MBRA Zero Tolerance for Animal Abuse- Revision to MBRA General Rules- November 2017

The Michigan Barrel Racing Association (MBRA) is responsible to its members and the general public to ensure that all sponsored activities be conducted with the utmost respect of the barrel horse as an animal and that any perception of inhumane treatment is avoided. The MBRA has adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy in the enforcement of abuse of a horse in any way.

Abuse includes, but is not limited to, excessive jerking, spurring, whipping, slapping, or any other act intended to cause trauma or injury to a horse. These acts could also endanger other persons or animals. Abusive acts such as slapping or hitting a horse on the head with hands, reins or any other object; using a bit, curb device, or nose device in such a way that causes a horse to bleed from its mouth or face; or any act which the general public would perceive to be a violation of animal abuse.

Any act of abuse, or intent to abuse a horse, in the show arena or on the show grounds will be dealt with in accordance to this policy. Any witness of acts of abuse anywhere on the show grounds, warm-up area, practice pen or any other location associated with the sponsored event should be reported to an MBRA board member.

Any act of abuse of a horse in any way may result in the suspension of a member. A verbal warning will be issued on the first offense, followed by a written warning for a subsequent offense, and third offense may result in suspension from the MBRA at the discretion of the MBRA board.