



**2017-2018 RULE PROPOSALS/CHANGES:**

**(Submitted By Niki Davila) Proposal #1: Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_**

Under Rules & Penalties, Page 10, Rule 5:

The Board reserves the right to revoke a member's membership and nominations if said member causes undue financial/monetary damage to OBRA or race producers, with the exception of NSF checks.

**(Submitted By Niki Davila) Page 32, Rule 5 add as the last sentence:**

In the case of a member having more than one 4D nomination, but only runs one horse at any race, any points obtained at that race can only be applied to horse #1's nomination.

**(Submitted By Niki Davila) Page 12, Rule 1:**

Change "races must be scheduled within 20 days of race..." to "races approval forms must be sent to OBRA President for approval at least 20 days prior to race date."

**(Submitted By Niki Davila) Page 30, Rule 11:**

Change "after winning \$2,500.00..." to "after winning \$2,500.01..."

**(Submitted By Niki Davila) Page 29, Rule 10:**

Change "after winning \$1,000.00..." to "after winning \$1,000.01..."

**(Submitted By Christine Conley) Proposal #2: Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_**

Change the order that classes are run, having the 4D/5D run first.

Reason: The same people in the classes always get to run first, and mostly roll their times. Having the 4D/5D first allows for a more fair distribution of ground, and the girls can then roll their times into the classes. Kerri Jo Talbert runs her shows like this, makes more sense.

**(Submitted By Christine Conley) Proposal #3: Pass\_\_\_\_\_Fail\_\_\_\_\_**

Add a senior class.

**(Submitted By Shelby Nicks) Proposal #4: Pass\_\_\_\_\_Fail\_\_\_\_\_**

Fundraiser races rule changed to allow those who don't care about the average awards, to be allowed to roll their times.

Reason: This will help those who run on meds such as Lasix to still get two runs in.

**(Submitted By Niki Davila) Proposal #5: Pass\_\_\_\_\_Fail\_\_\_\_\_**

Page 27 under Open Class

Rule 4 add to the end "Should the nominated horse be sold to a current OBRA member, or someone who becomes a member after the purchase date, the points and nomination will be transferred to the new owner's name."

Page 29 under 1000 Novice Division

Rule 12 add to the end "Should the nominated horse be sold to a current OBRA member, or someone who becomes a member after the purchase date, the points and nomination will be transferred to the new owner's name."

Page 30 under 2500 Novice Division

Rule 13 add to the end "Should the nominated horse be sold to a current OBRA member, or someone who becomes a member after the purchase date, the points and nomination will be transferred to the new owner's name."

**(Submitted By Marta Quintero) Proposal #6: Pass\_\_\_\_\_Fail\_\_\_\_\_**

Add Rule 14 under Duties of Officers

Finals chairman to be responsible for obtaining bids for location of finals, banquet, announcer, secretary and any other costs associated with the production of the finals race. Bids must be presented to the executive board for approval prior to any contracts being offered. A budget for finals will be developed no later than November 30 of the fiscal year.

Add Rule 15

Two finals committees will be elected at the September 2017 meeting. One committee will work on the 2018 finals while the second committee will begin searching for a location for the 2019 finals. Beginning in 2018, only one committee will need to be elected for the 2020 finals. This will insure that there is plenty of time to arrange for finals locations and increase the possibility of obtaining choice locations.

**(Submitted By Marta Quintero) Proposal #7: Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_**

Add under By Laws Rule 12

Races that are held in Washington, within 100 miles of the Oregon Washington boarder may be co-approved or co-sanctioned.

Reason: There are many Washington barrel racers who live in Washington. This would also allow OBRA members to compete and earn points at the Washington races. Some of these races are within 10 miles of members' homes.

**(Submitted By Niki Davila) Proposal #8: Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_**

Page 13, Rule 6.3

The additional \$3.00 in the above entry fees include the \$3.00 per run OBRA fee. OBRA \$3.00 per run fee is to be collected in both prime, co-approved and co-sanctioned races. Race producers have the option to charge up to but not exceed an additional ~~\$5.00 per rider arena fee per race.~~

Replace crossed out part at the end with "\$10 office fee per day per rider for single header races and \$15 office fee per day per rider for double header races. This 'office fee' will include all additional fees above and beyond the entry fee(s) for the classes/4D entered. No other tractor/arena/water truck/light/etc. fees will be allowed."

Reason: Our producers do need to make money in order to continue producing races for us riders. However nobody likes to be raked over with an office fee, a water truck fee, an arena fee, a light fee, etc. So this will set a limit to and combine all fees, above and beyond class and/or 4D entry fees. The way it was worded before, gave producers the option of getting creative with what they called their fees to still charge more but follow the rules as written.

**(Submitted By Stephanie Peters) Proposal # 9: Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_**

By-Laws, Page 7

6. Annual membership dues are hereby affixed at \$50.00 per fiscal year and are due at time of member's first race of season in order for points to be counted.

The Non-Contesting Membership fee hereby affixed at \$25.00. Fiscal year is October 1st through September 30th. Non-Contesting Membership fee They shall become due and payable on the 1st day of October. Any member not paid by January 1st shall be dropped from the Board of Directors and Office.

(Submitted By Stephanie Peters) Proposal # 10: Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_

Rules and Penalties, Page 10

1. If a member is reported for misconduct, which may include but will not be limited to unsportsmanship like behavior, harassing fellow members, cyber bullying, etc., one written grievance will be given by the President or the Vice President with the approval of ~~the Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer~~ all Executive Board Members; then if he or she is reported again within the same year, a letter will be sent advising him or her that ~~she~~ they are automatically suspended from OBRA for the remainder of the year or until the board sees fit to reinstate him or her. All membership fees and fees paid for nominations, plus points accumulated for the year will be forfeited. ~~Before a grievance can be written the member in question must be notified by the President before the Executive Board can act.~~ All complaints are to be sent to the President with supporting information and all information collected will be kept confidential unless permission from complainant is received.

2. Any complaints, criticisms or suggestions by a member are to be directed to an Officer in writing. A \$25.00 protest fee must be sent in with any protest to cover any phone bills, stamps, etc. If person being investigated is found guilty he or she is responsible for the \$25.00 and the \$25.00 will be refunded back to the protesting party.

5. If the Executive Board has reason to believe an OBRA member is harassing a race producer, board member or another OBRA member, a warning for the harassment will be issued. IF a second offense occurs the member will be immediately notified in writing and suspended for the remainder of the year and shall forfeit all fees paid for membership and/or nominations and points accumulated for the year will be forfeited. At the end of the year, the outgoing Executive Board and the incoming Executive Board will meet and determine if suspended members will be allowed to re-join in the upcoming year based on level of infractions and a letter will be sent to notifying said member of the Executive Boards decision.

(Submitted By Stephanie Peters) Proposal # 11: Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_

MINOR VIOLATIONS, Page 11

1. First check to be returned for NSF funds, ~~written to OBRA, a race producer, a fellow member or racer,~~ must be made good with payment along with all fees/expenses incurred and must be postmarked within 48 hours after notification by ~~the a member of the Executive Board President or Secretary~~ or a race producer; ~~along with paying all fees charged to the OBRA for deposit of the NSF checks and any other expenses incurred by the OBRA, Prime Assoc. that OBRA has Co-Approved with or a recipient member or fellow racer.~~ If within 10 days, the check is not made good a \$25.00 fine will be added and the contestant will be on a cash only basis.

The second ~~After two~~ NSF checks, could result in the contestant ~~will~~ being suspended for the remainder of the year. This decision is up to the Executive Board. Contestants ~~should will~~ be notified by registered mail. Contestant responsible for the NSF check, fines or outstanding entry fee will not be allowed to enter any race and points (if member) will not count during the period of indebtedness. If the Executive Board deems it necessary to suspend the contestant or place them on a cash only basis, their name will be placed on a list indicating the decision. This list will be posted on the website.

(Submitted By Stephanie Peters) Proposal # 12: Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_

BARREL RACE APPROVALS AND ENTRY FEE SCALE, Page 12

1. Races are subject to the President's approval and must appear on the website at least 10 working days prior to the race. All area races must be scheduled within 20 days of race. No two races will be scheduled within 90 miles in the same area on the same day. ~~The President may approve races within 30 days of finals, for the next year. Races falling within 10 business days of finals will count towards the next year's points as long as the membership fee is submitted for the next year.~~

(Submitted By Stephanie Peters) Proposal # 13: Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_

PRIME OBRA RACES, Page 14

6.9 Prime OBRA races: if the race is a double header and the course does NOT change; the contestant has the option of rolling their time from the first race to the second race. Riders can run in the Open or Novice class and roll to the 4D/5D as well as roll to the afternoon Open or Novice class and 4D/5D. Rolled

times are excluded from average awards or average money ~~and fundraiser races:~~

**(Submitted By Stephanie Peters) Proposal # 14: Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_**

Finals

13. An 8 and under Pee-Wee class may be offered at finals. ~~Pee-Wees will not be allowed to roll to other classes or the 4D/5D.~~

14. A Junior class, ages 9-13 years of age as of January 1st of that year. ~~Juniors will be allowed to roll to the 4D/5D but not to other classes. Race-Producers will be encouraged to include a Junior Class in their races throughout the season.~~ (Change ages if youth class approved to match)

~~Addition of other classes (use same ages as BRN4D) This makes more money for OBRA~~

~~Senior class (rolled only from 4D with a fee, earn points for end of year just the same)~~

~~Youth class (rolled only from 4D with a fee, earn points for end of year just the same)~~

**(Submitted By Stephanie Peters) Proposal # 15: Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_**

4D/5D Class, Page 32

6. Riders can elect to have their time rolled from any other class, ~~except Pee-Wee~~. But rider must declare at time of entering if they are having their time rolled or are going to run twice. No changes after the race starts.

**(Submitted by Catherine White) Proposal #16 Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_**

Under PRIME OBRA RACES, Page 13, 6.3

The additional \$3.00 in the above entry fees include the \$3.00 per run OBRA fee.

..... PRIME RACE PRODUCERS have the option to charge up to but not to exceed \$15.00 total charged above the jackpotted amount; this fee shall include

Office charges, Arena fees, Insurance fees, etc.

Reason: We need our PRIME RACE PRODUCERS and we are losing them!

If passed this would add only \$5 more than in the last 15 years.

Our PRIME RACE PRODUCERS have dropped due to not being able to make expenses. They need to have the funds to meet the rising costs of arena

fees, etc. Most Producers have had to incur crews that are paid due to lack of volunteers. This \$5 would make a huge difference in the Producers' budget and enable there to be more local races with all the OBRA classes.

**(Submitted by Catherine White) Proposal #17: Pass\_\_\_\_\_Fail\_\_\_\_\_**

Under PRIME OBRA RACES, Page 13, 6.1 & 6.2

6.1 - Open Entry Fees are a minimum of \$28.00, NOT INCLUDING OFFICE CHARGES, with \$25 going to the jackpot for payouts.

6.2 - \$2500 Novice entry fees are a minimum of \$18.00.....

The \$1000 Novice entry fees are a minimum of \$18.00, NOT INCLUDING OFFICE CHARGES, with \$15.00 going to the jackpot. 4D entry fees are a minimum of \$28.00..... with \$25.00 going to the jackpot.

Reason: I, like most everyone is on a budget and have enjoyed the lower entry fees that OBRA has offered through the years. It has been over 20 years that these minimum entry fees have been changed. By increasing by \$5 in each entry fee for each class this will help defer some of the fuel costs, etc for the Contestants picking up checks by increased payouts. Example: Novice Classes have \$10 to the jackpot, this would raise it to \$15 to the Jackpot.