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**OHIO GIRLS BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION, INC.
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

*ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO READ THIS CAREFULLY.
FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND THE RULES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN EXCUSE*

ARTICLE 1

SECTION 1 - NAME

This association shall be known as the Ohio Girls Barrel Racing Association. It shall be a non-profit organization in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. Federal Tax ID # 27-00079604

SECTION 2 - PURPOSE

The O.G.B.R.A. has been formed for the following purposes:

- A. To popularize and maintain the cloverleaf barrel race as a main event in the horse shows and rodeos in the State of Ohio.
- B. To encourage more girls to participate and revive the color and glamour of the original cowgirl.
- C. To create better contestant-management relations.
- D. To make charitable contributions to worthy causes.

ARTICLE 2 - OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be elected at the Fall meeting by a majority vote. The term of said officers shall be to hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. The officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Point Secretary, Bulletin Editor and seven (7) Trustees {four (4) elected by the membership, Pee Wee Director, Publicity Director and Past-President}. If Past-President is re-elected, then six (6) Trustees with three (3) elected by membership.

SECTION 1 - PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and with the Trustees, will conduct the business of the Association in accordance with the rules of the Association. She will be ex officio member of all committees. The President, if not re-elected, shall automatically become a member of the Board of Trustees for one year following her term in office.

SECTION 2 - VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the President's absence or disability. In case both the President and Vice-President are absent or unable to perform their duties the Trustees may appoint a President Pro Tempore. The Vice-President is in charge of year-end awards and the banquet and shall appoint a committee to work under her direction.

SECTION 3A - SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep and safeguard all minutes of the association. She shall have the power to approve barrel and pole classes. She shall send all members a set of rules by the Spring meeting. She shall be responsible for informing members of all events with proper notice. She shall get proper release of members under the age of eighteen (18) years. At the end of her term she shall deliver all records to her successor.

SECTION 3B - TREASURER

The Treasurer shall keep and safeguard all financial books of the association. She shall make all payments by check and mail to the membership a financial report after the Spring Meeting, June, September, and at the Fall Meeting. At the end of her term she shall deliver all records to her successor.

SECTION 4A - POINT SECRETARY

The Point Secretary shall be responsible for all points awarded to the members and place such information in the monthly newsletter.

SECTION 4B - BULLETIN EDITOR

The Bulletin Editor shall be responsible for the publication of the monthly newsletter.

SECTION 5 - PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

The Publicity Director shall cooperate with all agencies to promote barrel racing in the State of Ohio. She shall use all available resources to encourage interest among non-members and assist in dispensing information to them.

SECTION 7 - TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven (7) members. The President is ex officio. If the majority of Trustees are present on a raised question, they are authorized to act. Any Trustee may also fill any vacancy among the officers by appointment. All officers and trustees may vote at meetings except for the President, who votes only in case of a tie, as a tie-breaker.

ARTICLE 3 - BI-ANNUAL MEETINGS (SPRING AND FALL)

SECTION 1

There will be two (2) regular meetings a year. One (1) meeting in the Spring and one (1) in the Fall. Any member who has qualified for an award failing to attend the annual Fall meeting without a valid excuse approved by the Board of Trustees will be dropped from the standings and the award used at the discretion of the officers. The President must have received said excuse no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the Fall meeting. The rules and by-laws of the association shall be annulled or amended at a meeting of the membership.

SECTION 2 - SPECIAL MEETINGS

The President or any two (2) of the Trustees may call a special meeting of the Board at any time or at any place provided that all of the trustees are given notice of the meeting ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. Committee meetings to be called as needed to execute that particular event's business.

ARTICLE 4

1. All girls regardless of age or residence are eligible for membership in the Ohio Girls Barrel Racing Association.
2. The parent or guardian of all minors shall sign a release.

SECTION 1 – DUES

Membership dues are payable PRIOR to competing in an O.G.B.R.A. approved class to begin accumulating points for that show season.

Point accumulation will be compiled from November 1 to October 31 of each year.

A \$35 Family membership will consist of members 18 years and under or dependents in higher education or handicapped dependents.

A \$25 Single membership/individual.

A \$10 Pee Wee membership for girls and boys 10 years and under as of January 1st.

Any new member joining after August 31st pays \$15.00 for the remaining year.

Beginning in 1999, anyone obtaining \$300.00 or more in sponsor support receives a free single membership for that year.

Beginning in 2000, any member recruiting two new members (not immediate family) receives a free single membership for that year.

SECTION 2 - PENALTIES

1. Any member who shall make herself a nuisance by constant fault-finding or is found to be dishonest, may be dropped from the membership or penalized at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.
2. An O.G.B.R.A. member should conduct herself at all times in a manner so as not to cast reflection upon the association or herself. Any unruly or unlady-like conduct will be brought before the Board and they will fine the member \$50.00. Until said fine is paid, member may not ride in any approved event. Therefore, she cannot earn points during this period. She has two (2) weeks to pay such fine. If the fine is not paid before the deadline, points must start over after the fine is paid.
3. At our MUST WORK event, everyone must obtain a minimum of \$25 sponsor, as well as work a minimum of two hours. If they are unable to work, there will be a \$12 fee. (Clarification: If you don't get a sponsor or work at the show ... penalty comes to \$37 and if

not collected, will be deducted from your year-end awards. If you obtain a \$37 sponsor or more ... it will cover both your responsibilities. Someone may work in your place ... but your position MUST be covered.)

4. The disputes or protests will be referred to the Board of Trustees. A written protest must be accompanied with \$25.00 per protest to an officer of the association within five (5) days of the incident. The postmark will serve as validation of the date requirement. If the protest is found correct, the money will be refunded. If not, the money will be put in the association's treasury. The Trustees have seven (7) days to settle the protest.

ARTICLE 5

Unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the membership present, the order of business at the regular meetings shall be as follows:

- A. Roll Call
- B. Reading of the Minutes
- C. Treasurer's Report
- D. Report of Officers and Committees
- E. Unfinished Business
- F. New or Miscellaneous Business
- G. Election of Officers
- H. Adjournment

ARTICLE 6

The Board of Trustees must approve any club expense over \$50.00, with the exception of year-end awards.

OHIO GIRLS BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION, INC.
GENERAL RULES

1. Any girl who complies with O.G.B.R.A. rules may ride in any OPEN approved class.
2. Points shall begin after dues are paid. Any member in good standing shall be eligible for points. Points will be awarded only in O.G.B.R.A. approved classes to the top six (6) members in each of the divisions. Divisions will be determined by one-second intervals. The fastest time EVEN if set by a non-member will set the divisions for the class. Points will be awarded on the basis of highest placing member, following members will receive points in descending order from six to one on qualified runs, regardless of how many are in the division.
In case of a tie, the two point values are added together and divided in half for each girl.
Example: Tie for 3rd & 4th will be 4 pts. + 3 pts. = 7 divided by 2 = 3.5 points for each girl.
3. Points shall follow the rider. Multiple horses may be exhibited . . . if a member places on more than one horse in the 3-D, points will be awarded to each division but only one horse per division.
4. The Point Secretary must receive results of an approved event within two (2) weeks of the date of the show, otherwise points will be forfeited. There shall be one (1) month after the membership has had point notification to protest and/or correct points for that approved event.
5. For an event to be eligible for O.G.B.R.A. approval the O.G.B.R.A. Secretary must receive the completed approval sheet not less than two (2) weeks prior to the date of the event. Membership must be notified no later than ten (10) days prior to that event.
6. No two (2) shows may be approved on the same day.
7. During an approved event all contestants must comply with O.G.B.R.A. rules and any additional rules specified by the governing committee or grounds.
8. During an approved event, the O.G.B.R.A. Board of Trustees may withdraw an entrant for the following reasons:
 - A. Being under the influence of alcohol.
 - B. Rowdyism
 - C. Altercation or quarreling with judges, O.G.B.R.A. Trustees, or the governing committee.
 - D. Mistreatment or excessive abuse of horse on grounds.
 - E. Foul language.

GENERAL RULES (continued)

9. In an approved O.G.B.R.A. event all contestants are required to wear tailored shirts, polo shirts, or sleeveless western style shirts (no novelty T-shirts or tank tops). Acceptable shirts must have collars attached and must be tucked in pants. (Tailored crop tops are acceptable.) Dress pants or neat looking western cut jeans (no frayed or patched jeans). Suitable footwear must be worn. (Western boots or heel down shoes.) No ball caps. Unless otherwise specified, western hats and/or chaps are optional. In case of bad weather, suitable outer wear is acceptable. A \$10 fine to those people who don't wear proper OGBRA attire if they place.
10. No hitting the horse in the head from timer to timer.
11. O.G.B.R.A. event entries shall close at the discretion of the entry taker. Entry fees must be paid in cash, no entries may be charged. Late entry fees shall go into treasury if the purse has already been figured. Late entry shall be included for points.
12. O.G.B.R.A. payback will follow the payback schedule attached to these By-Laws.
Pee Wee classes: \$1.00 of entry fee remains with O.G.B.R.A. for year-end awards.
13. Contestants are allowed in the arena between a performance, providing there are no objections from the show committees, but are not allowed to enter the arena to practice during or after a class is set-up for O.G.B.R.A. classes.
14. If default should occur due to management of a show, the contestant will be given a re-run.
15. No re-runs for broken equipment.
16. If you run a pattern and the timer fails, your second run is for time only, as long as rider stays on pattern. When a rerun is needed, the rider will get their preference as to when the rerun will be made in the class. In the event that the timer fails to operate and cannot be repaired, all contestants for that event must ride again using two (2) stopwatches. There will be one (1) official watch, the second watch will be for a back-up. Members must not disturb the timekeeper while an event is in progress.
17. O.G.B.R.A. requires the time to be called after each run.
18. Two different family members (as listed by membership unit) may use the same horse, BUT the same horse cannot place twice in the same division in a given class. For example: a child rides the same horse as a parent, but both cannot win points or money in the same division. It would be acceptable, for one to win money and points in the 1D and the other one in the 2D under the rider's name.
19. Unless \$100 or more is added to our classes, multiple shows per show committee, will be limited to three (3) per season at the same location.
20. Tractor and tool must be available to drag the arena at a minimum of every 10 runs (more often if ground conditions warrant).

OHIO GIRLS BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION, INC. EVENT RULES

These general rules pertain to all events: Barrels and Poles.
Failure to understand the rules will NOT be accepted as an excuse.

BARREL RACE RULES

1. Barrels will be set up according to the size of the arena.
2. The time of the event will begin as the horse's nose passes over the starting line. The time stops as the horse's nose passes over the finish line.
3. Every barrel knocked over is a five (5) second penalty added to the total time.
4. Contestants can hold a barrel up.
5. Barrels must be 55 gallon metal drums, guards may be used.
6. Barrels must be marked, in some fashion, where set so that when they are knocked down or moved to drag ... the barrel can be replaced exactly where it was set.

POLE BENDING RULES

1. Six poles placed 21 feet apart. First pole is to be 21 feet from the starting line, arena permitting.
2. A horse may start from either the right or left side of the first pole and then weave the remainder of the pattern accordingly.
3. If any pole is knocked over, the contestant will receive a five (5) second penalty per downed pole.
4. NO TIME if the contestant fails to stay on pattern.
This consists of no backing or turning around or falling off the horse.
5. Poles must be marked, in some fashion, where set so that when they are knocked down or moved to drag ... the pole can be replaced exactly where it was set.

OHIO GIRLS BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION, INC.
PEE WEE DIVISION

This division shall be known as the Pee Wee Division by the O.G.B.R.A. and will be governed entirely by the officers of said association. All rules of this division shall be the same as the O.G.B.R.A. rules with the following exceptions:

1. Pee Wee may compete in O.G.B.R.A. shows where this division is offered.
2. Pee Wee classes will be open to all girls and boys 10 years and under (age as of January 1st). Beginning in 1998 -- Boys (10 yrs. & under) may sign up as members and accumulate points.
3. Points shall be kept separately by the Point Secretary. Points will be awarded only in O.G.B.R.A. approved classes to the top six (6) members only! There will be six (6) points maximum awarded for each approved class. Points will be awarded on the basis of the highest placing, following members will receive points in descending order from six to one on qualified runs. If a class should have five (5) entries or less, points will be awarded by the number of riders in that class. Example: If 3 riders, points will be 3,2,1.
In case of a tie, the two point values are added together and divided in half for each.
Example: Tie for 3rd & 4th will be 4 pts. + 3 pts. = 7 divided by 2 = 3.5 points for each.
4. The Pee Wee Division will have a Champion and Reserve Champion. To qualify for All-Around Champion, a person must be in the Top Ten of the Pee Wee Barrels and Pee Wee Poles.
5. \$1.00 of Pee Wee entry fee will be retained with money going toward year-end Pee Wee awards.

**OHIO GIRLS BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION, INC.
RULES PERTAINING TO THE MIDWEST MATCHES**

1. There will not be a show approved the week-end of the Midwest Matches.
2. At the Match Barrel Race, O.G.B.R.A. shall be represented by their Top Ten Barrel Racers plus an alternate [taken from the 3D Open Barrels starting with all 1D qualifiers, then 2D qualifiers and last 3D qualifiers]. Any member who participates as a team member at the Matches will receive the Match Award at the O.G.B.R.A. Awards Banquet. The value of the Match Award will not exceed \$15.00.
3. If Ohio should win the Matches, the money will be distributed as follows:
 - A. All club money will be paid back (entry fees, etc.)
 - B. The remainder will be equally divided between the ten (10) girls.
4. If a tie should occur between two or more girls to make up the Top Ten, a run off will take place at the next scheduled show during the Ladies class. Girls will be placed in order by their run's time.
5. No points will be given for any runs made at the Matches.
6. \$550 will be set aside in the Treasury for the Midwest Match Races: \$400 Match Team entry fee plus \$40 for the alternate's Match entry fee. \$110 to be divided by the eleven team members and applied to their stall fees.
7. If the club has funds, they will pay fuel expenses for one (1) car going to the Midwest Match meeting in March.
8. Point cut-off for the Match Team will be six (6) weeks prior to the Match date.
9. The eleventh person in the standings will be taken as an alternate to the Midwest Matches and that girl's expenses are to be paid and award presented just like any other Top Ten team member.
10. If you are one of the Top Eleven in the 3D Open Barrel standings on the point cut-off date, you have seven (7) days to make a decision/commitment to participate on the Ohio Match Team by written form and/or phone call to the President.

OHIO GIRLS BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION, INC.
YEAR-END AWARDS GUIDELINES

A. AWARDS and YEAR-END BANQUET

The Awards Banquet will be held after the last show of the season and after the Vice-President and her committee have had sufficient time to prepare. Awards are distributed to each division in the 3D classes and the Pee Wee Division separately as follows:

Year-end treasury, sponsor money, and prizes will be distributed into the classes per the total number of entries that ran in each class for the year.

The 3D classes: 50% of the class fund will go to the 1st Division, 30% to the 2nd Division, and 20% to the 3rd Division. The number of awards to be distributed will be determined by the season's average number of entries per class and on the following table:

	Per each 3D Division
1-10 Entries equal	Top 4 Winners
11-20	5 Winners
21-30	6 Winners
31-40	7 Winners
41-50	8 Winners
51-60	9 Winners
61-70	10 Winners

The Champions of each class and of each division will receive a 10% bonus of the class divisional monies before the point values are figured. Then counting the number to be recognized, the points will be assigned a point value based on the individual class and division earnings. This will result in points having a cash value per division for year-end awards. The O.G.B.R.A. Awards Committee will decide on how the cash is disbursed to point earners, such as purchasing products, issuing checks or combination of both to the winners.

DONATIONS ----- All awards donated for year-end awards valued at \$100.00 or more must be donated in writing or be in the possession of the Vice-President by June 1st.

All monies are kept separate throughout the year by Divisions (Open & Pee Wee) and by event (Barrels and Poles) by the Treasurer. [Note: Pee Wee monies are kept separate and distributed separate from Open Division funds.]

It is an O.G.B.R.A. tradition that each member shall obtain a \$25 sponsorship or donation for the Year-End Awards. Any awards donated to a specific person or division are totaled in with the other awards, unless the award is not to be presented. (Example: If a family member wishes to purchase an award, but does not want that award to be figured in with the other awards, then the award is not brought or presented at the Awards Banquet.)

In case of a tie for Champion of any event, it will go to the rider that placed highest number of 1st places (equating to 6 point earnings) throughout the show season.

B. Guidelines will be re-evaluated in the case of lack of funds.

C. If awards are mailed, cost of postage \$10 will be deducted from the award value prior to mailing.

D. Members are responsible for making arrangements to pick up awards within 10 days after the banquet or the awards become property of OGBRA.

C. SPECIAL AWARDS

Sportsmanship, Rookie-of-the-Year, Most Improved, and Best Dressed will receive an award value not to exceed \$25.00.

SPORTSMANSHIP

1. Cannot have won in the last three years.
2007 – Christine Zehender
2008 –
2009 -
2. General attitude
3. To go to a working member, not necessarily a rider.

ROOKIE-OF-THE-YEAR

1. Must be a first year member.
2. Improvement during show season.
3. Must participate in 50% of the shows.

MOST IMPROVED

1. Not always a first year member.
2. Shows improvement with horse or riding during the show season.

BEST DRESSED

1. Appearance from time member reaches show grounds until she leaves.
2. Neatness
3. Cleanliness

HORSE-OF-THE-YEAR

(Traveling Trophy donated by Becky Dixon in memory of her horse, Miss Bold N Brave, aka, Betty) This honor is voted by all members attending the Fall general membership meeting. This horse should show exceptional talent, heart and be an outstanding competitor.

**OHIO GIRLS BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION
2010 OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT:	Beth Weaver	937-548-3458
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# Entries	Placing	Number in class:						81 or more
		1 to 6	7 to 12	13 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61-80	
1-D	1	100%	40%	25%	20%	16%	16%	14%
	2		30%	20%	14%	12%	12%	11%
	3			15%	11%	10%	10%	9%
	4				10%	9%	9%	8%
	5					8%	8%	7%
	6							6%
2-D	1		20%	11%	9%	7%	7%	5.75%
	2			9%	8%	6.5%	6.5%	5.5%
	3			8%	7%	6%	6%	5.25%
	4				6%	5.5%	5.5%	5%
	5					5%	5%	4.5%
	6							4%
3-D	1		10%	7%	5.5%	4.5%	4.5%	3.75%
	2			6%	5.0%	4%	4%	3.25%
	3				4%	3.5%	3%	3%
	4					3%	2%	2.5%
	5						1.5%	1.5%
	6							1.0%

Show Name _____ Show Date _____

Class Name _____ Class # _____

Class Entry Fee \$ _____

OGBRA 3D PAYBACK IS BASED ON:

OGBRA requires metal barrels

Class Entry fee, minus OGBRA \$2 approval fee, times 80%.

TOTAL PAYBACK should be applied against above payback chart.

Based on the total number of entries follow the column down, pay accordingly.

OGBRA 3D APPROVAL FEE: \$2 x _____ Entries in class DUE OGBRA = \$ _____

OGBRA entry fees are based on added money. To encourage show committees to add money we offer the following recommendations:

Class Added Money	Suggested Entry Fee	Class Added Money	Suggested Entry Fee
Zero to \$50 added	\$12	\$51 to \$100	\$15
\$101 to \$200	\$18	\$201 to \$499	\$25
\$500 & up	Negotiable		

OGBRA does not break ties. Example: in the event of two exhibitors running the same time, add the tied placings percentages on above chart and divide by two. If only one of the tied placing has money, then evenly split it. Knock downs are a 5 second penalty. If not enough to fill a division, Divide unpaid payback between those placing in that division.

Please fill out the above sheet for each class and return with fees & class times to OGBRA