

# **ABHA Capricorn Coast Classic – Affiliate Ground Rules**

## **1. Governing Documents**

- All affiliates and members of the Australian Barrel Horse Association (ABHA) are bound by the ABHA Constitution and the ABHA Rule Book.
- Compliance with these governing documents is mandatory.
- No Capricorn Coast Classic ground rule, policy, condition of entry, or event directive may conflict with, amend, override, or deviate from the provisions of the ABHA Constitution or ABHA Rule Book.
- In the event of any inconsistency, the ABHA Rule Book shall prevail without exception.

## **2. Core ABHA Events Conducted**

- Open Divisional (Junior Open members permitted to enter)
- Junior Divisional
- 10 & Unders – Unassisted
- Tiny Tots – Non-Competitive 7 & Unders (includes assisted and unassisted)

### **Pole Bending Events:**

- Open Pole Bending (Junior Open members permitted to enter)
- Junior Pole Bending
- 10 & Under Unassisted Pole Bending
- Tiny Tots – Non-Competitive Pole Bending 7 & Unders (includes assisted and unassisted)

## **3. Extra (Non-Core) Events**

### **The following extra events are conducted:**

- 10 & Under Assisted Riding
- Riding for the Disabled
- Dash 4 Cash
- No qualifier is required for extra events.
- The ABHA Board of Directors will not adjudicate any disputes or complaints arising from non-ABHA Core events.
- As the ABHA does not have any set rules or criteria for extra events, the affiliate is solely responsible for the management, conduct, and resolution of all matters relating to these events.

#### **4. End of Year / Series Awards**

##### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Open Divisional: Competitors must compete two rounds of the opens to be eligible for average winners per division.
- Junior Divisional: One round of juniors. Top 10 Shootout for trophy saddles.
- 10 & Unders Unassisted: One round.
- Tiny Tots 7 & Under (Assisted & Unassisted): One round.

##### **Tie Breakers:**

- If there are two average winners in any division, the winner will be determined by the fastest single time over the two rounds.

##### **Horse & Rider Rules:**

- Horse and rider per event.

#### **5. Entry Fees & Refunds**

- Vet or medical certificate must be supplied once draws are advertised.
- Scratchings are allowed 24 hours before draws are advertised.

#### **6. Arena, Competition & Venue Rules**

- No Day Memberships accepted at the Capricorn Coast Classic.
- Junior Top 10 Shootout competitors are taken from the fastest 10 competitors in Round 1 of the Juniors. Clean slate to run for the CQP Trophy Saddle.
- Open Top 10 competitors are taken from the first round of Open Divisional, including any rollover times from Futurity/Maturity on Friday.
- Open Top 10 will run on Saturday evening as a highlighted event.
- These competitors form the Top 10 for the Open Average.
- Futurity/Maturity rollover times will be rolled back into their aged classes.

##### **Arena Entry & Conduct:**

- Competitors must enter the arena in control without excessive force or whipping.
- A reasonable time of two (2) minutes will be allowed for a troubled horse to enter the arena.
- A controlled walk-through entrance is required.

- The run must not commence until the entire horse has walked through the gate entrance.
- Horses that run in must be corrected before starting their run or disqualification will occur at the committee's discretion.

#### **Video Evidence & Protests:**

- Video evidence is permitted to be shown to the judge/committee at any Capricorn Coast event for review of disqualified competitors.
- Only video evidence displayed on a large screen or iPad may be used. Mobile phones are not permitted.
- A \$50 fee must be handed to the committee when making a video claim.
- If the claim is upheld, the \$50 fee will be refunded.

#### **Financial & Nomination Rules:**

- Any outstanding invoices owing to ABHA Capricorn Coast Classic must be paid before a competitor may compete at any events.
- No late nominations will be accepted.

#### **Timers & Re-Runs:**

- In the event of electric timers failing, the competitor may accept the time from the backup clock or elect to take a re-run.
- Once the competitor notifies the judge of their decision, it is final.
- If a drum is knocked during a run and timers fail, the five (5) second penalty will carry over to the re-run.

### **7. Dogs & Campsites**

- Dogs must be on leads and remain at campsites.
- No dogs are permitted in the CQLX Stadium or near food canteens.
- All rubbish at campsites must be taken to the bins provided.

### **8. Program Changes**

- The Committee reserves the right to alter or delete items from the program.

### **9. Futurity, Maturity & Aged Horses**

- As per the ABHA Rule Book, all aged horses are required to have a valid ABHA ID Number.

## **10. Sidepots**

- Where sidepots are conducted, all aged horses must have an ABHA ID Number to be eligible.