juniors 12 & Under; Seniors 13 - 24; Open 25 and over, the Novice Division (see Novice Horse rules), and the HONORS Division (see HONORS rules.) Age qualifications are determined by member's age when the season begins with the first race of the new year.
3. Annual membership dues are fixed at \$20 per year for all divisions, payable on or before the first race of the new season. Regardless of how many horses a member rides in 8-12, 13-24, Honors or 25 & over, only one year-end award per member may be received as points are calculated on the rider. The Novice Division membership fee is \$20 per horse and only one year-end award per horse is allowed as points are calculated on the horse. Dues are to be paid on or before the first race of the new season.
4. Dues must be paid before points will count toward the VGBRA standings.
5. When a previous VGBRA member joins VGBRA after Barrel Daze, an award fee of \$50 shall be added to the annual dues for the member to be eligible for year end awards. (This equals the \$25 advertisement and \$25 auction item requirement of members).
6. Any member not paid by December 1st shall be dropped from the mailing list, Board of Directors, and office.
7. Only VGBRA members in good standing who are residents surrounding Walla Walla, north to Dayton, south to Adams and west to Touchet are eligible to win points.
8. If a member moves out of the VGBRA area, they will not be allowed to continue running for points; however, they may keep the points already earned, compete at the finals and receive year-end awards provided they are a member in good standing.
9. A Barrel Daze ad or a \$25 donation must be turned in by April 1 in order for a member to continue to receive points. Each VGBRA member will be required to secure a minimum of \$25, with the maximum amount per family to be no more than \$50 in donations or advertisements for Barrel Daze. It is required that the money be received by VGBRA by April 1. Members will be responsible for collecting the money for their advertisement or donation, unless the advertisement is for \$100 or more, then if requested the program director will bill for the advertisement. No points will be calculated at or after Barrel Daze until reports are received from the Auction Director, Arena Director, and the Program director regarding member's fulfillment of requirements. No points will be given at or after Barrel Daze until money is received. If the \$25 ad money is not paid on time, each month it is late, \$10 will be added to the amount due until paid. Member shall begin receiving points for the year when the money has been received by VGBRA.
10. Due to the fact that our two main functions, Barrel Daze and Autumn Daze have grown so much, VGBRA members are required to work (gates, drivers, barrel setters, etc.) during these events. Only exceptions are for members who are out of town, have family illness or emergencies. Members who do not sign up, show up, or get a replacement will be fined \$50. No points can be accrued until fine is paid.

11. Each family shall be responsible for bringing an auction item (*or may pay \$25 in lieu of auction item*) to both the Barrel Daze Auction and the Year-End Awards Banquet Auction. First year members first auction item will be due for the Barrel Daze auction on a date specified by Auction Director. *If auction item is not provided or money paid, no points will be given on or after Barrel Daze or Year-End awards. Member will begin receiving points for the year when money has been received by VGBRA.* A "family" is defined as two or more members of the same family unit, living at the same residence, with children being unmarried and under the age of 25.
12. Associate Membership: This membership is \$10. Membership shall be for the sole purpose of allowing those persons that do not live in the designated boundaries of the Valley Girls' Barrel Racing Association to be non-participating, support member only. This membership shall not have any club privileges, and waives any membership requirements relating to donations. This membership entitles the individual to receive a copy of our monthly newsletter, if they do not have access to the internet.
13. A Non-Contesting/Supporting membership is \$10. It entitles members to vote and hold office but waives the membership requirement of auction item donations and Barrel Daze advertising.
14. Gold Card Membership- Any member may submit to the President a written recommendation for a member to receive a Gold Card. Member must be in good standing, and have a total of 20 years of being a member and held at least 5 or more years as a director or officer in VGBRA. Must be received by August 15th. A Gold Card membership entitles the recipient to "one" divisional membership. Any additional horse (division) would require a \$20 payment.

**CURRENT GOLD CARD MEMBERS AS OF 2010**

**Charmaine Beck  
 Barb Brown  
 Jackie Culham  
 Shirley Dickerson  
 Judy Frazier  
 Rosie Gallaher  
 Norma Kelly  
 Janie Maycumber  
 Bobo McMillan  
 Judy Poitras**

15. The VGBRA is a family organization. A VGBRA member should at all times conduct themselves in a manner so as not to cast a bad reflection upon themselves or the association. If a member is reported for misconduct, they may be asked to leave the function immediately. They will also receive a written call-down from the Executive Board. If they are reported again within the same year, a letter will be sent advising them that they are immediately suspended from VGBRA for one year.

**Nominations and Elections**

1. The officers of the Valley Girls Barrel Racing Association are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.
2. An officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) should be present at meetings. If they are unexcused from more than three meetings, the board has the right to replace that person.
3. The number of directors will be based on the Association's need for them.
4. Nominations and elections of officers and directors will be held at the annual meeting. VGBRA

members in good standing will elect the officers and directors.

5. The outgoing President automatically becomes Chairman of the Board, Director 1-Board Advisor. She will have a vote and serve in an advisory capacity during that term.
6. Meetings may be held at any designated place; Secretary or Newsletter must give advance notice.

## **Duties of Officers and Directors**

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the VGBRA and shall perform duties necessary for proper administration of the association. Approvals for barrel races must be given to the President, (see rule #8 under Approvals). The President shall co-sign on all checking and savings accounts opened with the VGBRA tax identification number.
2. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President will preside at all meetings. Responsible for keeping a record of points won by all VGBRA members, novice horses, and other matters pertaining to the Novice Division.
3. The Secretary shall keep a record of meetings and maintain a complete roster of membership and keep the other officers informed of any changes to the roster. Shall perform all duties that ordinarily pertain to the office, such as handling correspondence and thank you correspondence - (other than for Barrel Daze) and note all rule book updates.
4. The Treasurer shall keep all records of financial transactions and have custody of VGBRA funds, accounting to the Association at all meetings. Shall be responsible for race pay-off at Barrel Daze and in charge of entries and payoffs at specified VGBRA barrel races when requested.
5. The Newsletter Editor shall be in charge of printing and mailing the newsletter when necessary and also supplements which must be published. The newsletter should be printed at least every month or when the President deems it necessary. Shall also be responsible for designing and printing the Year-End Awards Banquet program.
6. Special awards such as "Most Improved, Inspirational, Sportsmanship, Gold Card etc"., can be submitted by any member at the Annual Meeting and the members that are present at the Annual Meeting can also vote on the special awards.
7. The President will receive all complaints, disputes, or questions. If it is not covered or clear in the rule book, a meeting will be called of the Board of Directors to make a decision.
8. Directors shall have designated yearly and Barrel Daze duties as determined necessary by the associations Board of Directors.
9. Directors shall be paid for their job at Barrel Daze if it is a paid job during this activity.

## General Rules

1. Type of standard awards shall be determined as soon as possible after Awards Banquet.
2. Upon entering any VGBRA barrel race, every contestant waives all claims against the VGBRA Board of Directors, race management, and grounds owners for any damage to property or injury sustained.
3. Members are asked to be dressed neatly at all times.
4. Rules and regulations of the VGBRA may be altered or changed when voted on by the Board of Directors or VGBRA membership at a meeting called for this purpose.
5. VGBRA members who accept a job and do not show up to work (or get a replacement), shall be fined \$50.00. No points will be given until the fine is paid.
6. Members shall not abuse their horses at a VGBRA approved race. A decision regarding excessive training or abuse of a horse shall be made by the VGBRA President and Board of Directors. A warning letter will be sent by the President for the first offense. If the offenses continue, the member will be fined \$10. The fine must be paid before points will accrue.
7. For first year members, the first auction item will be due for the Barrel Daze Auction by a date specified by Director 8 (Video Party & Auction).
8. All finances must be run through the VGBRA general checking account, with the exception of the Barrel Daze Futurity/Derby and Breeders' Sweepstakes and Awards Banquet accounts. All accounts shall be identified with the VGBRA tax number and the President shall be a co-signer on all checking & savings accounts.
9. Each chairperson shall provide a report to the club within 60 days of completion of all financial transactions for the VGBRA year showing the income and expenses along with receipts.
10. Any paid help at Valley Girl Barrel Racing Association activities needs to be approved with a board decision.
11. All race secretaries will be required to supply the entire results, including horse's name, to the VGBRA Vice-President on the same day as the race. (carbons) Times must be recorded to the thousands.
12. Valley Approval Fees/Timer Fees need to be sent to the Treasurer within one week of the race.
13. At any approved VGBRA race you can only run the horse one time for points. The first run only will count for points on that horse.

## Novice Horse Division

1. The Novice program is a VGBRA division, and will receive standard and extra awards as the other divisions.
2. Any horse that has not won \$500 lifetime, at the time of nomination, shall be considered eligible (subject to rule #4). Lifetime earnings shall include Futurity and Derby winnings and any bonus money, 4-D earnings will not count to establish the "under \$500.00 status". Eligible horse must be nominated by a Valley Girl Barrel Racing Association member in good standing.
3. Nominations may be made at the beginning of the VGBRA year.
4. The rider must be a VGBRA member for the nominated horse to win points in a race. The year-end standings will include all Novice points won by the horse that year. Therefore, if a novice horse is sold by a VGBRA member to a VGBRA member, the horse's year end standings will include all points won during the year, regardless of which VGBRA member was riding. *Points calculated belong to the Novice horse.*
5. Any horse that receives a VGBRA year-end award becomes ineligible for the VGBRA novice class the following years, regardless of whether or not the horse has won \$500.
6. Points will be given to novice horses as per rule #1 under Points.
7. A VGBRA registered Novice horse cannot be in any other age group standings. They are running for Novice and Over All points only.
8. Novice Division points will begin on December 1st. However, they may accumulate over all points beginning with the first race of the year, (if they are not a futurity horse).
9. A VGBRA nominated Novice Horse cannot be run for points in any other age division unless the rider/owner of the Novice Horse informs the Vice President that they are withdrawing the horse from the Novice Horse division. Once withdrawn, the horse will be ineligible to return to the Novice Horse division and will be ineligible to accumulate Novice points from them on. The points that the horse has accumulated in the Novice Horse Division will remain in the Novice Horse Division and not be taken away.

## **HONORS Division**

### **(Honorary Older or Novice Only Riders Society)**

1. The HONORS Division is a VGBRA Division, and will receive standard and extra awards as the other divisions.
2. To be eligible for this division the rider must meet all of the following conditions:
  - \*Be a VGBRA member in good standing.
  - \*Be 25 years or older
  - \*Cannot have won \$1000.00 in the past 10 years. Total to include all winnings except 3D and 4D money won or bonus money such as Stallion incentives and amateur money.
  - \*Must have won 6 or less VGBRA Over-All points in the year prior to nomination in this division.
  - \*Can not ride in any other VGBRA division with the exception of Novice Horse, provided they use a different horse.
- 2a. To remain in this division after the initial year, member must have 6 or less over-all points the prior year, but they may surpass the \$1000.00 limit set.
3. Once a member has graduated from this division, they cannot return to this division for 5 years, as long as they meet all other specifications of this division.
4. Once a rider reaches age 60, they can qualify for the HONORS division.
5. Points will be awarded to HONORS riders as per rule #1 under POINTS.

## Approvals

1. Only approvals in an open barrel race, which all VGBRA members can compete, will count.
2. Approvals will be made in the VGBRA area only.
3. There shall be a Junior Division and a Time Only run at all VGBRA approved races.
4. For the benefit of all members, it is the President's duty to see that these approvals are spread evenly as possible throughout the season. There shall be no more than two races in a week, except for Barrel Daze, Finals Weekend & Autumn Daze, without special board approval. A week runs from Monday to Sunday.
5. Approvals will be printed in the newsletter with entry fees, classes, and times of race. Members will be notified of changes or cancellations. However, it shall be the member's responsibility to check on changes in scheduled races due to weather. Members will be notified of any race at least 7 days in advance either by the newsletter or the phone.
6. Barrel races shall be approved by the President. It shall be the policy to approve all races. However, if the president feels there are extenuating circumstances, she may poll the board.
7. All race secretaries will be required to supply the entire results, including horses names, to the VGBRA Vice- President on the same day as the race. (carbons) Times must be recorded to the thousands.
8. VGBRA should not approve a race that is NOT going to be paid off on the same day as the race.
9. If an approved race cannot be run without requiring VGBRA members to work, then the net profit from the race shall be sent to the VGBRA President or Treasurer within one week of the race.
10. The only exception would be races that are put on by the Pioneer Posse when it is required that anyone contesting be a Pioneer Posse member.
11. Before a race will be approved, an approval form must be filled out, signed, and returned to the President by the person(s) who want to put on a race at least ten days before the race is to be held. The races that are approved by the President will be published in the VGBRA Newsletter.
12. VGBRA cannot approve a double-header in the same day except for Autumn Daze. During a double-header only one of the races can count for points which must be determined before race.
13. No race shall be approved if any other event is run between the time the first and last VGBRA member runs for points.
14. VGBRA members who run in time-only for points, shall be allowed to run before non-members or non-pointing persons provided that they notify the secretary when entering.
15. The President is allowed to pull race approval if the person(s) putting on the race(s) have not adhered to VGBRA rules in the past. Members must be notified in a timely manner if an approval is pulled.
16. All races that are to be held from September 1 until the Valley Girl Finals Race, and are to be VGBRA approved, must be submitted in time to allow the race to be published in the September paper newsletter and posted on the web site. Newsletters are generally published on the 20th of each month, with the September newsletter being published approximately August 20th.

17. At VGBRA approved races, producers must rake every 5 runners and continue raking every 5 runners through the VGBRA point time onlys.
18. There will be a \$1.00 awards charge at VGBRA approved races for each horse that a member rides for points.
19. Associations requesting VGBRA approval for their barrel races must provide a space on their entry form for the Valley Awards dollar and must collect the Valley Awards dollar for each horse that a member competes for points on. Valley Approval Fees/Timer Fees need to be sent to the Treasurer within one week of the race.

## **Finals**

1. Riders who qualify for the VGBRA finals must be there or have a valid excuse submitted to the President preferably one week prior to the finals. Otherwise, They will forfeit their extra awards.
2. In the event that a finals contender is absent, the next member in line will be eligible and so on down the line so that there will be the required number of entries competing in the Junior, Senior, Open, and Novice Divisions.
3. The year end finals races shall be run first and then after a minimum break of 1/2 hour, other races may be held.
4. It must be the last barrel race of the season, preferably the last weekend in September. Any race held after the finals will count for the next season.
5. Points won at the finals will count toward the VGBRA standings: No Rookie or Over-All points will be awarded.
6. Place and time of the finals shall be at the discretion of the President and Board of Directors.

## Point System

1. Points will be given as follows: 1st = 6 pts.; 2nd = 5 pts.; 3rd = 4 pts.; 4th = 3 pts, 5th = 2 pts.; 6th = 1 pt.
2. Points awarded on each go-round. No points given for the average.
3. When a race is set up differently than the 5 main divisions of VGBRA, points will be awarded by divisions even though the divisions may run together. In the event such a race occurs, all runs must be on the same course.
4. VGBRA members who run in time-only for points, shall be allowed to run before non-members or non-pointing persons provided that they notify the secretary when entering.
5. In the event a non-member places, the next member in line will receive points.
6. If riding more than one horse in any of the divisions: 8-12, 13-24, Honors or 25 & over, you must specify to the Vice President on which horse your points will count prior to running. Otherwise, your first run will count for points.
7. If you are running in more than one race on the same horse, the first run will count for points.
8. In case of a tie, points will be divided as won. In other words, 1st and 2nd would be added together to make 11 points and then divided between the two to make 5 1/2 points each. In the case of an indivisible prize, a flip of the coin or a run off will decide the winner.
9. All times will be combined and overall points will be given at each race providing each of the VGBRA divisions were eligible to run. Points will be calculated the same as for divisions. If a contestant rides more than one horse, the horse with the fastest time will be the one that counts for overall points. All divisions are included (Open, Honors, Senior, Junior & Novice Horse) and each member is allowed only one horse for overall points at each race. Overall points are calculated on the rider.
10. At year end, if there is a tie for the Over All Champion or Reserve Champion, the one with the fastest combined times at the races that those who are tied ran against one another will be declared the winner. If the tie cannot be broken in this manner, a runoff will decide the winner.

## **Awards & Annual Banquet**

1. Members receiving awards must be present at the Annual Awards Banquet to receive their awards unless the President is notified of a valid excuse in advance of the banquet.
2. There will be a combination of standard awards and or graduated awards for the Top Ten in the Open, Junior, Senior, HONORS, and Novice Horse Divisions.
3. If there is a tie (for example 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place or 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place are tied) the same amount of money will be spent for those same people that tied for that place.
4. An Over All award will be presented to the member accumulating the most points based on the 6 fastest times, at each race, according to a separate point system in races where all 5 VGBRA Divisions can run. This award will be given at our Year-End Awards Banquet.
5. There will be a Rookie of the Year award given in each division that has a first year VGBRA member. The Rookie shall be described as a first year CONTESTING VGBRA member. The prize given will be approximately the same value in all divisions. The points a Rookie earns in their division will be counted as her Rookie points. If none of the Rookies in a particular division earn points during the entire year, actual race times for the Rookies will be used to determine Rookie of the Year in that division.

## **Stallion Incentive Program**

The Stallion Incentive Program was developed to promote the Barrel Daze Futurity and Maturity held the second weekend in April in Walla Walla, Washington by the Valley Girls Barrel Racing Association. The Annual Stallion Service Auction runs January 2nd through 31st and will be held over the internet.

The Auction will be advertised in horse publications and the internet and all stallions shall be listed on the VGBRA web site.

A. Each stallion's service will be sold at auction to the highest bidder (with the exception of those listed as Reference Sires Only). The bidding will start at one-half the annual advertised fee or \$300.00, whichever is greater. The donator of the service may require special breeding considerations (mare requirements).

B. The successful bidder of a stallion service must use the breeding during the current breeding season. All fees associated with boarding and mare care are between the successful bidder and the stallion owner. The VGBRA is not responsible for any other business conducted between the stallion owner and the purchaser of the breeding.

C. The mare owner shall make all necessary arrangements with the stallion owner as to when the mare will arrive for breeding or make arrangements for the shipping of semen. Stallion owners have the right to refuse any mare. Mare owner must make the mare available for breeding during the stallion owner's normal breeding season or may risk forfeiture of all monies paid and breeding rights. Mare must be halter broke and fit for breeding.

D. In the event that death should occur to a stallion or he become non-serviceable before the mare is breed, the stallion service auction fee shall be refunded to buyer. If a stallion is sold or leased before mare is settled in foal, contract is still binding unless stallion moves outside a five hundred (500) mile radius from the original advertised location or the new buyer refuses to honor the contract. In such case, the purchaser of the service may have the option to request a refund.

### **Rules and Conditions**

A. All bids will be held confidential.

B. Payment of account by the successful bidder shall be required immediately following the conclusion of the auction.

C. VGBRA shall present the successful bidder with a stallion contract or certificate.

D. Refunds shall be available ONLY if the stallion becomes non-serviceable before the mare is covered during the current breeding season.

E. All stallion services are sold in concurrence with the conditions and procedures of the farm at which the stallion stands, and the purchaser shall agree to abide by these conditions. Stallion contracts may be available for inspection by contacting the individual stallion owner.

F. The bidding will start at one-half the advertised fee or a minimum bid of \$300, whichever is greater. Services from stallions listed as Reference Sire Only are NOT up for bid!

The proceeds from the Stallion Service Auction shall be used as follows:

1. 30% shall go towards the added purse for the VGBRA futurity.
2. 20% shall be split between the stallion owners whose eligible get have the fastest times in each go and

the average of those in the Breeders Portion of the Futurity.

3. 30% shall be split between the owners/riders of eligible offspring with the fastest times of each go and the average of those in the Breeders Portion of the Futurity.

4. 20% shall be used for advertising and promotion, awards, and Stallion Incentive Maturity added purse.

**Stallion Nomination:**

A. Any stallion of any breed is eligible for nomination to the Stallion Incentive Program. Stallion must be registered with a breed association. Nomination consists of one donated breeding per year or paying the stallion in as a Reference Sire. If the service does not sell at the annual auction the stallion owner shall be responsible to pay the VGBRA the sum of 1/2 of the advertised fee (with a minimum of \$300 up to a maximum of \$600) whichever is greater, by March 1st. of the year.

B. Stallions' service must sell, or the appropriate Reference Sire fee paid, each year for the stallion owner to receive any of the owners' share of the purse from offspring that place in the Breeders Portion of the Barrel Daze Futurity..

C. Acceptance into the program is subject to approval of the SIP Committee and/or VGBRA Board and their decision shall be final. Any disputes will also be handled by the committee or board.

**Eligibility:**

A. All registered offspring by Stallions in the Incentive Program are immediately eligible to compete for the purses as long as they meet the entry requirements of the VGBRA Futurity or Maturity.

B. Owners or riders of eligible foals must nominate and pay a one time fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) on or before March 1st of the year competing and must also be entered in the Open Futurity or Maturity.(The Incentive classes are not a separate race, but are handled as a side-pot.) If late entry is accepted, there will be a late charge of \$25.

## Barrel Pattern

1. If the arena size permits, barrels must be set in a standard course. (Standard course is 60' score, 90' between 1st and 2nd barrels, and 105' between 1st and 3rd as well as 2nd and 3rd barrels.)
2. In small arenas, where possible, it is *recommended* the pattern be a minimum of 15' off the fence for the 1st and 2nd barrels and 20' for the 3rd barrel. The score line should be a minimum of 45' from the fence where you enter.
3. May go either to the right or left barrel first, but must make either two left turns and one right or two right turns and one left.
4. Knocking a barrel over constitutes a five second penalty. Failure to follow course disqualifies contestant.
5. A running start is allowed. May cross the line anywhere between the first two barrels.
6. The starting and finish line and position for the barrels must remain the same for an age division and preferably for the entire go-round. In order for over all points to be given, the pattern must stay the same for all divisions. The horse's nose will be flagged both directions or an electric timer will be used.
7. The timer and flagger must be acceptable to the contestants. Their decision will be final.
8. If an electric timer fails or flagman fouls, contestant has a choice of withdrawing entry or running at the end of the division.
9. Timers and flagman cannot change before a division or go-round is completed.
10. Secretary shall draw for positions if at all possible. Set-ups within the division may be allowed. But, members cannot set up ahead of their own division unless given permission by the executive board.
11. Person measuring and marking the barrel pattern must give a copy of the measurements to the race secretary when there are more than a single go on the pattern.
12. If the electric timer is being used, permanent markers should also be set for it. In marking the eye, a rectangle must be measured from 1st barrel to eye marker and 2nd barrel to eye marker.
13. Once the pattern has been marked, no practicing on the pattern markers. Must stay a minimum of 15 feet off the markers.

## Payoffs

Payoff Schedule:

4 - 5 Contestants 2 Places 60%, 40%  
6 - 9 Contestants 3 Places 45%, 35%, 20%  
10 - 15 Contestants 4 Places 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%  
16 - 20 Contestants 5 Places 34%, 27%, 20%, 13%, 6%  
21 - 25 Contestants 6 Places 29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, 5%  
26 - 35 Contestants 7 Places 26%, 22%, 18%, 14%, 10%, 6%, 4%  
36 - 50 Contestants 8 Places 23%, 20%, 17%, 14%, 11%, 8%, 5%, 2%  
51 + Contestants 10 Places 21%, 18%, 15%, 13%, 10%, 8%, 6%, 4%, 3%, 2%

## Age Divisions & Sweepstakes Race

Payoff according to the above payoff schedule with last place percentage receiving at least their fees (including office charge), or within a few dollars more or less. Pay up to 10 places.

Example: 7 & Under: 8 contestants at \$15 fees. According to scale would only pay 3 places.

$8 \times \$10 = \$80 + \$50 \text{ added} = \$130$  divided by 2 rounds = \$65. At 3 place scale would pay 45% \$29.25, 35% \$22.75, & 20% \$ 13.00. At 4 place scale it would pay 40% \$26, 30% \$19.50, 20% \$13.00, & 10% \$6.50. This is within a couple of dollars of your daily fees including office charge. \$7.50.

Example: Sweepstakes: 58 contestants at \$50 fee. According to scale would pay 10 places making the 10th place check in the amount of \$23.20. If you use percentage scale, you would pay 8 places and the 8th place check would be \$46.40.

## **Job Descriptions Officers & Directors**

### **President:**

- Team Leader
- Sets Agenda and Conducts Meetings
- Approves races for the club
- Finalizes Barrel Daze & Autumn Daze Contracts
- Handles Timer Rental Contract
- Makes arrangements for Finals race
- Presides over Ceremonies at Year End Awards Banquet
- Helps in office at VGBRA sponsored races

### **Vice President:**

- Official Point Keeper
- Provides results and standings to Newsletter Editor
- Novice Horse Division Director
- Presides over meetings when the President is unable to attend
- Calls all Novice Division members with race cancellations or changes

### **Secretary:**

- Minutes
- Rule Book Updates & Publishes new rule books each year
- Keep membership list updated and send to President, Directors, and Newsletter
- Sends appropriate notes (Thank-you, get-well, etc.)

### **Treasurer:**

- Manage General Funds
- Keep Income and Expense records for major functions
- Budget for year end awards (update with Director 6, Awards Dir.)
- Budget for Barrel Daze Futurity
- Local race entries/payoffs when requested
- optional: Payoffs for Barrel Daze (paid position)

### **Newsletter:**

- Maintains web site
- Monthly paper newsletter to members without Internet
- Bills for classified advertising
- Sets up Year End Awards Banquet program

### **Director 1 - Board Advisor (past president):**

- Makes arrangements for location & menu
- Takes reservations & reports to caterer
- Arranges for auctioneer and sets up auction
- Arranges for awards presenters and gets list to Newsletter Officer

### **Director 2 - Publicity:**

- Places advertising and articles in numerous publications
- Futurity/Maturity/Barrel Daze Flyer
- Stores Banners and lattice work for Barrel Daze
- Arranges for photographer for Barrel Daze
- Sets up photo booth for Barrel Daze winners
- Maintains VGBRA scrapbook

**Director 3 - Stalls & RV Hookups:**

Obtains barn diagrams from fairgrounds  
Assigns stalls (works with futurity director and office staff)  
parking passes & RV passes  
Arranges for straw & stall cleaners  
Does a daily stall/RV count during Barrel Daze

**Directors 4 - Arena Crews: (2 people)**

Lines up announcers, timers, gate help, and tractor (4 wheeler) help for BD  
Works with fairgrounds staff on arena preparation  
Assists Director 7 (Timer & Barrels) with setting patterns for Barrel Daze  
Lines up arena crew at VGBRA functions when previously arranged for:  
1. Barrel Daze  
2. VGBRA Finals  
3. Autumn Daze  
Gives list of members failing to show up for assigned work to President

**Director 5 - Barrel Daze Program:**

Takes ad money and ads from VGBRA members and major sponsors  
Bills for advertising and sponsorship when necessary  
Type-sets ads that need to be done  
Set-up and copying of Barrel Daze Program  
Sends Thank you notes to Barrel Daze Program advertisers and sponsors  
Balances money and gives to Secretary/Treasurer.  
Provides a list of members not paying for or turning in ads to Vice President as soon as possible after Barrel Daze and not later than May 1st.

**Director 6 - Awards:**

Obtains awards for Barrel Daze division winners  
A. Winner determined by fastest average time  
B. All 7 & Under participants to receive award not to exceed \$5 in cost  
Helps with futurity awards when requested  
Suggests standard award, VGBRA membership votes, orders awards  
Obtains awards for VGBRA Finals Race Division winners  
Purchases any special awards when needed ( example - Anniversary caps, Outstanding Service Awards)  
Purchases filler awards for Year End Awards Banquet  
Sets up awards on banquet night  
Will maintain a separate checking account and provide expense documentation at the end of the year for tax purposes

**Director 7 - Timer & Barrels:**

Responsible for timer and marking barrel pattern at races when needed (example - Posse & VGBRA sponsored races)  
Marks barrel patterns for Barrel Daze  
A. Arrange with fairgrounds staff when arena is available day before Time Only runs  
B. Work with Director 4 ( Arena)  
C. Line up help & equipment to mark BD patterns

**Director 8 - Silent Auctions:**

Arranges for Auctioneer (usually same as calcutta auctioneer)  
Secures bids for caterer (caterer bid is subject to board approval)  
Arranges for Caterer, Facility, & Liquor License  
Arranges for video person/people  
Establishes date for Barrel Daze Auction Items to be turned in  
Obtains items for consignment to auction

Collects money at the door for banquet  
Handles books for auction & turns in to VGBRA Sec/Treasurer  
Gives list of members not paying for or turning in BD auction items to Vice President as soon as possible after Barrel Daze and no later than May 1st.(points)

**Director 9 - Major Sponsors:**

Chairs committee for major sponsors over \$100  
Assigns race sponsors to classes. Keeps records of previous years sponsors and contacts.  
Obtains photos for BD class sponsors  
Sends invitations to major sponsors over \$300 for Year End Awards Banquet

**Director 10 - Futurity:**

Sets up account for Futurity funds (optional)  
Maintains mailing list for futurity information  
Puts together cover letter for BD Futurity and does mailing (lines up help for mailing)  
Works with:  
Publicity Director: advertising  
Stallion Incentive Director: eligible entrants  
Program Director: draw sheets (should be print ready)  
Stall Director: Stalls & RV hookups  
BD Office: entry sheets.  
Awards Director: Futurity, Derby, and Amateur Awards Receives payments for Futurity, Maturity, and Amateur entries and stalls/RV  
Arranges for Veterinarian for Vet Check  
Payoffs for Futurity, Maturity, and Amateur Divisions

**Director 11 -Stallion Incentive Program Committee:**

Makes yearly contact with stallion owners for updates of information  
Obtains VGBRA Stallion Incentive contracts/nominations from stallion owners  
Obtains individual stallion service/ranch breeding contracts  
Updates web site with stallion information  
Designs and prints catalog for auction  
Lines up Auctioneer and staff for auction duties  
Advertising -  
Sends flyers and catalogs to perspective buyers (keeps mailing list updated)  
Sends out advertising to equine publications/newspapers  
Physically sets up Stallion Displays at Autumn Daze  
Does payoffs and obtains awards for SIP{ portion of Barrel Daze  
Will maintain a separate checking account and provide expense documentation at the end of the year for tax purposes

**Director 12 - Senior Director:**

Lines up barrel setters for Barrel Daze and other requested races  
Coordinates with Director 4 (Arena)  
Calls all Seniors with race/meeting cancellations and changes

**Director 13 - Junior Director:**

Lines up help for picking up hats and running errands for the office during BD  
Coordinates with Director 4 (Arena)  
Calls all Juniors with race/meeting cancellations and changes

**Director 14 - Special Interest Director/Calcutta/Vendors:**

Line up food and beverages for Friday Night Welcome Party  
Contact helpers to handle food and serve beverages  
Line up concessionaire

Handle contracts for vendors (setting up booth space, rent, etc.)  
Make arrangements for arena floor sound system  
Lines up Auctioneer, auction clerk, cashier, someone to sign up buyers and issue numbers,  
3 spotters, and a caller that lines the contestants up for the auction ring.  
Helps to set up auction ring  
Buyer's numbers should be available during the day in the office  
Need 6 copies of the draw - auctioneer, clerk, 3 spotters, and the caller  
Need cash out form  
Need buyer's number registration form - Please include name, address, and phone number  
Need petty cash  
Gets all paperwork to show secretary

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