

Barrel Futurities of America



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BY-LAWS OF THE BARREL FUTURITIES OF AMERICA

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Section 1. Title: The association shall be known as Barrel Futurities of America and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a nonprofit association in accordance with the laws of the State of Arkansas, providing for such rights as granted to associations of this kind.

Section 2. Objects: The Barrel Futurities of America (hereinafter referred to as the BFA) has been formed for the following purposes:

- A. To organize all barrel futurity contestants, sponsors, and committees for the mutual protection and benefit
- B. To raise the standards of contests so they shall rank among the foremost American sports.
- C. To cooperate with the management of all BFA approved futurities.
- D. To bring about honest advertising by the futurity sponsoring agents of BFA approved futurities.
- E. To work for the betterment of conditions and of rules governing BFA approved futurities.
- F. To protect the members, committees, and sponsors against any unfairness.
- G. To publish information concerning dates of futurities, names of contestants, prize money and other particulars members and committees are interested in.
- H. To require that all entrance fees (less 20%) be added to prize money.
- I. To aid new futurities on how to get started.

Section 3. Place of Business: The place of business of the BFA shall be Springdale, Arkansas or at such other place as its members may choose. Its members or officers may be residents of any state, territory, or country and business may be carried on at any place convenient to such members or officials as may be participating.

ARTICLE I. MEMBERS

Section 1. Membership is open to any individual.

Section 2. Members of the Association may be admitted, retained, suspended and expelled in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may from time to time adopt. In all matters governed by the vote of the members, each active member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 3. If a particular state has a child labor law and intends to enforce this, any person under the legal age may be denied the right to participate in a BFA sanctioned event. Any person applying for membership under the age of 21 must submit a notarized application signed by both parents or guardian giving consent for them to contest at any association approved event.

Section 4. An annual fee shall be paid for each annual membership. The annual membership fee may be altered or changed by majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors at any meeting called for that purpose.

Section 5. BFA membership year ending will be up to and including the World Championship Barrel Futurity.

- A. Membership shall be recorded by the Association upon receipt of the initial membership fee unless rejected by the Board of Directors within 30 days of said receipt. Proper receipts shall be issued upon acceptance of the proper fees.
- B. While in good standings all members shall have equal rights, interest, and responsibilities with respect to the Association and its property, shall have the right to vote in person or by proxy in all membership meetings and shall have the right to hold office and committee assignments except as otherwise limited.
- C. Membership shall not be transferable.
- D. Members must sign a waiver and application on forms provided by the Association.
- E. Any person becoming a member of the BFA shall become familiar with its Rules and Bylaws and shall comply and be bound by same. Only members in good standing shall be eligible to receive any awards or benefits sanctioned by the Rules of the BFA.
- F. NO MEMBER or any other individual has the authority to grant any endorsement on behalf of the association without permission of the Board of Directors.
- G. No member, person, or organization shall be permitted to use the official logo or other marks of the BFA in any manner without specific written authority of the BFA Board of Directors.
- H. The Membership list will not be allowed out of the physical possession of the Secretary/Treasurer.
- I. In the event that anyone wants to use the list for commercial purposes, they must get the approval of the Association and follow the procedures and systems employed by the office. All costs involved shall be paid in advance.
- J. BFA members and others acknowledge that barrel races are dangerous activities and that participation in a barrel race as a competitor or volunteer, exposes the participant or person to a substantial and serious risk of property damage, personal injury or death. BFA members, volunteers and family members acknowledge that participation in BFA sanctioned barrel races will involve such a hazard. Being fully aware that participation in BFA sanctioned barrel races will expose said members to substantial and serious risk of property damage and/or personal injury or death, said member hereby releases BFA, its sponsors, and any sanctioned barrel race committee, their affiliated, related or subsidiary companies, and the officers, Directors, employees and agents of each entity or organization from liability participation in BFA sanctioned

barrel races, including claims that are known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, future or contingent. BFA members, or family, shall not now or at any time in the future, directly or indirectly, commence or prosecute any action, suit or other proceeding against the aforementioned arising out of or related to the action or discharge by BFA member of family. This provision shall be binding upon each BFA member, her or his spouse, legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns.

- K. Whenever a member of the BFA has a grievance against either the association, its Board of Directors, or a Director individually, due to an official act or failure to act, that member shall submit the grievance in writing, citing the applicable Bylaw, to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall convene at their next regular meeting as a grievance committee to determine the correctness of the grievance. The complaining members shall present all pertinent data or evidence on the matter, and may attend in person. The BFA Board shall make their determination, and recommendations for the solution of such grievance, if necessary. The complaining member shall be notified of such decision within ten (10) days of such decision. If the complaining member is dissatisfied with the decision or the solution as determined by the BFA Board, she/he must submit a written appeal of the matter to the BFA official for receipt by the office within ten (10) days of the notice to the member of the decision. She/he may present any new data or evidence to the BFA Board concerning the matter together with any new witness she/he may have. The BFA Board of Directors shall hear this review and again make such determination and solution, if any as necessary. The decision of the Board of Directors will be final.

ARTICLE II. MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular meetings of the members shall be held at such time and place as assigned by the Board of Directors for the transaction of such business as may be brought before the meeting.

Section 2. Any officer of the Association may call the meeting of the members to order and may act as chairperson of such meeting, precedence being given as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer. In the absence of all such officers, members present may elect a chairperson. The Secretary/Treasurer of the Association shall act as Secretary of all meetings of the members but in her absence, the Directors may appoint any person to act as the Secretary of the meeting. At all meeting, minutes shall be kept by the acting Secretary.

Section 3. BFA members are welcome at any regular Board meeting. Non-Board members may not participate in Board discussions, except during that portion of the meeting designated by the Board, time permitting, for open discussion. Because certain matters may be confidential, sensitive or otherwise inappropriate for general hearing, Board may go into executive session at any time. The general membership will then be excluded from the meeting.

ARTICLE III. DIRECTORS

Section 1. The business and property of the association shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The legislative rule making powers of the Association shall be held by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have supervision over the business and affairs of the Association with the power to make, adopt, alter, or amend the by-laws as hereinafter specified. The Board of Directors may make all rules which it considers necessary to carry out the purpose of the organization and any or all contracts incidental thereto. A quorum of the Board of Directors must pass on any amendments to those Articles of Association or rules thereof.

Section 3. At meetings of the Board of Directors, business shall be transacted in such order as the Board may determine.

Section 4. Each Director shall assume office on January 1 following the election and shall serve for a period of two (2) years.

A. Any member nominated for office, in order to qualify must not have been found guilty of a major rule infraction.

B. All members may vote for President, Vice-President and Directors.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall be as follows: The President and Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Directors. The total number of the Board of Directors shall not exceed ten (10), plus one alternate. The President shall preside at all meetings except in the absence of the ranking Vice-President shall preside. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, the board members present shall elect from among their number a temporary presiding officer.

Section 6. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Board shall constitute a quorum. A quorum must be present in order for the Board to conduct business. If a Proxy is appointed, it should be someone who will be present at the meeting. BFA shall pay officers and directors to attend any board meetings.

Section 7. In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors by death, the alternate will serve ou the remainder of that term. Resignation, disqualification, increase in number, or other cause, the remaining directors by affirmative vote of a majority thereof may elect a successor to serve until the next regular election.

Section 8. The regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the BFA Finals following the annual members meeting and no notice shall be required for any such meeting of the Board. The Board, by rule, may provide for other regular meetings at stated time and places, of which no notice shall be required.

Section 9. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by direction of the President or by on half of the Directors for the time being in office.

Section 10. The written contracts of the Association shall be executed on behalf of the Association by the President or First Vice-President and attested by the Secretary and the corporate seal.

Section 11. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal and enforce such rules and regulations not contrary to law or those By-Laws as they may deem expedient concerning the conduct, management, qualifications, suspension and expulsion and removal, the fixing and collection of dues and fees, the expenditure of money, the auditing of books and records, the awarding of championships, the conducting of shows, contests, exhibitions, races, sales and social functions and other details to the general purposes of the Association.

Section 12. Duties of Directors:

- A. They must see that all rules of the BFA are carried out.
- B. BFA spokespersons may be appointed by the directors, if so desired. Duties will be to aid and assist administration and to represent the membership in the absence of Director.
- C. If for any reason a director cannot fulfill his or her obligations, the board has the option to remove them and replace with an alternate.
- D. The Board of Directors from time to time may create and empower other committees, standing, general or special as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The Officers and Directors shall assume office on January 1 following their election and shall serve for a period of two years.

Section 2. President: The President will be elected by popular vote to serve a term of two years. The President shall be the chief executive officers of the association and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. They shall see that the By-Laws, rules and regulations of the Association are enforced and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. They shall be ex-officer member of all committees, the President shall vote only in case of ties. The President shall not sign any contract unless by board approval.

Section 3. First Vice-President: The First Vice-President will be elected by popular vote to serve a term of two years. In the absence of the President, the First Vice-President shall have the power and shall perform the duties of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. They will have a vote on all association business.

Section 4. If President serves one (1) full term, they will be entitled to a lifetime BFA membership. Any other officer or director serving ten (10) years or longer will be entitled to a life time membership.

ARTICLE V. SECRETARY/TREASURER

Section 1. In addition to the offices named in Article IV, there shall be appointed the office of Secretary/Treasurer of the Association. This office shall be filled by the Board of Directors by appointment to be for a period no greater than two (2) years, with the provision for termination of appointment for cause, which appointment may be renewed by the Board of Directors for successive periods. The other provisions of such appointment, such as salary, shall be on such terms as the Board of Directors at its discretion, may determine. The office of Secretary/Treasurer will be held by the same person.

Section 2. The duties of such officer are as follows:

Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership and directors' meetings. They shall be the custodian for the safekeeping of all documents and records of the Association. They shall be ex-officer secretary of all committees appointed by the President or Board of Directors. She shall make a report of her office to the Board of Directors when demanded and to the annual membership meetings, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time. They shall collect all money due the Association. They shall disburse the same only upon itemized demand. They shall account for all the same by itemized demands.

Section 3. Surety Bonds: The Secretary/Treasurer and all other officers or employees of the Association who may have the handling of any funds of the Association shall give a surety bond to be furnished at the expense the faithful discharge of his or her duties, if so required by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Auditing of Accounts: The Association shall conduct its affairs on the calendar year basis, same to begin January 1 each year, and deemed ended on December 31 of the same year. An annual commercial auditing of the accounts of the Secretary/Treasurer shall be made by a public accountant at the close of each calendar year and/or the completion of the Secretary/Treasurer term. Such accountant shall be reported to the next annual meeting of the members following the close of such calendar year. Such accountant shall be a disinterested person and shall not be a member of the Association. No member shall at any time request from the accountant the books without the consent of the Board of Directors.

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nomination will be all members in good standing. Member in good standing must have served at least two (2) terms on the BFA Board of Directors before being elected to the Presidency or Vice-Presidency of the BFA.

Section 2. Secretary/Treasurer shall check the eligibility of the nominees. Nominees will be notified. A candidate's name shall not appear on the ballot for more than one office. If a nominee should be nominated for more than one office, they shall prior to election inform the secretary of the preference and their name shall so appear on the ballot. If said nominee fails to inform the Secretary of their preference, the name shall be stricken from the ballot. The nominee with the next highest number of nomination votes shall appear on the ballot where the withdrawal occurs.

- Section 3. There will be two nominations for each office whose term expires that ballot year.
- Section 4. All members may vote for President, Vice-President, and directors.
- Section 5. In the event all nominees are ineligible for election, the Board will appoint someone to fill the vacancy.
- Section 6. On the next business day following the nomination ballot receipt deadline, the secretary shall record the ballot count for officers and directors immediately certify the results. The Secretary shall immediately notify by telephone the members who finished first and second in the balloting, and their names shall be listed on the election ballot. In the event that any member show finished first or second in the balloting declines to run for office, the secretary shall contact, in descending order of total votes, additional candidates until she/he finds a member willing to run for office. The Secretary shall mail election ballots for officers and/or directors to eligible members to vote and be returned to the auditor. The auditor shall open the ballots and certify the results to the BFA Secretary who will notify the candidates of the results. Write-in candidates are accepted on all ballots, and those votes shall be counted, providing the person submitting the write-in is eligible to cast such ballot, and the write-in candidate is qualified to serve as an officer or director. All ballots for any election shall be destroyed unless, a written challenge to the election is received by the BFA Secretary within the 30 day certification period. If a challenge is received, the ballots shall be preserved for a recount under the Board's direction. It is the intent of these election rules to provide for the fair and expedient nomination and election of officers and directors. The rules shall be subject to interpretation by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI. CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Section 1. The BFA shall name a champion each year in the Futurity and Derby. To be eligible for these awards, the owner of the horse and the rider must be in good standing. Points count when membership dues are paid. Point year will terminate after current year's finals. Points will count only at futurities that are BFA approved.

ARTICLE VII. BFA APPROVAL

- Section 1. To be approved by the BFA each futurity must be a member of the BFA, and submit to the Board of Directors a copy of their ground rules, payoffs, entry fees, all other charges to contestants (stall fees, starter fees, camping fees, etc.). These must be to the betterment of the futurity industry, and to the good of the contestants and sponsors.
- Section 2. Futurities seeking approval shall provide an adequate timing system.
- Section 3. Futurities shall provide adequate stalling, watering systems for the contestants' horses. Notification of when these will be ready and when the arena is open shall be in their advertisements.
- Section 4. Paid up contestants shall be recorded and kept current. At any time that this list be requested, Futurity Secretary shall furnish it to the Board of Directors.
- Section 5. Books kept on each approved futurity shall be available to the Board of Directors and/or the officers of the BFA upon request. These books shall include all late fees, etc.
- Section 6. Grounds shall be worked to the best ability of each futurity.
- Section 7. Barrels will be staked and grounds dragged after every five (5) runners or number to be posted. Drags must be posted if Futurity chooses to drag after every five (5) runners.
- Section 8. New futurities must add a minimum of \$5,000.00

CHAPTER 1

RULES, PENALTIES, AND VIOLATIONS

NO MEMBER SHALL REFUSE ANY REASONABLE REQUEST TO ASSIST THE ASSOCIATION, ITS OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, OR AGENTS IN THE PROPER CONDUCT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE BFA.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

1. Any member may be disciplined, fined, suspended or expelled from the Association and may be denied any or all privileges of the Association whenever it shall have been established by satisfactory evidence to the Board of Directors that such member has knowingly and willfully violated any pertinent rule of the Associations. **FAULURE TO UNDERSTAND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN EXCUSE.**
2. Violations of the pertinent rules of this Association shall be divided into two categories.
MINOR VIOLATIONS. Minor violations are those hereinafter listed. A violation of any of these rules may result in a fine not less than \$10.00 and not more than \$100.00 per violation. A decision as to the minor violation shall be based upon the written statements from the complaining party and their witnesses and a similar statement by the member complained of and their witnesses. Decision shall be made by the Board of Directors upon said written documents without hearing by the parties involved. Any member who is subjected to a written complaint for a minor rule violation will receive a form letter from the BFA Secretary notifying them of the alleged violation within thirty (30) days of said violation. Member must then submit their fine to the BFA Secretary and should not submit a fine until they receive a notice from the BFA Secretary.
3. Minor violations shall be dealt with by the Board of Directors. A contestant cannot be flagged out for any minor violation. The following offenses shall constitute a minor rule violation. However, any member found guilty of violating Rule 6 and 7 below more than once may constitute a major rule violation and such member will be subject to the penalties set forth under the major rule violations, unless designated by committee.

4. Setting the barrel on the official markers and practicing or working your horse on the official pattern. Barrels should be set 20' or at least 15' off markers. (You should take into consideration ground conditions and arena size.)
5. Long sleeve shirt, western hat, and western footwear must be worn during competition at BFA approved barrel futurities. A contestant who does not enter the arena with a hat on will be fined \$10.00.
6. Bad Checks. (If bad check is given, points will not count until the check has cleared.) Any member who has a check returned to the BFA Secretary will be fined \$25.00 for the first offense and will have the amount of this doubled for each offense thereafter so long as they shall hold a BFA membership.
7. Not complying with posted ground rules could result in a minimum of a \$10.00 fine and/or points won not counting toward national standings.
8. Any member who willfully causes trouble inside or outside the ranks of the BFA by excessively complaining, willfully causing disturbances, or unnecessarily aggravating the BFA officers, directors, judges, secretaries or committees will be subject to disciplinary actions. This includes failure to observe any of the major rules.
9. Anyone that circles a barrel more than once during competition is subject to a \$50 fine.
10. Talking to the judge, timekeepers, or gate persons while events are in progress.
11. Accusing or making statements detrimental to barrel race producer, committeemen, secretary, timer or director.
12. Sending a fraudulent insurance claims.
13. For being involved in any act which in the opinion of the Board of Directors would be inconsistent with the best interest of the BFA by reflection on the honesty or integrity of the BFA or the sport of barrel racing.
14. Conduct, speech, appearance, or lack of financial responsibility which shall be determined by the BFA to be significantly detrimental to the public image, reputation or well being of the BFA or the sport of barrel racing.

MAJOR VIOLATIONS. Major violations are those hereinafter listed. Whenever anyone shall be accused of any major violation, they shall be given not less than 30 days notice of appointed time and place for hearing such accusations by the Board of Directors at which time and place they shall have an opportunity in person to by counsel (Licensed Attorney Only) to be heard and to present evidence in their own behalf and to hear and refute evidence offered against them. There will be a 60 day time limit on filling major violations.

1. Two (2) or more violations of any of the aforementioned over a one (1) year period may result in a major violation.
2. The decision and action of such Board of Directors shall be final and binding upon all parties, subject only to an appeal to the Board of Directors. Such appeal shall be made by delivering to the Secretary of the Association within 20 days of the Board of Directors decision a notice that the aggrieved party desires an appeal. The appealing party will be responsible for the cost incurred in obtaining a witness on their behalf and to insure the payment of such costs. A bond in the amount of \$50.00 shall be posted by the appealing party, with the notice of appeal.
3. All evidence in a major case will be in person or by written disposition with the aggrieved party having the right of cross-examination.
4. The accusing parting must have one witness, except when the Secretary of this Association if the accusing party.
5. Any member found guilty of using alcohol or drugs to excess while competing in a BFA futurity, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs in the arena.
6. Any member who willfully causes trouble inside or outside the ranks of the BFA by excessively complaining, willfully causing disturbances, or unnecessarily aggravating the BFA officers, directors, judges, secretaries or committees. This includes failure to observe any of the minor and/or major rules. Said member shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.
7. Any member who willfully by any act, whether by commission or omission the result of which is to place the actor or any other competitor in a favored position over other contestants.
8. Any husband, father, relative, or person having a relationship with the BFA competitor whether related or not complaining or interfering to management, director, committee or judge on behalf of their competitor makes said competitor responsible and liable to the subjection.
9. Any husband, father, relative or person having a relationship with a BFA competitor whether related or not commits or assists in any act by omission or commission, the result of which is to place the BFA competing member in a favored position makes said competitor responsible and liable to this subjection.
10. Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass the judge or any other official committee or move markers at any time between opening and closing dates of the futurity.
11. Cheating or misusing BFA rules.
12. Using electronic and/or remotely controlled devices whether in or out of the arena.
13. Abuse of horse in view of the public. Such accusations must be supported in writing by at least two persons, the complaining party and one witness.
14. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend for a period not to exceed one year, fine in an amount not less than \$50.00 and not to exceed \$500.00 for first offense, or both, or to expel any member whenever it shall have been established by satisfactory evidence that such contestant or committee member has knowingly and willfully violated any major pertinent rule of this Association. The decision and action of the Board of Directors shall be final and binding on all parties and there shall be no appeal therefrom.
15. After the date a person has been denied the privilege of the Association they shall not be allowed to compete or participate in any contest approved by the BFA for a period of time designated by the BFA Board.

16. Any notice required by these Rules and Regulations may be served by delivering a copy of the notice in person to be served or their attorney either, in person or by certified mail. A copy of such notice, postage prepaid to the last known address as it appears on the Association records and upon mailing such notice, shall be deemed received by such person when it is deposited in the U.S. Mail.
17. Any member who has been found guilty of a major rule infraction, is eligible to come before the BFA Board of Directors to appeal that conviction and clear their record after a period of five (5) years. This would make them eligible to run for director.
18. Any persons on a said horse that knowingly or willfully commits or assists in any act by omission or commission in competing in a barrel race before December 1 deadline, will be subject to a major rule infraction.

AMMENDMENTS: These rules and regulations may be amended at any time by change, addition or repeal by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER 2

APPLICATION, APPROVAL AND RULES FOR A BFA FUTURITY

1. Sponsors desiring to hold a BFA approved futurity shall submit an approval form to the national office preferably three months prior to advertising their event.
2. The signed approval must be returned to the BFA office before approval is granted.
3. The approval fee must be paid before the approval certificate will be issued.
APPROVAL FEE: The BFA approval fee is \$100.00.
4. Any ground rules contradictory to or in addition to the BFA rules must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. Such rules must be posted at all times with the draw at the futurity office.
5. Approval forms may be signed by the BFA Secretary and shall be back into the national office preferably three (3) months before advertising their futurity.
6. If a futurity is not BFA approved, a date can be given to someone else that wants to hold an approved futurity on these dates.
7. All futurities must send results to the Secretary within seven (7) days following the last day of the futurity.
8. A futurity will use electronic timers and barrels and timers must be staked at all futurities.
9. If a contestant is riding more than one horse, there must be a least one drag between their runs.
10. Futurity must be open to any horse four (4) years old and under. The horse shall not have competed in a barrel race before December 1. The age of unregistered horses will be determined by veterinarian. The decision of the veterinarian will be final on horses not registered. Derby horses must be six (6) years and under. Horses can be run one year in a futurity if a four year old and ~~three~~ two years in the derby.
11. To enter barrel futurities, horse must have never competed in any barrel race or futurity prior to December 1 of previous year. Horses may have entered in other events.
12. Prize money must be broken down in each event and published in all advertisements. Anything charged to a contestant must be published on entry sheet.
13. Starting fee: \$4,000.00 and under added money - \$15.00 starting fee; \$4,100.00 to \$7,500.00 added money - \$20 starting fee; \$7,501.00 to \$15,000.00 added money - \$25.00 starting fee. **Starting fee shall not exceed \$30.00 for a BFA approved futurity.**
14. If a BFA futurity is cancelled, all prize money must be returned. This includes total payments, partial payments and all fees paid to the committee.
15. Substitutions. Substitutions are up to each individual committee. However, the substitution proposal must be presented for the BFA Board of Directors to approve and must be published in the flier.
16. There may not be more than one (1) BFA approved futurity held on the same dates within 500 miles.

TV MONEY

If a BFA event is photographed, filmed or televised, the BFA reserves the right to request an initial sum of money for its right and those of its members, plus the rights to residuals of the out take film footage. The initial rights money must be paid before the event is run. When \$5000.00 or less is paid for a rights fee, the fee shall either be retained by the BFA or distributed by a BFA official. When more than \$5000.00 is paid for a rights fee, the fee will be distributed with 60% to the purse and 40% to the BFA. The BFA retains the rights in and to filming, taping, still footage/photography, radio or television broadcasting or reproduction in any manner or form there of any BFA sanctioned event.

APPROVED EVENTS WHERE NON-MEMBER COMPETE

1. An approved futurity where non-members compete shall be know as open-approved and will be held under BFA rules.
2. The BFA reserves the right to refuse approval on any approved event.
3. Barrel races where non-members compete may be entered by any barrel races who is not listed on the BFA suspended list.

ENTERING AND PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES

- 1 Contestants shall refer to the BFA Secretary for closing dates of futurities. The Secretary's name and address is found in the front of these rules.
- 2 All entry fees must be paid to the futurity secretary prior to competing.
- 3 The official futurity secretary will take the entry fees, handle the payoff upon completion of the BFA futurity and be responsible to the results with the BFA office within seven (7) days.
- 4 All futurity entries must be four (4) year old or younger. May never have competed in barrel racing for money, prizes or points at any time before December 1 of previous year. All derby entries must be six (6) year old or younger.

ENTRY FEE REFUND

1. If a BFA approved futurities is cancelled, all monies must be returned.

CHAPTER 3 BARREL RACE

1. Barrel race is a timed event, using brightly colored 55 gallon steel drums.
2. Both ends of the barrel must be enclosed.
3. There shall be no rubber or plastic barrels or barrel pads used.
4. There is to be only one contesting horse in the arena at the time during the barrel race without exception.
5. The starting gate or gates will remain the same throughout the entire futurity go-rounds.
6. The start and finish line and the position of the barrels must be permanently marked for the entire futurity go-rounds.
7. The horse must enter the arena in forward motion and continue in forward motion. He may be required to run in and out of the arena only when a acceptable centrally located gate or gates safely permits or by special Board of Directors approval. Horse cannot make a circle in the area prior to the timer.
8. A contestant cannot train or circle during competition. No more than one circle on each barrel while competing. No stopping or whipping a horse in the alley upon completion of the run. The alley belongs to the next contestant. Automatic \$10.00 fine. Continued abuse of this rule will constitute a minor violation.
9. The start/finish line must be the same.
10. Any time contestant crosses the starting line, time will begin.
11. Contestant will be assessed a five (5) second penalty for knocking over a barrel. Touching a barrel is permitted.
12. Should barrel be knocked over and it sets up on opposite end, the five (5) second penalty will be assessed.
13. During competition if barrel is moved off marker, judge must oversee re-setting over barrel correctly.

JUDGES

1. There must be one (1) or more judges in the barrel race that are not contesting in that event.
2. Judges should check barrel and eye markers prior to each go-round to see they are properly in place.
3. Line judge should check each contestant for dress code and to be sure that the ground rules are followed.
4. Judges shall be designated and announced prior to the running of the first go-round of the futurity.
5. The barrel race judge shall have the right to stop the barrel race during a performance due to "bad ground" conditions. The arena shall be reworked and the judge shall determine if there will be any reruns.

RERUNS

1. Reruns shall be given if a timer fails to work or if barrels are not placed properly on markers. No penalties will carry over to rerun. Contestant shall be given the choice to rerun immediately or at the end of the class.

DISQUALIFICATION

1. Contestant will be disqualified for not being ready to contest when their name is called. Contestant will be called three (3) times by announcer and if they do not present themselves to compete in the order originally drawn, they will be disqualified.
2. Contestant will be disqualified for missing the pattern.
3. Contestant will be disqualified if run is made out of designated order or until signal is given that the arena is clear.
4. Must have current papers (negative coggins, health & registration) or may be fined and/or disqualified.

GROUND PATTERN

1. Committee is asked to prepare ground in the arena to be consistent throughout the event.

2. Number of contestants to run during a drag should not exceed five (5). There shall be a drag of the tractor around the barrels after every five (5) numbers or runners or less.

BARREL PATTERN

1. The barrel pattern for futurity competition should never exceed these measurements.
 - a. 90 feet between barrels 1 and 2.
 - b. 105 feet between barrel 1 and 3 and between barrel 2 and 3.
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2. The following shall be used in smaller arenas.
3. Barrels 1 and 2 should be at least 18 feet from the sides of the arena. In extra small arenas they may be less, but in no instance should they be any closer than 15 feet from the sides of the arena.
4. Barrel 3 should be at least 36 feet from the end of the arena and no closer than 25 feet.
5. Person measuring and marking the barrel position MUST give a copy of the measurements to the futurity secretary and judge or will be subject to fine.
6. The barrels must be marked using a 100 foot measuring tape. Add 5 feet on to the tape in order for correct measuring between 1 and 3 and 2 and 3. The person measuring the barrel pattern must make an arc on the ground from barrel 1 to barrel 3 then from barrel 2 to barrel 3. Where the arc crosses is there the third barrel marker must be placed. This will insure equal distance for barrel racers who run to either the right or left first barrel. The starting line must also be corrected measuring back from barrel 1 and barrel 2, so the distance on both sides is the same to insure barrel racers going to the right or left the same opportunity. Permanent markers shall be placed on both sides to indicate the starting line.
7. You may use a pointed metal stake, horse shoe or can with a chain or rope attached to the end of it. Cover the object, down in the ground, leaving only the chain or rope on the top of the ground.
8. Markers should be buried at the location of each barrel, so the barrels will be in the same place during each complete go-round.
9. Where the electronic timer sets, permanent markers should be set also.
10. Electronic timers should be placed on the score line no closer than the width of the first two barrels for the electronic eye to be centered in each performance.
11. Barrels must be set on the inside of the markers.
12. The barrel markers and the electronic eye markers must be checked every go-round. If they have been pulled out they must be re-staked before the go-round begins.

CHAPTER 4

BFA CHAMPIONSHIP FUTURITY, DERBY

1. Points will be given in each go-round and average. (Example: 15 places would be 15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8 etc) Derby will be 10 points. (Example: 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1) Points will count at all futurities that are BFA approved and the results will be sent to the secretary. The secretary will keep a tabulation of points earned by each horse for year end awards and championship.
2. Year end points to be counted in 1D only.

CHAPTER 5

RULES FOR FUTURITY COMMITTEES

1. All new futurities shall be bonded or sent in a letter of credit and give a bank reference so they can be contacted and approved.
2. A set of rules will be mailed to all futurities along with the application and approval form.
3. Application and approval form.
4. Sponsors desiring to hold a BFA futurity shall submit an approval form to the national office preferably three months prior to advertising their futurity. This submission should include the following information:
 - a. Starting fees.
 - b. Substitution rules and substitution fee.
 - c. Stall fees.
 - d. Camper fees.
 - e. Timer fees (should not exceed \$5.00)
 - f. All ground rules.
5. The signed approval form must be returned to the BFA before approval is granted.
6. The approval fee must be paid before the certificates will be issued.
7. Results should be sent to Secretary in seven (7) days.
8. Futurity committee may use divisional payoff, but formats should be approved on a case-by-case basis.
9. Special ground rules must be approved by BFA office.
10. Any ground rules contradictory to the BFA rules must be submitted for the Board of Directors approval. Such rules must be sent out in your fliers and posted at all time with the draw at the futurity office.

PRIZE MONEY

1. If you pay 2 go-rounds and average it should be:
 - a. 1st Go-Round – 30%
 - b. 2nd Go Round – 30%
 - c. Average – 40%
2. If a futurity wishes to pay in any manner other than those specifically endorsed by the BFA, the Board must approve the format prior to receiving BFA approval.
3. Winners should be paid immediately after completion of the futurity.
4. PAY OFF: See table below

Total Purse	Places Paid	Divisional Places	Percentages for Places
\$5,000 to \$7,500	5	4 – 1	33-27-20-13-7%
\$7,501 to \$10,000	6	4 – 2	29-24-19-14-9-5%
\$10,001 to \$15,000	8	5 – 3	24-20-17-13-10-7-5-4%
\$15,001 to \$25,000	10	7 – 3	21-18-15-12-9-7-6-5-4-3-2%
\$25,001 to \$35,000	12	8 – 4	19-15-12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2%
\$35,001 to \$55,000	15	10 – 5	18-15-12-10-8.5-7-6-5-4.25-3.5-3-2.5-2-1.75-1.5%
\$55,001 to \$75,000	20	13 – 7	14-11-9-7.7-7-6.5-6-5.5-5-4.5-4-3.7-3.3-2.9-2.5-2.1-1.7-1.4-1.2-1%
\$75,000 to \$90,000	24	16 – 8	12-10-8.6-7.7-7-6.2-5.5-4.9-4.5-4.1-3.8-3.5-3.2-2.9-2.6-2.3-2-1.7-1.5-1.4-1.3-1.2-1.1-1%

ALL FINAL DECISIONS WILL BE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICES & BOARD OF DIRECTORS