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MISSION STATEMENT

Competitive Barrel Racers Association has developed a classification system, which allows barrel racers to compete at various levels of ability. Our method is to classify the horse and the rider by a system where the total of the two entities will generate a classification. Our vision is to facilitate an atmosphere where barrel racers and their horses are rewarded for improving their skills and becoming more competitive at any level and on either side of the team, horse or rider.

COBRA's mission is to give barrel racers a place where they can compete for winnings among riders at the same level instead of falling to the bottom of the ranks when personal bests are accomplished. We feel strongly that the integrity and principles of barrel racing can be enhanced by encouraging advancement, enabling every barrel racer to be competitive regardless of their ability, and ensuring just prize moneys and awards. Each team, horse and rider, will compete with those of comparable abilities.

Our goal is to promote the sport of barrel racing and to encourage sportsmanship in a family-like atmosphere, and make it a place where becoming a better horseman/woman is celebrated and rewarded. COBRA will also endeavor to establish a fair and consistent method of classifying competitors and their horses. Our hope is to enable competitors to compete for winnings deserving of the time, effort and expense inherent to our sport. We also hope to be viewed as a valuable alternative to Division barrel racing.

COBRA RULES AND REGULATIONS

101.00 MEMBERSHIP

- 101.01 Members will be required to register on line at www.cobrabarrelracers.com. They must create a user name and password and pay a membership fee to be admitted to the Profiling Surveys. COBRA's rules and regulation can be found online without logging in. If requested, a member can register in person and take the Profiling Surveys using a paper copy (see section 102.07). Circuit Event entry forms, the member's classification and personal contact information can also be seen online once a member has logged in.
- 101.02 Age or gender, state of residence, or affiliation with other similar organizations does not limit membership.
- 101.03 Through its Board of Directors, COBRA may award, from time to time, an Honorary Membership to parties who merit special recognition of their individual efforts.
- 101.04 Membership or application therefore, may be rejected or terminated by the COBRA Executives for cause detrimental to the interest of COBRA, its policies, objectives, and compatible relationship of its members.
- 101.05 Members shall be admitted, retained, and expelled in accordance with such rules and regulations.
- 101.06 Youth members must age 16 or younger as of January 1, 2010.
- 101.07 Tenderfoot members must be age 8 or younger as of January 1, 2010.
- 101.08 Youth competitors must choose to compete in either a COBRA classified Division the Youth Division (not both).
- 101.09 Youth awards will be based upon available sponsorship, and number of competitors.

102.00 FEES FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 102.01 The yearly cost of membership is \$100. Special membership fees may be offered at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Charter members will receive 25% discount on dues for life.
- 102.02 Youth (only) membership will be \$30 per year and the entry fee will be \$25
- 102.03 A pro-rated membership may be obtained for \$35 per Circuit. This Circuit Permit allows a person to compete for day money and Circuit awards, but not year-end points. If a pro-rated member joins the day of the event, he/she must take the Profiling Surveys no later than two (2) hours before the race begins and pay a \$20 processing fee.
- 102.04 All dues must be paid prior to accruing points for the current year. There will be a 20 percent discount for each additional immediate family member. Immediate family is interpreted as children under the age of 18 and/or spouse.
- 102.05 Checks returned for insufficient funds for membership dues and/or entry fees are not considered payment. All points accrued while check is outstanding will be forfeited. All bank charges and fees will apply.
- 102.06 Membership fees will not be refunded as a result of classification or rule disagreements, pregnancy, injury to horse or rider, or any other unforeseeable event or cause.

- 102.07 Non-members may request classification for themselves and their horse(s). This classification will be valid 30 days from initial classification. After that period, all are subject to reclassification.
- 102.08 When applying for membership, one may either log on to the Web site and fill out the membership requirements electronically, print out the forms online, or join the day of the race. If requested, membership forms and a hard copy of the Profile Surveys can be sent to a new member to be completed. Applicants must send the completed Profiles to the Membership Director for pre-classification or do so at a scheduled Circuit Event, no later than two (2) hours prior to the start of the Event. Membership and Entry fees must be paid in full to compete.

**Charter members are those who were first year members in Texas for the 2009 season with or without uninterrupted membership to date.*

103.00 RECORDS

- 103.01 COBRA warrants material accuracy of records furnished by COBRA, only to the extent of using its best efforts in the compilation thereof. Consequential damages are expressly excluded.
- 103.02 No person shall refuse to assist COBRA, its officers or its agents, in locating, identifying and inspecting, or to answer truthfully and promptly any inquiry concerning a horse that has been registered with COBRA, or for which application has been made. No person shall refuse to promptly and truthfully give information concerning any COBRA matter of which the person has knowledge.
- 103.03 No person shall misrepresent a horse or themselves when registering with COBRA, as having earned other than s/he truthfully has in monies won, awards earned or titles held. Deceit for the distinct purpose of obtaining an altered classification status will be subject to disciplinary action as deemed ample by the COBRA Executives.

104.00 CLASSIFICATION

- 104.01 Upon receipt of application for membership and the results of the Profiling Surveys, the Membership Director will review the pertinent information. The Profiling Survey information, which is numerically weighted, will be added and the sum, along with a review of references, will determine the classification within a range comprising a specific rating. The registration of the horse is conducted in the same manner. Riders will be classified according to their abilities as #0, #2, #4, #6, or #8. A horse will be classified as #1, #3, #5, #7, or #9. Once the Profile Surveys are completed online, the member will receive a confirmation e-mail after which the member will be contacted by the Membership Director and informed of their classification and the League they and their horse(s) will compete in.
- 104.02 Riders may appeal their classification, or the classification of their horse(s), by submitting a written request to COBRA in care of the Membership Director within one (1) week of initial classification. The Board of Directors will then review the appeal at a conveniently scheduled time and location. The member is encouraged to attend at the hearing to present their appeal. Following the appeal hearing, the decision of the Board of Directors will then be final.
- 104.03 A rider or horse will not encounter a decrease in final rating except in the following cases: extenuating circumstances such as injury, age determinant, or through inaccuracy on the part of COBRA during initial classification (see 104.02).
- 104.04 If an accurate evaluation is unable to be determined with the details available, the riders' and/or the horses' chronicles may be investigated and reviewed by the Board of Directors. If under extenuating circumstances, the Board deems it necessary, a temporary classification may be issued. A

“T” preceding the classification number on a member and/or horse’s COBRA profile will indicate this status.

- 104.05 All profiles filled out the day of the race will be under temporary status.
- 104.06 A team under temporary status may compete in 1-4 Circuit Events under Temporary status before receiving permanent status.
- 104.07 Points accumulated while on temporary status will be retained by the team (horse and rider) and accrued in the League in which they are ultimately classified.
- 104.08 If the original classification determined is felt to have been over or underestimated at any time, COBRA reserves the right to modify the same. The team will retain points accrued in the League they are ultimately classified.
- 104.09 A team is allowed to compete in the League in which their classifications total has been determined. Each League is comprised of riders and horses whose classifications total that number as determined by COBRA.
- 104.10 If a rider competes on more than one horse, the rider's classification remains constant, however, as the different horses’ classifications vary, the Team’s classification also varies.
- 104.11 There will be a \$30 charge for each additional horse classified.
- 104.12 Advancements through the Leagues are made by the rider and/or horse(s) accomplishing a standardized number of factors of improvement as determined by the League Advancement Formula (LAF) make advancement through the Leagues. All competitors and their horses are considered for advancement at the end of each Circuit Series. COBRA Executives will manage considerations at the first scheduled meeting following a Circuit Series. The Membership Director, within one week of the decision, will notify all advancing members.
- 104.13 The League Advancement Formula, (LAF) is a systematic, unbiased formula developed by COBRA. This process is used to evaluate a Team’s improvement at the conclusion of a Circuit.
- 104.14 A rider is at liberty to choose to advance oneself to a higher League at the start of any Circuit Series. This will be done with the conviction that they are doing so to improve themselves as opposed to; for example, competing against a fewer number of competitors or the like. Once advanced, the team may not regress for any reason and their classification will reflect the change accordingly.

105.00 CIRCUIT EVENTS

- 105.01 There will be at least three (4) Circuit Series per calendar year. It will be left up to the COBRA Executives to determine exactly how many Circuit Series will be held over the course of a year.
- 105.02 All members must compete in at least 75 percent (75%) of the Circuit Events to qualify for year-end Championship positions.
- 105.03 Three (3) Circuit Events constitute one (1) Circuit Series. A member must compete in all three (3) of the Circuit Events to qualify for the Series awards. Prizes will be awarded to at least the 1st place competitor in each League based on the cumulative times for the three Circuit Events. Other awards for 2nd place and so on will be determined by the amount of participation in the Circuit Series and sponsorship (see 106.08 & 105.11).
- 105.04 The order of events will be left to the discretion of the Events Director. Typically, the order of events is as follows: Exhibitions, Open Riding, Brief-Brief, Tender Foot, Youth, Leagues #1, #3, #5, #7, #9, #11, #13, Post Exhibitions. During a double-header, the order may be reversed for the second

Event. Should there be any change, which significantly affects the members, they will be notified prior to the day of the Circuit Event.

105.05 If there are too few contestants in the #11 and #13 Leagues, they can be combines with the #9 League. This can be voted on by the involved members.

105.06 Exhibitions may be run before or at the end of the day's events, as determined by the Events Director.

105.07 Contestant must be either a member or non-member in good standing to compete. Any unpaid dues, fees or bad checks will result in being in "bad standing" and the member or non-member will not be able to run until said fees, dues or bad checks are paid in full. All bank charges and fees will apply.

105.08 All members will receive 5 points towards year-end standings for each Circuit Event in which they have competed (independent of placing).

105.09 70 percent of all entry fees will be paid according to the following schedule:

• 1 - 4 entries	1 money	100%
• 5 - 7 entries	2 monies	60%/40%
• 8 -10 entries	3 monies	50%/30%/20%
• 11-15 entries	4 monies	40%/30%/20%/10%
• 16-20 entries	5 monies	34%/27%/20%/13%/6%
• 21 and over	6 monies	29%/24%/19%/14%/9%/5%

105.10 Places will be paid to the at least the hundredths of a second. In the event of a tie, the two place's points and monies won will be added together and split equally between the two contestants.

105.11 Trophy prizes or money will be awarded to the winner of each League at the end of each Circuit Series. Additional prizes awarded will be determined by sponsorship for each Circuit Series and/or Event.

105.12 The "Last Chance Race" will be the last race of the season. It will not be a Circuit Event. All COBRA members may enter, but points will only be awarded to those members needing to compete in one more race to make their 75% of the season's races. (see 105.05)

106.00 POINTS

106.01 Points will be accumulated over the course of the calendar year as follows:

- **1st** - **100 points** plus one point for each entry
- **2nd** - **80 points** plus one point for each entry
- **3rd** - **60 points** plus one point for each entry
- **4th** - **40 points** plus one point for each entry
- **5th** - **30 points** plus one point for each entry
- **6th** - **20 points** plus one point for each entry
- **7th** - **10 points**

106.02 Points will be awarded to those receiving a check for placing. Points will also be awarded to the one-out of the money position as above with the exception of the extra points for each entry. For example: 5 places are paid on a barrel race with 18 competitors. The top five receive their checks plus their points as above. The 6th place contestant will not receive a check or the 18 additional points for each entry but will receive the 20 points 6th place allows.

- 106.03 Points will be awarded to Members only. These points will be awarded as if non-members had not placed. Competitors running with a pro-rated Circuit Permit will not be awarded points.
- 106.04 Members will also receive 5 points for entering the Event alone.
- 106.05 In case of a tie, both place's points will be added together and divided equally.
- 106.06 Dress code is optional and one (1) point per Event will be awarded to those members that choose to compete in dress code.
- 106.07 Those members with the highest total points at year-end in their respective Leagues will be awarded a Championship prize at the COBRA Finals Award Ceremony.
- 106.08 Should a rider and/or a horse undergo a change in classification, the points accumulated thus far will follow them into the higher League but continue to accumulate toward their original League status. For example, Jane Doe began the competitive year as a #6 rider on Stormy, a #3 horse. Stormy was increased in classification due to accumulation of significant winnings in state rodeos. He is now classified as a #5. Jane will now compete in the #11 League but any points won in their new League will continue to accrue towards her standings as a #9.
- 106.09 A Championship prize will be awarded in all Leagues where there are seven or more competitive* members on average at each Circuit Event. The decision as to whether or not to award a Championship prize to a League with less than seven competitive members, is left solely to the discretion of the COBRA Executives based upon available sponsorship. Those classified in that League may secure trophy saddle sponsorship.
- *Competitive members infer to one who pays and completes a barrel pattern as per COBRA rules.*
- 106.10 Championship Awards will be awarded to 30 percent of the eligible membership. Those who have competed in a required 75 percent of the events.
- 106.11 Should a horse die or become incapacitated for a period longer than three (3) months during the competitive season and therefore not able to compete in the required 75 percent (75%) of the Circuit Events, the rider will then be eligible to compete on a newly designated horse in the same or higher League. The League assigned will be determined by the new horse's Profiling Survey results. All points will continue to accrue toward the original designated team's standings. Valid veterinary documentation must be presented initially and updated each month the horse is laid off to sustain substitution status. The injured horse may be used to complete the season once the owner and veterinarian deem him able to compete, however, this is solely up to the owner/rider.
- 106.12 In the case of a sale of a horse, the classified rider with full membership and in good standing may elect to replace the horse with another of the same or greater classification. A \$75.00 substitution fee will be remitted when the newly designated horse replaces another. This team will run in the League determined by the new horse's Profiling Survey results.

107.00 INCENTIVE 4D

- 107.01 An optional 4D Incentive will be available as a side entry for any competitor on the day of the Circuit Event.

- 107.02 The Incentive 4D will be run with ½, ½, full second splits to at least the hundredths of a second. These times will be rolled over from the times ran in the Leagues of that Event. The Incentive 4D will not be a separate race.
- 107.03 Entry fees for the Incentive 4D must be paid before the League Events begin. You cannot enter the Incentive 4D after you have made your run.
- 107.04 Entry fee for the Incentive 4D is \$20 with a 90 percent payout.
- 107.05 Anyone can sponsor for added money in the Incentive 4D. The announcer when reading off the results will mention these sponsors. Added money must be declared before the Event starts. Any of the Board of Directors may be responsible for these funds.

108.00 ENTRIES

- 108.01 Entries must be submitted either online or on the proper forms and be postmarked 10 days prior to the Circuit Event to avoid a late charge.
- 108.02 A non-member may choose to run in a Circuit Event for a \$25 non-member fee. This fee applies for the calendar year. A non-member will not be eligible for points, circuit series or year-end awards, only day money. A non-member must still take the Profiling Surveys and follow all COBRA rules and regulations.
- 108.03 If a non-member enters the day of the event, he/she must take the Profiling Surveys not later than two (2) hours before the race and pay a \$20 processing fee.
- 108.04 Should a non-member not compete for a period longer than 60 days, COBRA reserves the right to re-classify horse, rider, or both.
- 108.05 Rider's full name and horse's registered name (if applicable) must be used on the COBRA Profiling Surveys.
- 108.06 If entering the day of the Circuit Event, the required completed COBRA entry form will accompany payment plus the late fee of \$10.00 when entering.
- 108.07 Pre-paid entry fees will be \$45.00.
- 108.08 Anyone who wants to become a member the day of the event must complete the Profiling Surveys no later than two (2) hours before the race begins and run as a non-member for that day. After the Membership Director does a proper interview, and the profile is researched, the Membership status will begin that day. They will pay full Membership fees and a \$15 late fee for that day.
- 108.09 Late entries, those taken subsequent to the 5-day postmark, will incur a \$10.00 late charge for a total fee of \$55.00.
- 108.10 Should a contestant turn out from a Circuit Event, COBRA will retain the entire entry fee.
- 108.11 Only \$15 fee will be charged to members turning out of a Circuit Event if validated by a Veterinarian's and/or Medical Release. The Treasurer must receive written verification (original copy on letterhead) within 10 days to refund fees to the member by check. If received after the required 5-day period, funds will be withheld and turn out rules will apply (see 108.08).
- 108.12 A \$35.00 fee will be assessed on all returned checks. Privileges of membership, including accumulation of points, will be revoked until restitution is made. If a check is not made good in the form of cash or money order within 30 days of the date returned or the next Circuit Event, which ever comes

first, the member becomes ineligible to compete. Previous points from the Event that the check was issued to pay on will be forfeited.

109.00 OPEN TRAINING CLASS

- 109.01 Open to any #1 classified horse ridden by a #4, #6, or a #8 rider, is eligible to compete in this COBRA sanctioned League.
- 109.02 Horse and rider must both be classified through the COBRA Profiling Surveys.
- 109.03 Horse may not currently be competing for points in any COBRA League.
- 109.04 Should the horse become eligible to advance into a League, competition in the Open Training Class will count toward the 75 percent of the Events required to be eligible for year-end award status.
- 109.05 Monies will be paid and points will be given according to the schedules set up for the Leagues. Points will follow this team if they advance into a League.
- 109.06 The Open Training Class will not be eligible for Circuit Series and/or year-end awards.

110.00 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 110.01 Those that constitute the Board of Directors shall be the President Advisor, Awards Director, Communications Director, Events Director, Membership Director, Arena Director and Secretary/Treasurer.
- 110.02 The term for the Board of Directors will be two (2) years with one-half of the Board member's terms expiring on odd years and the other half expiring on even years. The term will be consistent with the calendar year, which is Finals to Finals. The Awards Director, Communications Director and Secretary/Treasurer will be elected for even years and the President Advisor, Events Director, Arena Director and Membership Director will be elected for odd years. Therefore, the Board of Directors will always have experienced COBRA Directors in office to assist the new Directors.
- 110.03 Election of the Board of Directors: Nominations will be made at a meeting of the membership at least two (2) months prior to the final Circuit Event of the competitive year. The Membership Director will verify all nominations so that each nominee is willing to accept appointment to that position.
- 110.04 Each Board member will maintain detailed records for their position. When a Board member's term expires and a new member joins the Board, all records will be turned over to the newly elected Board member for each position. The President may request a copy of such detailed records be provided to her/him quarterly. Maintaining detailed and accurate records is required of each member of the Board of Directors.
- 110.05 All Board of Directors will be current COBRA members in good standing and serve without salary. All Board members are entitled to have their membership dues paid by COBRA for the year(s) they serve on the Board, should they choose.
- 110.06 All Board of Directors will remain in office for the term of election. The COBRA Executives will guide and direct the organization and have the power to interpret the rules and regulations. Board members may suggest rule changes at the end of the competitive year. Any Board member can be removed without legal cause at anytime by the COBRA Executives or by a majority vote from the board. Any vacancies on the Board may be filled by a majority vote from the Board for the remaining term.
- 110.07 Should Board offices remain vacant, other Board members may choose to step in and carry the responsibility of the empty office until a new member is elected.

110.08 The COBRA Executives may override any decision made by the Board of Directors in the best interest of the organization.

111.00 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

111.01 Members are required to adhere to the rules established by the host facility at all COBRA events.

111.02 All contestants of a COBRA Circuit Event are entitled to inspect the times and/or results of all League records.

111.03 Flagmen, timers and officials at any COBRA Circuit Event must prove acceptable to members competing. In the event where a member can prove reasonable inadequacy on the part of a flagman, timer or official, they may be dismissed.

111.04 Members, who have qualified in the standings and are eligible to receive Championship awards, must be present at the Finals Award Ceremony (banquet and presentation) to accept these awards. All awards will be forfeited in their absence. Justification of circumstances warranting absence must be made in writing to the Board of Directors no later than three (3) weeks prior to the Finals Award Ceremony. The Board of Directors will review circumstances individually before making their decision. If justification is found to be legitimate, the policy will be waived and said member will be required to obtain his/her awards at a time and location convenient for the Board of Directors. If said member is dropped from the standings due to absence, remaining members will be moved up to fill the vacancy. The Board of Directors will notify members becoming eligible for awards in this case.

111.05 Competitors may decide to adhere to a full Western dress code at all Circuit Events. Attire will include a long sleeved shirt, with or without collar, boots or Heels Down type footwear (tennis shoes are prohibited), long pants of any western style and a western hat or helmet. Hat must be on when crossing the timer to begin the run. Wearing full Western dress code will result in the member receiving one (1) point per race. (see 106.06)

111.06 A panel of three (3) non-affiliated individuals, referred to as the Arbitration Panel, will be retained to oversee and decree rulings on objections brought before the Board of Directors. These appointees will mediate on matters of question or concern where a member wishes to be heard by an impartial panel. The Board of Directors must be addressed in writing as to the nature of the issue. If it is determined that a hearing before the disassociated board would be advantageous, a meeting will be scheduled at a suitable time for the Arbitration Panel. COBRA Executives will have the final say.

111.07 No person shall refuse to assist COBRA, its officers or agents, in locating, identifying and inspecting, or to answer truthfully and promptly any inquiry concerning a horse that has been registered with COBRA, or for which application has been made. No person shall refuse to give prompt and truthful information concerning any COBRA matter of which the person has knowledge.

111.08 No person shall misrepresent a horse or themselves when registering with COBRA, as having earned other than s/he truthfully has in monies won, awards earned or titles held. Deceit for the distinct purpose of obtaining an altered classification status will be subject to disciplinary action.

111.09 COBRA reserves the right to direct independent disciplinary action against individuals coming under the jurisdiction by participating in COBRA sanctioned Circuit Events. The COBRA executives may initiate suspension or otherwise penalize offenders of association rules and regulations. Should a member receive suspension, petition for application for reinstatement is required. The COBRA Executives reserve the right to reinstate a member under suspension.

112.00 CIRCUIT EVENT RULES

- 112.01 The course must be measured exactly. If the course is too large for the available space, the pattern will be reduced until the pattern fits the arena. The barrels will consistently be no less than 15 feet off the fence and the arc distance between first and third and second and third will remain 15 feet more than between first and second at any measurement.
- 112.02 Brightly colored, 55 gallon steel drums, with both ends in, will be used. There shall be no rubber or plastic barrels or barrel pads used.
- 112.03 An electric timer or at least two stopwatches shall be used, with the time indicated by the electric timer or average of the watches used by the official timers to be the official time.
- 112.04 Contestants may run to either the right or left barrel first. When running to the right barrel first there will be one right turn and two left turns. When running to the left barrel first, there will be one left turn and two rights, for a total of three (3) complete turns. Any additional turns will result in disqualification.
- 112.05 There will be a five (5) second penalty affixed to the contestant's time for each barrel knocked over. A contestant may reach to prevent a barrel from falling.
- 112.06 The Secretary will draw for running positions. Should a member have a legitimate reason for running out of order, she may request to do so, providing there are no objections from the management or officials. Should the request be granted, the competitor relinquishes their rake order, also.
- 112.07 Running out of draw order, without prior authorization, is a ground for disqualification.
- 112.08 Competitors will be allowed two (2) minutes (120 seconds) to begin their competitive run. If said time has elapsed and the team has not successfully begun, they will be dismissed from the arena with a no time. No refunds will be made in this instance.
- 112.09 Crossing the eye signifies the start of a competitive run. The run must be completed without restarting the eye. Should a horse trip the eye while circling or fighting the approach; the run must be made without recrossing the eye and restarting it. Tripping the eye then restarting the run, or knocking the eye over, will result in a no time. Crossing the eye while circling after a run has been made will also result in a disqualification. No refunds will be made in these instances.
- 112.10 If the barrel pattern is broken, the contestant and horse must exit the arena. Correcting a run or circling the barrel more than once will result in a \$10 fine.
- 112.11 The rider must be mounted on the horse when crossing the eye at both the beginning and the end of the run to be considered a competitive run.
- 112.12 Should the electric timer fail to function, the contestant will have the option to re-run or to take the hand time. The contestant must make the choice between the hand time and the re-run before the next contestants run is made and prior to knowing the hand time.
- 112.13 If a barrel is knocked over in the fouled run, the penalty will be assessed to the re-run.
- 112.14 If the electric eye malfunctions on 51 percent of the runs, an average of the two back-up hand times will be used for the entire event.
- 112.15 Pulling a horse up to purposely lengthen the time ran will result in a disqualification. The rider must continue the natural pace during the entire run until meeting the electric eye at the end of the run. Exception to this can be made for examples if a horse or rider is injured

113.00 LIABILITIES

113.01 As a contestant/participant at any COBRA Circuit Event, a member agrees to release the Competitive Barrel Racers Association (COBRA), host facilities, and any and all affiliates, including the Board of Directors and the COBRA Executives, from any liability in case of theft or loss of equipment and/or any injury or accident to the contestant, horse or anyone involved with the contestant while competing or assisting during any sanctioned COBRA Circuit Event.

113.02 All contestants are subject to request to produce current health papers, brand inspection, and current negative Coggins test results.

SPECIFIC COBRA RULES AND POLICIES TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF HORSES

PROHIBITED CONDUCT – Unsportsmanlike conduct and/or inhumane treatment may result in repudiation of points accumulated to date of charge of penalty or suspension as determined by the Board of Directors.

LAMENESS – COBRA maintains the right to prohibit a contestant from competing on a horse exhibiting obvious lameness. Obvious lameness is defined as:

- Consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances.
- Marked nodding, hitching or shorted stride, minimal weight-bearing in motion and/or at rest and inability to move.