

NBHA CT01 DISTRICT BYLAWS

2024 SHOW SEASON

*Any rules not covered in these bylaws will be in the NBHA rulebook.

*It is your responsibility, being an NBHA member in good standing and knowing its rules, to be aware of the district rules and code of conduct. If your membership expires and you race, your points will not be counted at that race even if you have already accumulated points. Your previously earned points will be resumed if you renew before the 30-day grace period ends.

*Membership fees: You MUST register/pay online. All memberships and renewals need to be done by the member and online.

A. SHOW ETIQUETTE- Please also read Section E: Penalties and/or Disqualifications.

1. You must maintain reasonable control of your horse. Please show respect at the arena. Do not use the gate to stop your horse.
2. Please clean up after yourself, don't leave your trash or clean out your trailer at the arena grounds.
3. The timekeeper/announcer shall not be interrupted during a class. If an announcement is needed, please submit it in writing.
4. Each member should be able to provide proof of a negative Coggins test and rabies vaccination for each horse they bring to shows. There could be DOAG inspections randomly at any of our shows. It is highly recommended by the State of CT that horses be vaccinated against EEE and WNV within six months of the first show.

B. RACE RULES

1. ALL YOUTH 18 & under must wear a helmet while mounted.
2. Once a draw is made for specific horse and rider, it shall not be changed.
3. Open arena time will be held for a minimum of an hour before entries close. Barrels will be set up for you to use then. Be considerate of one another, and please use open arena in a timely manner.
4. A **NO TIME**, whereas no time will be issued, and no points will be awarded, and prize money will not be paid, would occur based on the following
 - a. If a barrel is knocked over during a run. (Touching a barrel is permitted.)
 - b. Anyone running out of order will receive a NO TIME.
 - c. If the horse or rider falls during the run in such a manner as to break the pattern, or if the rider falls off the horse.
 - i. If a rider falls off a horse once they pass the timer and the timer stops, or has not started, their time will still count.
5. Contestants must attempt to make the fastest run possible. Any obvious attempt to pull up or pace their run may result in penalties.
6. A true clover leaf pattern must be run with continued forward motion to receive an official time. Contestant will be warned the first time, but any additional turns will result in a \$10.00 fine per

turn. The fine must be paid, or contestant may not compete in future NBHA CT01 shows until it is paid.

7. In the event of a **TIMER MALFUNCTION**, this means the timer doesn't start or stop when a rider has entered the arena, the runner will get an automatic rerun without penalty.

C. FORMATS

1. All Open classes will be paid out in a 3D format. **UNLESS THERE ARE MORE THAN 50 HORSES ENTERED**, then it will be paid out in a 4D format. Please note, in the case of a co-sanction this by-law might be altered. Points will kept in a 5D format for NBHA World Qualifiers.
 - a. YEAR-END AWARD POINTS WILL BE IN A 3D FORMAT.
2. If it is not the class in which you are running, please do not hang out in the holding pen or near the chute area.
3. No entry fee will be refunded, unless the director deems it necessary per arena conditions. There will be no exceptions. Any other refunds may be at the District Director's discretion.
4. Roll Over Times-riders may roll over their time from the Open barrel class to their Youth or Senior barrel classes. This must be designated at the time of sign up **OR BEFORE ENTRIES CLOSE**.
 - a. **If the run is co-sanctioned with another district/event, we will follow their order format for running.**

D. CLASSES

1. **LITTLE WRANGLERS** - (ages 12 & under) - Little Wranglers will not be required to pay a NBHA World membership fee. However, they WILL be required to pay an office fee and an optional year-end awards fee.
2. **NOVICE BUCKLE CLASS** - A novice is a green horse and/or rider combination who have not competed in the divisional money classes. **ONLY FOR NBHA EVENTS**, once a novice rider enters a money class **ON THAT HORSE ENTERED IN NOVICE**, they will not be allowed to return to the novice class **WITH THAT HORSE**. You do not have to be an NBHA Member to run in the Novice. However, they WILL be required to pay an office fee and an optional year-end awards fee. At the beginning of the season, a rider must declare whether they are entering as a novice rider or as a green horse.
 - a. It is at the District Directors' discretion to move a novice rider/team to their age bracketed division.
 - b. Payouts will be determined by number of entries and at the NBHA Directors' discretion.
3. **OPEN** – Open to all riders besides Little Wranglers and Novice. (Unless you want to lose your Novice status with that horse!)
4. **YOUTH** – (Ages 18 & under (Not Under 18) as of January 1 of the competition year) – Youth riders can enter the Open and rollover their time to the Youth (Or if the show runs Youth first, their time will be rolled over to the Open).
5. **MIDDLE** – Open to all riders ages 19 – 49 (as of January 1 of the competition year). Riders can enter the Open and rollover their time to the Middle. This is not a class recognized for World NBHA points.
6. **SENIOR** – (ages 50 and over (Not Under 50) as of the date of the show) – Senior riders can enter the Open and rollover their time to the Senior and vice versa

E. SHOW FEES - Fees are dependent on the arena we are running at.

1. Office fees are **ONLY FOR SHOWS HOSTED BY CT01. (IF WE CO-SANCTION WITH ANOTHER DISTRICT AND THEY ARE HOSTING THE SHOW, WE MUST FOLLOW THEIR ENTRY FEES)**

- a. Other fees that may apply per run/show
 - i. Dress Down Fee - NBHA urges its riders to wear a long-sleeved western shirt, Western hat, and boots to enhance the sport. For a fee of \$5.00, a rider may pay that fee to dress down. Boots and jeans are still required, as well as helmets for youth riders.
 - 1. If you have purchased the CT01 NBHA CURRENT YEAR shirt, and you wear that shirt at each of OUR CT01 HOSTED runs, you do not have to pay the dress down fee at that show! If the show is a co-sanctioned show by another State/District their entry fees apply.
 - 2. These rules do not apply when Full Western Attire is required by a co-sanctioned producer.
 - ii. Non-Member Fee: NBHA National office requires a \$10.00 Non-Member Fee from all participants at NBHA Sanctioned Shows if you cannot present proof of current NBHA membership. Proof of membership can be shown by:
 - a. Current NBHA card
 - b. Your copy of New Member or Renewal Membership application form
 - c. Internet receipt for New Member or Renewal Membership
 - d. NBHA membership list provided to the District by the National Office, Augusta GA.
- 2. District time/office Fees: For these reasons, we must charge an office fee!**
- a. \$1.00 for every rider in the Open, Youth, Middle, Senior classes must be paid to the State Director within 7 days after the race to help fund the State Championships.
 - b. Districts must pay a \$30.00 fee per race to the Nationals, 30-60 days before any race can be a sanctioned NBHA race and qualifier.
 - c. Clubs must pay for timers and any other acquired costs and expenses. Any monies left over go toward an awards program.
 - d. Insurance Fees: The money paid by each rider goes toward the annual premium to pay for the insurance policy. Each district is required to carry their own policy and must pay for it on their own; it is not supplied by the NBHA.
 - e. Grounds Fees: The money paid by each rider is applied towards the payment for the use of that facility or facilities at each show. Each facility charges us to be there!
- 3. ALL SHOWS ARE TO BE PAID WITH CASH.** You can pre-pay through Paypal/venmo, but it **MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO ENTRIES CLOSING.** See #5 below Pre-Entries.
- a. **CHECKS will ONLY be accepted for the following: the Year-End Award Fees and the State Championship.**
 - i. **Returned Checks:** A fee of \$30.00 will be applied along with any other fees the bank charges the district. The contestant will be required to pay this before entering another district CT01 show. If a person should have a second offense, it will be a cash only requirement for that individual for the remainder of the year. In most cases, we will PAY OUT WITH CASH. This does not include the State Championships.
- 4. Pre-Entries**
- a. We will accept pre-entries up to 24 hours before a show. If you pre-enter only, you will have to pay fees at the show and check in!

- b. In order to pre-enter, entries must be emailed to CTNBHA01@gmail.com, or texted to Brittany (860)819-5429

F. PAYOUTS

- a. In a 3-D payout, the total jackpotted entry fees of a class is to be divided 50% to the 1st Division, 30% to the 2nd Division (1 second off fastest time), and 20% to the 3rd Division (2 seconds off fastest time).
- b. In a 4-D payout, the total jackpotted entry fees of a class is to be divided 35% to the 1st Division, 30% to the 2nd Division (1/2 second off fastest time), 20% to the 3rd Division (1 second off fastest time), and 15% to the 4th Division (2 seconds off fastest time).
- c. All Prize money must be paid out.

G. ADDED MONEY - 100% of added money will be paid out! This added money is from sponsorships, donations, etc. As a member, you should work to get sponsorships as well!

- a. Added money will be divided in the same ratio as Section F OR split evenly among all divisions in the Open.
- b. There are no restrictions regarding how added money is apportioned among classes at a show. For example, a show may add money to the Open, but not to Youth or Seniors.

H. JACKPOT FUNDRAISER – If we hold a jackpot show, or offer a jackpot class during a run, this will be considered a fundraiser for our district. Jackpot entries will be \$25.00 per entry with no office fee or membership required. It will be a 70% Payback using 3D Format. If there is no placing in a division, the money will not be split, and the money will go to the fundraiser. 70% payback with 30% going towards the Year End awards and State Championships.

I. RACE DISPUTES

- 1. Points Disputes - National Rule Section B-10: A competitor with a race dispute has 14 days, from the day points are posted, to bring any discrepancies to the attention of the District Director.
- 2. Show Disputes: If there is a problem, concern or suggestion, please address those concerns to the District Director or NBHA Representative. We would suggest that you put your concerns in writing as well. Under no circumstances should the facility owner be approached with an issue pertaining to the show venue. Those who feel a complaint has not been addressed can contact their State Director who will resolve the situation. If a member still feels a complaint has not been addressed, they can file an official complaint under NBHA rule section.

J. POINTS/AWARDS

- 1. To qualify for district year-end awards each member must:
 - a. For Open - Submit a \$50 award fee before the third club sanctioned show of the year. Points will follow the same point format NBHA follows below in section L.
 - b. For Youth/Middle/Senior/Novice/Little Wranglers - Submit a \$50 award fee before the third club-pointed show of the year.
 - c. Points will follow the same format as NBHA follows below in section L.
 - d. If you only pay for one award fee, you need to specify the class to which it should be designated. If you have multiple horses, you do not have to pay a fee per horse as the points follow the rider in NBHA.
 - i. If you wish to have year-end points for both Open and Youth/Middle/Senior/Little Wranglers/Novice, then you pay multiple awards fees!
 - e. There is no run minimum for club-pointed runs.

- f. Be a CT01 Member in good standing.
 - g. Volunteer albeit oneself, a family member, or friend at a minimum of two shows to qualify for year-end awards.
 - h. Youth riders are required to volunteer at a minimum of two shows to qualify for year-end awards.
2. Points - Please pay attention to your points. Please do not wait until the end of the year. Mistakes do happen. According to Section B show sanctioning #10: the member has 14 days from the date points are posted to bring forward any discrepancies to the district director.
- a. Points will be on a 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 basis for World Points.
 - b. Year-End Points are based on an 11-point system.
 - i. Even if you were at the show but didn't place, you will still get 1 point.
 - ii. If you knock a barrel, you will still get 1 point in the 3D.
 - c. Points will be posted on our Facebook page, our website, and at each show!
3. Year End Awards Placements - Year-end awards will be decided on the financial status of the district. This is why it is important as members to raise funds and get sponsors!!
- a. If you placed for year-end awards, you will be given a certain amount of \$\$ you can spend. You can let us know which items appeal to you. All items must have NBHA CT01 on them.
 - i. If you wish to take the money awarded instead that is fine. However, we will keep max of \$50 of it to provide you with something (shirt, sweatshirt, etc.)
 - b. In seasons when High Point Saddles are offered, the rules will be posted to all members.
- K. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP** - It is asked that all members help raise funds for their State Championships.
1. You must attend THREE pointed CT01 district shows to qualify for the State Championships (this includes the shows attended after the previous years' state Championships and the shows prior to the current State Championships).
- L. WORLD QUALIFICATION – Rules set by NBHA.**
1. **POINTS** - World Qualifier points will be kept in a 5D format. If you do not want to partake in the Sponsorship/Volunteer clause, you will still receive NBHA World Points.
- a. Competitors may ride as many horses as they wish in each class. However, the competitor with multiple entries will receive points only for the highest placing horse in each division.
 - i. For Example, if you run 2 horses in Open and place with one in 1D and the other in 2D, the rider will receive the points for both divisions. If the rider places in the 1D with both horses, they only receive the points for the highest placing for that show.
 - ii. Riders who show in Open and Youth will get points in each class per division placed. If they ride 2 horses in both Open and Youth and place each class separately per horse (Open 1D on 1 horse, Open 2D on 2nd horse; Youth 1D on 1 horse, Youth 2D on 2nd horse) they will accumulate points in Open 1D, Open 2D, Youth 1D, Youth 2D.
- M. TIES**
1. Year-end point ties for the season will be awarded based on the following:
- a. The highest placing member is the member who has attended the most sanctioned CT01 runs.

I, _____ have read through the NBHA CT01 DISTRICT BYLAWS for the 2024 show season. My signature below attests that I am in agreeance and understanding. If you are under the age of 18, your parent/guardian must read these By-Laws and sign below.

Signature Name

Date

Parent Signature (if under 18 years of age)

Date

Scan Code to
Sign and
Submit to Us
Electronically

