

*OFFICIAL*



**Top End Drum Runners**

*COMPETITION*

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## **Introduction**

Our Clubs goals are to increase the number of participants, improve the skills & techniques of our members and enhance the image of barrel racing in a safe environment for all involved. For these goals to be possible individual competitors and guardians are responsible for abiding by the rules within this rule book.

This rule book cannot cover all possible situations that may arise, nor can they regulate all administrative questions. Where cases are not precisely regulated by a Rule, the Rules assume that the TEDR Committee have the necessary competence, sound judgment and absolute objectivity to make a ruling.

The rule book will be revised yearly or as necessary at a committee meeting to include, exclude or change rules. Members will be notified, and a set of minutes will be forwarded to ABHA board of directors for approval.

## **Social Media**

The TEDR committee does not condone the posting of any derogatory or slanderous remarks made on Facebook or any other form of social media by any person, member or non-member. Any person found in breach of this code of conduct will face disciplinary action or suspension by the TEDR Committee.

## **Bullying and Harassment**

Engaging in, or attempting to engage in any action of a threatening nature, berating, harassing, intimidating - either in person, via telephone, email or all forms of social media, assaulting or striking any TEDR – Committee Member, affiliate, member, or spectator may result in the suspension or cancellation of your TEDR membership at the Committee's discretion.

All complaints of Bullying & Harassment will need to be raised immediately with a Committee member so the matter can be addressed promptly.

## **Animal Welfare**

All members must comply with the relevant state regulations regarding animal welfare. A current code of conduct for the welfare of animals is available on the NT Government website: <https://nt.gov.au/environment/animals/animal-welfare>

If any person present has concerns about the welfare of an animal on the grounds at a TEDR event, please report your concerns immediately to a Committee member.

If any Committee member has concerns about the welfare of an animal on the grounds at a TEDR event have the right to approach the owner.

# Protests

Any persons who believes a rule violation or infraction has occurred at a TEDR event may file a written protest. The written protest must be accompanied by a \$50 protest fee and lodged with the Committee within 48 hours of the incident that is being protested. If the protest proves to be valid, the \$50 protest fee will be returned to the person filing the protest. If the protest proves to be invalid, the protest fee will be retained in the clubs running cost funds.

All protests will be dealt with in line with the TEDR Constitution.

*(NOTE: This rule does not prevent Directors and Officials from retrospectively correcting problems or errors)*

# Complaints

Any other complaints not covered in the above are to be put in writing within 48 hours of the incident. You can hand deliver to an Committee member or email to [drumrunnersnt@hotmail.com](mailto:drumrunnersnt@hotmail.com). These complaints will be formally addressed by the committee.

# General Rules & Code of Conduct

1. All Competitors including led line support persons (as for junior competitors their parent or guardian) must attend the compulsory Riders Briefing which will be held 30 minutes prior to competition commencing (briefing at majority of the meets will be at 3:30pm excluding B4B). Failure to attend this briefing without exemption will mean that the competitor is unable to compete. This briefing will be a horse free zone and competitors should have their helmet with them. If any competitor is unable to attend the briefing, please contact the committee no later than 12noon on the day of the event with the reason for non-attendance (e.g. The committee may exempt competitors with work/study commitments from the compulsory briefing). A response will be provided either via text or email by the committee acknowledging the competitors' non-attendance. A written copy of the riders' brief will be given to the competitor upon arrival for them to acknowledge.
2. Volunteering is compulsory. Each member (or member delegate) MUST volunteer at no less than 2 events per year. Please make yourself or your delegate is immediately available for this task to enable events to run in a timely manner. Failure to do so will result in a fine. Additional people are encouraged to assist with these tasks.
3. All horses must be saddled and bridled at all times when being ridden anywhere on the grounds at a TEDR event.
4. Riding member's/Day members are the only people permitted to ride horses on the grounds at a TEDR event.
5. All stallions are to be double tied whilst on the grounds at a TEDR event and must be handled by a competent person over the age of 18 years.
6. The board with competitor lists is a horse free zone. For the safety of all involved horses are not permitted within 5 meters of this area.
7. Children learn by example, as such applaud good racing by all riders.
8. All competitors should be encouraged to try their best. Ridicule or bullying of competitors will NOT be tolerated an any competitor struggling with concerns of bullying should seek the advice of the TEDR Committee as outlined above.
9. Consumption of alcohol by competitors, officials or any person entering the arena is prohibited. Any person found under the influence of alcohol will be disciplined at the

- discretion of the Committee. Consumption of alcohol by spectators under the age of 18 will not be tolerated and a suspension will be given.
10. Consumption of illegal drugs by ANY person present at TEDR meets will not be tolerated. Such behavior will be reported to the police and a suspension for the remaining of the year will be given. Any riders will have their points taken from them.
  11. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated. All persons attending a TEDR meet or function must conduct themselves appropriately. Riders will be held accountable for the actions of family, friends and any other person in their company at TEDR meet or function.
  12. Recognise the importance and value of volunteers. Help and support them wherever you can.
  13. Never argue with an Official, Marshall or Volunteer. All protests must be dealt with in the proper manner. Disciplinary action will be taken at the discretion of the Committee.
  14. Annual Membership runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January through to 31<sup>st</sup> December for a 12-month period.

## **Sharing of horses**

The sharing of horse is permitted with the following conditions:

1. Led Line riders are permitted to share a horse with another led Line rider with no penalty.
2. A horse can be shared by 2 riders competing in different age groups or categories with no penalty.
3. A horse can only compete in 1 age group or category.
4. If it is felt by the TEDR Management committee that the horse is being worked too hard or that competing multiple times is having a bad effect on the horse, they have the right to refuse 2 riders competing on the same horse.

## **Age Groups**

To be eligible to compete as a junior the rider must be under the age of 18 years on the day of the annual membership renewal. This divisional age group will remain unchanged for the duration of the season regardless of birthdays. All riders 18 years or over at the annual membership renewal day will be considered to be Adults for the duration of the season.

Junior competitors must have signed consent form their parents or legal guardian when lodging nominations at each meet. In the event that a parent or legal guardian is unable to attend a signed letter addressed to the committee outlining who is the delegated guardian for the meet must be presented at the time of nomination otherwise the junior will be unable to compete.

Competitors choosing to compete in the led line division are not permitted to also compete on the same horse in another division.

For pole bending the age group applicable at the annual membership renewal day will determine eligibility for the entire season (ie 12 years at annual sign on day will compete in 12 years and under for the entire season).

## Divisional Barrel Racing Rules

1. Divisions are determined by a one second time bracket.
2. In the divisional barrel race the fastest clean time will be used to set divisions.
3. Runs with penalties cannot place in final placings in a divisional barrel race.
4. **Junior & Open Divisional** – One run Format  
1 second splits with the fastest clean time will set the divisions. 1D will be set by the fastest clean time with 2D & 3D being 1.0, 2.0 seconds off the fastest time respectively.  
  
**Up & Coming and Beginners** – Two run Format  
Divisions are set on the average time of the two runs. With the fastest average time setting the 1D with 2D & 3D divisions being 1.0, 2.0 seconds off the fastest average time respectively.
5. Average – All rounds added together and divided by number of rounds.
6. Junior & Open Divisional Purse is split evenly between the divisions.

## Accrual of TEDR Championship Points

TEDR Championship points will be awarded in all event (except led line) on a 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 basis from 1<sup>st</sup> place to 5<sup>th</sup> place. Championship points for led line will be on a 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 basis. If two or more riders tie for a position, the points for the tied position will be added together and divided equally amongst the tied riders. All points are awarded to a rider and horse combination. If the rider commences competing on a different horse, points are not transferred to the new horse but will remain with the previous one.

In the case of a tie for the title, a count back of the competition season to see who had the most wins at a points earning event will determine the winner. If a tie persists number of elevated placing's will be taken into account. In the case of a tie for a championship placing the same process will take place. The competitor that has not won the tie from the count back review will automatically receive the next available place award.

Riders must compete at no less than four (4) meets as a full financial member to be eligible for end of year trophies/awards.

End of year Perpetual Trophy will be calculated by the highest point earner for the year in Barrels racing and Pole Bending.

## Dress Code

It is mandatory for all competitors, led line handlers, support people and any other person entering the arena to be in appropriate western attire throughout events and including warmup. This includes:

- Long Sleeved collared shirt with sleeves rolled down and shirt buttoned.
- Helmet (all **Juniors** MUST wear an Approved Australian standards helmet at all times whilst mounted and/or in the arena) Accepted helmets shall have one of the following standards ASNZ 3838, ASTM F1163.EN 1384 clearly identified on the helmet and be within 5 years of date of manufacture. Helmets for Senior's are optional but encouraged to wear.
- Cowboy Hat MUST be worn by Riders, Support people, Volunteers and Officials over the age of 18 year in the arena. Helmets must be worn by those under 18 years old in the arena.
- Riding Boots (no runners allowed).

## Barrel Racing Rules

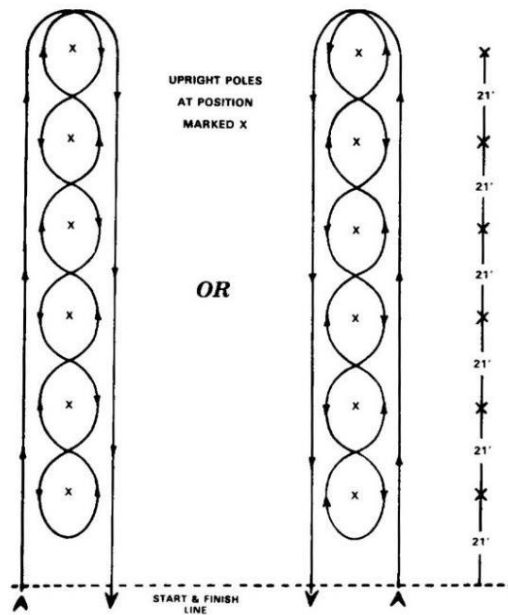
1. Please refer to "Barrel Racing Rules" stated in the ABHA Rule Book apply
2. For Led Line Events please refer to "Led Rein/Assisted Riders" stated in the ABHA Rule Book.
3. It is permissible for riders to have a support person in the arena during a run however a 5 second penalty will be given if the support person assists the rider in anyway once they have entered the timed competition zone (ie. If the support person touches the horse or equipment).
4. The ground conditions within the arena will be monitored by the committee and managed in accordance with their discretion with consideration of competitor/horse safety. Should competitors feel the arena surface is unsuitable for the safety of them or their horse please bring to the attention of the committee so that a solution can be found. Protests following runs in regards to surface management will not be processed due to the training ethos of the club and limited resources for surface management.
5. Once in the arena a single circle or turn of the horse in a 360-degree movement is allowable in Up & Coming and Beginners. More than a single circle will result in a no time. In the Junior & Open Divisional rounds, competitors that circle or turn their horse in a 360-degree movement once in the arena will receive a no time.
6. Excessive use of the whip may result in disqualification. More than two whips between barrels and four whips coming home and/or under and over whipping is considered excessive. The use of the hand to hit the horse is considered whipping and will incur the same penalties.

# Pole Bending

Pole bending is a timed event run in age divisions as follows:

- Led Line
  - 12 years of age and under
  - 13 to 17 years of age
  - 18 to 34 years of age
  - Masters – 35 years and over
1. Please refer to “Pole Bending” stated in the ABHA Rule Book apply
  2. Excessive use of the whip may result in disqualification. No more than two whips on the way down the course and two whips on the way back is allowed. The use of the whip whilst bending around the poles is not allowed. The use of the hand to hit the horse is considered whipping and will incur the same penalties.

## POLE BENDING PATTERN



## **Disqualifications and Penalties**

The following will result in a “No Time” being recorded:

1. Crossing the start/finish line without completing the required pattern.
2. Taking undue delay commencing the run.
3. Misidentifying a horse (ie. Riding a different horse from the one nominated).
4. Failure to be appropriately attired or failure of support person being appropriately attired.
5. Any other situation as indicated within specific event rules.

The following items may result in disqualification:

1. Excessive use of the whipping during a run – see event specific rules.
2. Abuse of a horse in any way.
3. Failing to enter the arena upon the third call by the official.
4. Moving or attempting to move markers during an event.
5. Use of electronic and/or remote-controlled devices to alter the outcome of a run.
6. Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. Any attempt made to hold a horse back to record a lower time in the effort to qualify for a lower division.
8. Any other situation as indicated within specific event rules.
9. Breaches of the rule book or code of conduct.

Any repeated breach of the rule book or code of conduct may result in a competitor being suspended from TEDR for a period of time determined by the TEDR Management Committee.

## **COVID-19 Rules & Regulations**

Please read and understand the TEDR COVID-19 Safety Plan.