



ABHA CAPRICORN COAST CIRCUIT CLUB RULES

1. Our Circuit Points are awarded as a horse & rider combination. The only exemption on merging points with a different horse/mount would be granted if the rider's horse becomes deceased in a given competition year. In the event of such a loss being reported to the committee, points will be merged with the competitor's new mount. This change is allowed only once in a competition year and cannot be sought again in a competition year. This rule excludes the LED event where points will be awarded to the Rider only, allowing multiple horses to be used.
2. Two different riders cannot ride the same horse in the 3D event.
3. Competitors must enter the arena in control without the use of excessive force and whipping. Reasonable time will be given for a troubled horse to enter the arena on monthly club meets, however at the Classic & Finals 3D, there will be a time limit. (2 minutes)
4. Our points are awarded to 10th place in each division. 1 point for 10th place in a division and 10 points for a win, with points decreasing by one point back to 10th place. Day members are not awarded points. Points will skip from day members onto next competitor.
5. Riders must be deemed to be in control of their horse during the course of their run. Competitors may be given one warning if the Arena Director/ Judge deemed the horse to be out of control. The Arena Director will offer guidance or a competition suspension until further control is proven.
6. The Cap Coast Committee reserves the right to alter the program if necessary.
7. Should the weather effect ground conditions on the day, the ABHA Cap Coast Committee have the right to abandon the 3D and reconfigure refunds and payouts within a 10-day period.
8. Dress rules – Members competing at events must wear suitable long sleeved shirt, button up Western Hat/Helmet, Riding Boots and Jeans in the arena at all times. They must be neat and presentable. No caps, fishing shirts or zippered shirts allowed.
9. The ABHA Capricorn Coast Circuit is sanctioned by the Australian Barrel Horse Association and will therefore endorse all ABHA Rules. Access to these rules can be found on the ABHA Head Office Website.
10. Any complaints from competitors must be lodged at the competition in writing with a \$50 fee. Should the complaint be upheld the fee will be refunded.
11. The ABHA Capricorn Coast Circuit Committee have a ZERO tolerance of any defaming and negative comments by a competitor or parent in any form of social media. Participating, instigating or posting defamatory or negative comments may result in suspension from further competition or suspension with Capricorn Coast Circuit.
12. The fastest CLEAN time of the day sets the divisional placings and payouts of the day with one second splits.
13. Junior Age Groups:
 - LED: - 10 years and under that are unable to ride independently. Any child under 2 ½ years of age requires 2 people assisting them in the arena. The second person must stay within 2m of the horse at all times. Helmets must fit the child properly. The horse or ponies nose must switch the timers on and off, not the person leading or disqualification will occur. People assisting the rider in the arena must be a member of the ABHA and Cap Coast Circuit. Siblings may ride the same horse in this event.
 - Peewee: - for ages 10 and under that are able to ride independently.
 - Junior 3D:- for ages 11 to 17 years.

- Senior riders may compete as a youth rider until their 18th birthday, and then they must move into open ranks. No points will be awarded.

Rider's age group status is determined by the age they will turn in the current year.

Two different riders in the Peewee and Junior 3D cannot ride the same horse in the same event.

14. Exhibition Runs- 40 second time limit. If not present when called, Exhibition Run will be forfeited.

15. Knocked drums in any event will not receive points or be eligible for prizemoney.

16. Day members will not receive points, but will receive prizemoney. Points will continue onto financial members.

17. To be eligible for end of year prizes awarded by Capricorn Coast Circuit and to accumulate end of year points, all riders must pay a \$15 membership for Junior competitors and \$30 for all other competitors including junior competitors who wish to compete in the 3D to the Capricorn Coast Circuit.

18. Futurity Side Pot:-

- To enter the futurity side pot the horse nominated must run in the 3D.
- Knocked drums will not receive points.
- \$10 Entry Fee towards end of year prizes.
- 3D time will be used as Futurity Time.
- End of year prizes will be awarded from side pot nominations only.
- Horses must be aged checked at the first futurity side pot they enter.
- Copy of Registration Certificate or Proof of Age Form filled out by your vet is required.
- Futurity side pot is open to horses aged 4, 5 and 6 years old.
- Horses must be a minimum of 4 years old at their first event.
- Horses must be no older than 6 years old at their first event.
- Horse can be ridden by any rider.
- All other ABHA rules apply.

19. Maturity Side Pot:-

- To enter the maturity side pot the horse nominated must run in the 3D.
- Knocked drums will not receive points.
- \$10 Entry Fee towards end of year prizes.
- 3D time will be used as Maturity Time.
- End of year prizes will be awarded from side pot nominations only
- Horse must be aged checked at the first maturity side pot they enter.
- Copy of Registration Certificate or Proof of Age Form filled out by your vet is required.
- Maturity Side Pot is open to horses aged 7, 8 and 9 years old.
- Horses must be a minimum of 7 years old at their first event.
- Horses must be no older than 9 years old at their first event.
- Horses can be ridden by any rider.
- All other ABHA rules apply.

20. The Capricorn Coast Classic weekend is non-points awarded for end of year prizes.

21. For Day Members and ABHA members who are not already Capricorn Coast Members to be eligible for non-cash prizes at the Capricorn Coast Classic weekend they must pay the \$20 Capricorn Coast Circuit membership fee. The \$20 ,membership fee only applies to the Capricorn Coast Classic weekend.

22. A controlled walk through entrance is required when entering the arena. You must not start your run until your whole horse has walked through into the arena. Horses that run in, must be corrected before starting their run or Disqualification will occur. At the committees discretion.

23. Horse Health Declarations must be filled out and handed in at the start of each event. No Form, No Compete.
24. In the event of an incident that violates the ABHA Animal Welfare Rule an incident report is to be filled and provided to the ABHA Capricorn Coast Committee. The Committee will provide a written warning for 1st offense, a fine for 2nd offense and Banning/Suspension for 3rd offense. The fine amount is to be decided by the committee depending on the severity of the offense. The first two warnings may be skipped and banning/suspension given if the severity of the abuse is deemed extreme.
25. Video evidence is allowed to be shown to the judge at any Capricorn Coast event for review of Disqualified Competitors or Competitors who should be Disqualified. Only video evidence on a clear large screen such as an Ipad may be used. \$50 to be handed into committee when make a video claim. Should the claim be upheld the \$50 will be refunded.
26. All persons on horseback at any ABHA Capricorn Coast Circuit event must be a member of the ABHA.
27. Any competitor on a stallion must be 18 year and older. Stallions are also to wear a BLUE ribbon in tail.
28. Horses that might kick out at other horses are to wear a RED ribbon in tail.
29. As Per ABHA Rule Book **Illegal Pattern**. Competitors will be disqualified for not following the pattern, consisting of a cloverleaf pattern, consisting of one right and two left turns, or vice versa. Touching the barrel is permitted by horse or competitor. **Note:** Not following the clover-leaf pattern will receive a no time. A broken pattern shall be identified as retracing/ breaking their forward motion to retrace their tracks to finish the pattern and / or passing the plane of the barrel on the offside. Example: should a contestant run by a barrel and must back up or turn to retrace their tracks this would be considered a broken pattern.
30. Lead Line Nominations will not have a payout on the day. All money is used for end of year prizes.
31. Senior Horse for 16 years and older
To enter the senior horse side pot the horse nominated must run in the 3D.
- Knocked drums will not receive points.
 - \$10 Entry Fee towards end of year prizes.
 - 3D time will be used as Senior Horse Time.
 - End of year prizes will be awarded from side pot nominations only
 - Horse must be aged checked at the first senior horse side pot they enter.
 - Copy of Registration Certificate or Proof of Age Form filled out by your vet is required.
 - Senior Horse Side Pot is open to horses aged 16 year and older.
 - Horses must be of 16 years old at their first event.
 - Horses can be ridden by any rider.
 - All other ABHA rules apply.
 - Committee will accept old Proof of age forms signed from years ago.