



BRN4D RULES & GUIDELINES

(Effective May 1, 2007 – April 30, 2008)

I MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues will be \$50.00 annually and include a monthly newsletter. Membership for each additional horse shall be \$35.00 annually.

Membership for youth and seniors competing in Youth & Senior Division ONLY will be \$50.00 annually and include year-end awards.

Membership dues for youth and seniors competing in the Open Division as well as the Youth & Senior Division will be \$50.00 annually. If you wish to be eligible for Youth or Senior Division year-end awards there is an additional \$25.00 annual awards fee.

Annual membership will run from May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008.

Dues must be paid before points will count toward standings. Membership forms will be available at all **BRN4D** races.

Upon paying membership fees, members will receive a **BRN4D** numbered membership card. This membership number **must** accompany all entry forms and correspondence.

BRN4D retains the right to refuse membership.

II SANCTIONING

Call the **BRN4D** office, 503-656-8181, to secure race dates and obtain a producer's sanctioning packet. All producers must fill out and return to the **BRN4D** office a completed race sanction form a minimum of 30 days prior to the event if the producer wants to utilize the **BRN4D** website and *BRN4D News* to advertise their race.

All **BRN4D** prime or **BRN4D** co-sanctioned races must at a minimum offer the Open class.

BRN4D reserves the right to deny sanctioning to any individual or organization if it is determined not to be in the best interest of the **BRN4D** or its members.

III CO-SANCTIONING

BRN4D management must approve all co-sanctioning. Co-sanctioned events will be governed by the prime sanction rules. At all races that **BRN4D** is the co-sanction, **BRN4D** members will pay an additional \$2 per run, per horse for points. Conflicts will be resolved by **BRN4D** management.

BRN4D PRIME races are ran by **BRN4D** rules. Youths running in a **BRN4D PRIME** Youth race must meet BRN4D eligibility requirements.

Races that are NBHA CO-Sanctioned for points will use this procedure: NBHA Youths meeting the **BRN4D** age requirements for youth may roll their open time into the Youth class, or they may run in the youth class. NBHA Youths whose age exceeds the **BRN4D** requirements must run in the Open class. They must pay the NBHA co-sanction fee for the Youth class (\$4.00). This will be reported to the NBHA District Director whose District sanctioned for points along with the sanction fees. These riders are eligible for District points only, not the Youth jackpot monies. The NBHA District Director will add these times into the actual **BRN4D** youth class and will recalculate placings for the purpose of awarding District points only.

For **BRN4D PRIME** shows that are NBHA Co-Sanctioned as Qualifiers only, the process stays the same, except **BRN4D** will forward fees and times to either the State Director or District Director, whoever is the Co-Sanctioning person.

IV **SCHEDULING RACE DATES**

Geographical protection up to 200 miles will be offered to producers producing races that have \$1,000.00 added per race, and 100 miles to producers producing races that have \$500 added per race. If there are scheduling conflicts producers are encouraged to work together to coordinate race schedules and times. Protected races must have their sanction forms in the **BRN4D** office and approved no less than 60 days prior to their event. If a race qualifies for protection all races booked after the protected race has been sanctioned must be 200 miles (\$1,000 added) or 100 miles (\$500 added) or greater away from the protected race date.

Resolution for races that are being booked and create schedule conflicts will be left up to **BRN4D** management. Sanctioning may be denied.

V **CANCELLATION OF RACES**

If a race date must be cancelled, call the **BRN4D** office immediately, and send or fax in writing the reason for cancellation. Cancellations may be assessed a \$100.00 fine at the discretion of the **BRN4D** Management. **All** collected fees **must** be refunded immediately and every effort must be made to notify contestants that the race has been cancelled.

VI **RACE CATEGORIES**

Open:	Any rider
Novice:	Rider or horse under \$500 winnings as of race entry date
Senior:	45 years of age or older as of date of first senior competition
Youth:	17 years of age or less as of date of first youth competition
Pee Wee:	10 years of age or less as of January 1, 2007, and have not competed in any other class that race.

Futurity Incentive: Open to horses that qualify under the BRN4D Futurity Incentive Rules.

Derby Incentive: Open to horses that qualify under the BRN4D Futurity Incentive Rules.

A contestant may opt to roll their time from an open race to the novice, senior, youth, futurity or derby incentive race only. It is the responsibility of the contestant to notify the office their intention to roll their time from the open to novice, youth or senior classes prior to the start of the open. If contestant fails to notify office prior to start of the open race the contestant must then compete in the novice, youth, senior, futurity or derby incentive class that she/he has entered or forfeit their fees.

VII
ENTRY FEES

Suggested entry fees

<u>Added Money</u>	<u>Entry Fees</u>
\$100 - \$250	\$25 - \$40
\$250 - \$500	\$35 - \$50
\$500 - \$750	\$45 - \$60
\$750 - \$1,000	\$55 - \$70
\$1,000 & up	\$65 - \$80

Futurity Incentive – no more than \$30 (unless added money warrants)

Derby Incentive – no more than \$30 (unless added money warrants)

Novice – no more than \$30 (unless added money warrants)

Youth – no more than \$30 (unless added money warrants)

Senior – no more than \$30 (unless added money warrants)

Pee Wee Class: Entry fees should be no more than \$5.00 per entrant. **BRN4D** suggests that all entrants receive a participation award, i.e., ribbon, button, etc. Pee Wee entrants have the option of being led through the course by one adult on foot. No jackpot money will be awarded back to the contestant.

Producer has the right to refuse entry.

VIII
ADDED MONEY

All races run on Friday through Sunday and on holidays must have a minimum of \$100 added per race to be approved. 100% of advertised added money must be put into the pot. The amount of added money and awards must be listed separately on all advertising.

IX
STATE/PROVINCE RECOGNITION POINTS

A state/province point program will be in place for all **BRN4D** sanctioned races. Individual high point winners will be designated by state. The season begins May 1, 2007 and ends April 30, 2008. Awards will be distributed at the **BRN4D** Finals. No points will be awarded at the **BRN4D** Finals.

Points will be awarded as follows:

Participation points per race (must compete): 50 points

Points will be awarded on a dollar won basis. (One dollar equals one point, with cents dropped.)

Money won for the average at **BRN4D** prime or co-sanctioned races shall count for state points. Average is defined as an average for races ran the same day or on consecutive days. For average money to count at co-sanctioned races the **BRN4D** rider fee must be paid for all races used in calculating the average.

Riders entering more than one (1) horse in any point qualifying race category will get points on the horse that placed highest in the race. If an additional membership fee has been paid on a second horse, the horse with the lower points awarded will go toward the second membership. It does not matter which horse a member rides, the points are awarded to the rider, not the horse. **BRN4D** will keep track of all points and publish the web page and monthly publication results and point standings.

State/Province Awards will be given through 10 places or 8%, whichever, is less.

In order for a state/province to receive open year-end awards there must be a minimum of 16 active **BRN4D** members in that state. Senior or Youth in any given state/province with fifty (50) or more **BRN4D** members will receive awards equal to the open division.

All **BRN4D** approved races, regardless of state, will count for your home state points. If a member moves out of their originating state after becoming a member, all points remain in the originating state for the remainder of that race year.

X **FINALS**

To qualify to race in the **BRN4D** Finals you must be a member of **BRN4D** and compete in the number of races (see below) required for the class in which you wish to compete:

- Open Division: 6 races
- Senior Division: 4 races
- Youth Division: 4 races

Example: You must run in six (6) open **BRN4D** qualifier races, per horse, to compete in the open; must run in four (4) senior **BRN4D** qualifier races to compete in the seniors; and must run in four (4) youth **BRN4D** qualifier races to compete in the youth. For each additional horse one wants to ride in the finals, one must pay an additional membership fee of \$35.00. (Example: 24 runs will qualify you to run four (4) horses if you have 4 memberships.)

BRN4D membership will be required to run in the Novice class at the Finals.

XI **BONUS POINT RACES**

Double Points: Any individual race with added money exceeding \$499.99 but less than \$1,000.00 will receive double points.

Triple Points: Any individual race with added money exceeding \$999.99 will receive triple points.

Quadruple Points: Any individual race with added money exceeding \$4,999.99 will receive quadruple points.

XII **OFFICE CHARGES**

Producers can retain no more than 30% of entry fees which includes \$2.00 run fee. If a producer withholds less than 30% the percentage withheld must be consistent throughout the event, and the percentage withheld must be posted at the race or advertised. If a contestant is entering more than one horse, only one late fee may be charged.

XIII **4D FORMAT OPTIONS**

Race producers have the choice of using Option I (standard 4D breakdown) or Option ½ (½ second splits). Producers **must specify an option** on their **BRN4D** sanction form, contestant entry forms and all advertising pertaining to said race.

It is suggested that any course with the measurement of less than 75 feet between barrel one and barrel two strongly consider Option ½.

- OPTION 1:** 1st Division – Fastest Time
 2nd Division – Fastest Time plus .5 second
 3rd Division – Fastest Time plus 1 second
 4th Division – Fastest Time plus 2 seconds

- OPTION 1/2:** 1st Division – Fastest Time
 2nd Division – Fastest Time plus .5 second
 3rd Division – Fastest Time plus 1 second
 4th Division – Fastest Time plus 1.5 seconds

XIV
BRN4D LOGO

The **BRN4D** logo must be prominently displayed in all advertising and contestant entry forms used to promote a **BRN4D** sanctioned race or co-sanctioned race.

XV
DIVISION PAYOFF PERCENTAGES

4D Percentage Payoffs

- Division I – 30%
 Division II – 27%
 Division III – 23%
 Division IV – 20%

5D Percentage Payoffs

- Division I – 26%
 Division II – 23%
 Division III – 20%
 Division IV – 17%
 Division V – 14%

These percentages must include any added monies.

XVI
PAYOFF

Places Paid	Payoff Breakdown													
1	100.00%													
2	60.00%	40.00%												
3	40.00%	35.00%	25.00%											
4	37.00%	28.00%	20.00%	15.00%										
5	30.00%	25.00%	20.00%	15.00%	10.00%									
6	27.00%	23.00%	18.00%	14.00%	10.00%	8.00%								
7	25.00%	21.00%	18.00%	14.00%	10.00%	7.00%	5.00%							
8	23.00%	19.00%	17.00%	14.00%	11.00%	7.00%	5.00%	4.00%						
9	21.00%	18.00%	16.00%	14.00%	11.00%	7.50%	5.00%	4.00%	3.50%					
10	20.00%	18.00%	15.00%	12.00%	9.50%	7.50%	6.00%	5.00%	4.00%	3.00%				
11	19.00%	17.00%	14.50%	12.00%	9.50%	7.00%	6.00%	5.00%	4.00%	3.50%	2.50%			
12	19.00%	17.00%	14.00%	11.00%	9.00%	7.00%	5.50%	5.00%	4.00%	3.50%	2.75%	2.25%		
13	18.50%	16.75%	13.75%	10.75%	8.50%	6.55%	5.50%	5.00%	4.00%	3.50%	2.75%	2.25%	2.20%	
14	18.50%	16.75%	13.75%	10.75%	8.05%	6.25%	5.00%	4.50%	3.50%	3.25%	2.75%	2.50%	2.30%	2.15%

If times breakdown where one division has no riders in it, then the payoff must be: 40%, 35%, 25%

If times breakdown where two divisions have no riders, then the payoff must be: 60%, 40%

If times breakdown where three division have no riders, then the payoff must be: 100%

The last spot on the payoff of the 4th Division should pay back no less than the amount of the entry fee. If less than 10 riders are entered in race payoff can be less than the entry fee. Maximum number of places paid must be used when figuring the payoff.

If times breakdown where there are fewer contestants in one division than payoff spots, the payoff percentages will remain the same regardless of the amount of payees in a particular division. The remaining payoff spot(s) added together and divided amongst the placing payees as follows:

- 1 place – 100%
- 2 places – 60%, 40%
- 3 places – 40%, 35%, 25%
- 4 places – 37%, 28%, 20%, 15%
- 5 places – 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%
- 6 places – 27%, 23%, 18%, 14%, 10%, 8%
- 7 places – 25%, 21%, 18%, 14%, 10%, 7%, 5%

EXAMPLE:

A race paying five (5) places and only four (4) contestants placing in a D:

<u>Division I</u>			
1	Dawn Gibson	15.631	\$494.01
2	Josie Masden	15.917	\$404.19
3	Charlee Weygandt	16.072	\$299.40
4	Joni Jensen	16.128	\$194.61
5	No one placing		\$104.79

Payoff when only four (4) placing in a five (5) place payoff:

1	Dawn Gibson	15.631	\$494.01 + \$38.77 = \$532.78
2	Josie Masden	15.917	\$404.19 + \$29.34 = \$433.53
3	Charlee Weygandt	16.072	\$299.40 + \$20.95 = \$320.35
4	Joni Jensen	16.128	\$194.61 + \$15.71 = \$210.32

Take the number of contestants placing in that particular D and divide the total amount of money from the payoff spots that no one placed in and divide by the number of contestants placing in that particular D. The \$104.79 for 5th place was divided on a 37%, 28%, 20%, 15% and added to the original payoff. If only 3 place then 4th & 5th place are added together and divided 40%, 35%, 25%.

XVII
PAYOFF CORRECTIONS

It is the event producer's responsibility to do the payout correctly. If the payoff is determined to be inaccurate the race producer is liable to make the appropriate corrections in a timely manner. Contestant who fails to pay back an overpayment due to miscalculation will be suspended 30 days following written notice from the producer until monies are paid back in full. **BRN4D** will award points according to the advertised payout and is not responsible for making monetary adjustments; this responsibility lies with the producer.

XVIII
AWARDS

BRN4D believes that individual producers should have the freedom to purchase awards for their race at their discretion. **BRN4D** will allow the producer to retain \$1.00 of each \$2.00 run fee to be used to

purchase awards. If desired, producers will be able to purchase low cost, quality **BRN4D** logo award merchandise i.e. jackets, fleeces, sweatshirts, etc.

XIX **LIABILITY DISCLAIMER**

All persons who participate in any race must sign a disclaimer of liability whether or not they are a member of **Barrel Racers National 4D (BRN4D)**.

XX **RACE RESULTS**

- Results must be emailed or faxed within 24 hours following your event to 503-656-8180 or nancyb@ipns.com.
- Hard copy results to be mailed and postmarked within 48 hours of event date.
 - List of all contestant including those with no times, **BRN4D** card #, times and money won.
 - Alphabetical results list of contestant, **BRN4D** Card # and times.
- Run fee of \$1.00 per run. Run fees will be paid for all contestants including no times (down barrels, off course, etc.)
- Any **BRN4D** membership collected.
- Average results.
- Mail to **BRN4D**, 13159 S. Leland Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

If complete race results, including average, are not postmarked within 48 hours of race date arena operator will be fined \$25 for each day past due. This information is vital to the timely posting of results and point standings.

XXI **RETURNED CHECKS**

Failure of any member or non-member to make good on a returned check to **BRN4D** or a **BRN4D** sanctioned event may result in the suspension of a member's privilege to compete in any **BRN4D** sanctioned event. This member or non-member's name will appear on an ineligible list published in the monthly newsletter. Once producers have exhausted all efforts to collect on a returned check they are asked to call the **BRN4D** office, 503-656-8181, so that appropriate measures can be taken.

XXII **HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS**

Any contestant who abuses an animal by any unnecessary non-competitive or competitive action (anywhere on event grounds) may result in disqualification at the producer's discretion and/or suspension by the **BRN4D** management.

XXIII **TRADES OR DRAW POSITIONS**

All horses/riders will run in their drawn positions. If a contestant is unable to run in her/his drawn position due to unforeseen circumstances the producer, at their discretion, may allow the contestant to run at the end of the race. Trades are allowed on a position for position basis. The show management at the producer's discretion must approve trades amongst riders.

VET OUT/MEDICAL OUT/TURNOUTS SPOTS ONLY: Show management may at the producer's discretion fill holes in the draw with late entries at individual rider's request. Holes in the draw must be filled lowest available number first. If show management/producer allows, riders drawn later in the draw may trade-up to a vet out/medical out/turnout spot if the available number is the same position or lower in

the rake. (Example: Rider 92 may trade up to an earlier number if the open spot is second out or lower in the rake).

The draw shall be done in a random manner. Under no circumstances shall a contestant pick their own draw position. The exception to this rule is to separate riders running more than one horse. Show management has discretion in this matter.

Contestants riding two or more horses must ride in the order drawn.

XXIV **COMPETITION RULES**

The barrel pattern at a **BRN4D** sanctioned event must meet the following conditions:

- a. A Minimum of 15 feet between barrels one and two and the side fence.
- b. A minimum of 30 feet between the third barrel and the back fence.
- c. A minimum of 30 feet between the time line and the first barrel.
- d. Stopping distance can be no less than 45 feet (from electric eye to fence).

Standard course dimensions: 90 feet by 105 feet with a 60 foot starting line. If a standard course cannot be marked, then the distance between the second and the third barrel will not be more than the distance between the first and second barrel plus 20 feet. (Example: 70 feet between the first and 2nd barrel, then no more than 90 feet from the second to the third barrel).

The barrel must be marked with a tape measure. No automatic measuring devices will be used.

Once the race begins there will be no altering of gates, barrels, electric eye or markers. The course must remain consistent from the first rider to the last.

Barrels used must be 55 gallon metal barrels with top and bottom intact (not open ended). If metal barrels are not available, 55 gallon plastic barrels may be used adding four (4") inches of water or ten (10) pounds of dry sand to each plastic barrel.

Ground

The ground around the barrels must be reworked and leveled, using a mechanical groomer pulled by a motorized vehicle, after every eight (8) or fewer contestants have competed. Hand raking alone is not acceptable.

Ground moisture should be regularly tested and water added if needed. Good and safe ground condition must be a priority at each and every race.

A "***no time***" will be given for:

- a. Going off course (not completing a cloverleaf pattern)
- b. Not running in drawn position.
- c. Knocking over a barrel (if a barrel is knocked over and it sets up again on either end a "no time" will be accessed). Touching a barrel to keep it from falling is permitted.

Contestants may ride any horse or as many horses as they choose in a class. A rider cannot ride the same horse more than once in any class. In no case will the same horse be run more than twice in the same class.

Reruns

Should a producer deem a rerun is in order due to mechanical errors or unforeseen circumstances, the contestant will be given the option of running at the end of their rake or at the end of the race class. This option will be granted to all contestants given a rerun.

If a "no time" penalty occurs before interference, the "no time" will stand.

Dress Code

Dress code (long sleeve shirts, hat, boots, etc.) is left to the discretion of the producer. If enforcing a dress code it must be advertised.

Sportsmanship

Poor sportsmanship should not be exhibited and will not be tolerated.

Conflict Resolution

If a conflict can not be resolved with show management, a written grievance can be submitted to the **BRN4D** office. **BRN4D** management will contact Advisory Board and a determination will be rendered.