

BRUSHY CREEK SADDLE CLUB

2020 Playday Season

General Rules

Playday Dates:

February 8, 2020 (Membership Spring Fling Fun Day)

March 14, 2020

April 11, 2020

May 9, 2020

June 13, 2020

July 11, 2020

August 8, 2020

September 12, 2020

October 10, 2020 (rain/make-up date)

Buckle Challenge – Date TBD

General:

- Non-Members are welcome to ride at any Brushy Creek Saddle Club (BCSC) hosted event.
- All playdays will be hosted at the Williamson County Cowboy Church Arena in Liberty Hill, Texas.

Registration and Starting Times:

Books open at 8:00 am; Close at 9:00am for Leadline & 9:30am for all other age groups. Leadline will start promptly at 9:30am.

Participation and Point Eligibility:

- Riders must be a BCSC member to qualify for any year end awards.
- Riders must pay and ride in 5 out of 7 playdays to qualify for year-end awards with an option to pay for the fifth playday in order to qualify. If the rider is unable to ride in the fifth playday, they must pay for a least four events; with the understanding they will not accumulate any points for this "pay only" playday.
- Riders must pay and Ride in 4 of 5 events at each playday for the day to count toward year end awards with the exception noted in the playday bullet above. Exception: Leadline must pay and ride in all 3 events hosted for the Leadline class.
- Will count points for up to 5 playdays for year-end awards.
- Work Requirements: Each rider or his/her designated delegate is required to work one "work event" during each playday. If the competing rider or their delegate does not work, his/her day points will be voided (i.e., no points for playday).
- Work Exemptions: Can be obtained by paying \$50 per rider to one of the BCSC officers. This is in effect for each playday. If a family has more than one rider, then it is \$50 for each rider to obtain work exemption for the entire family for that playday.
- Negative Coggins required at registration. Must provide a copy for club to keep on file or email to BCSC.albert@gmail.com or BCSC.melissa@gmail.com.
- Dress Code: Long pants, western boots or riding shoes with heels are required for all riders. Shorts and tennis shoes are not permitted.
- Horse Rule: Horses can be shared as long as the horse isn't entered in 2 saddle eligible/qualifying classes. Therefore, a horse can be shared by riders for 1 saddle eligible/qualifying event and 1 non-saddle eligible/qualifying event OR 1 saddle eligible/qualifying ride per event if shared by 2 saddle eligible/qualifying contestants. A violation of this rule will disqualify all sharing riders for daily high point and end of year awards.

Awards:

- 1st through 6th Place ribbons will be given at each playday for Super Pee Wee and Pee Wee classes. All other ribbons will be awarded by request only.
- Participation Ribbons given after 6th place in Super Pee Wee and Pee Wee Classes.
- High Point Awards given for each Class at each Playday (do not have to be member).

Rider Classes: (Guys & Gals in combined classes)

- Novice (Been riding 2 years or less and have not won any High Point Award for any speed event)
- Assisted Super Pee Wee (Lead Line): 0-6 years old
- Assisted Super Pee Wee (Lead Line): Any age - No time
- Unassisted Super Pee Wee: 0-6 years old
- Pee Wee: 7-10 years old
- Junior: 11-14 years old
- Intermediate: 15-25 years old
- Senior: 26-44 years old
- Super Senior: 45 & Up

**Class is based upon Rider's age on January 1st. Birth dates must be provided on entry forms. Birth Certificates are not required; however, BCSC retains the privilege to ask for such documentation if there is a question of age. In any class, a rider can choose to move up one class from their current age group, and run with the next age group, with the understanding they cannot move back down later in the playday season.*

Class events:

- Assisted Super Pee Wee will run 3 events at each playday: Poles, Straightaway Barrels, and Cloverleaf Barrels. All events will be run at the beginning of the playday on a smaller pattern size.

- All other age groups above Assisted Super Pee Wee will run 5 events at each playday with events rotating at each playday. Cloverleaf Barrels and Poles will be run at every playday, allowing rotation of the other events directed by the AASP&RC.

Membership Fees:

- BCSC membership: \$50 per family
- Joint, BCSC/AASP&RC membership: \$110
- BCSC/1st time AASP&RC membership: \$75
- Associate membership: \$40
- Non-riding Lifetime AASP&RC membership: \$10
- Non-riding AASP&RC family membership: \$60

** There will be a \$25 late fee for those people signing up as an AASP&RC (Association) member after March 1st, unless your family is new to the Association. This late fee goes to the Association, not the club.*

Cost Per Playday Per Rider:

- BCSC Members: Assisted Super Pee Wee will be \$25 for 3 events. All other age groups will be \$8 per event.
No Refunds after Rider runs one event.
- Non-Member Cost: \$45 total (includes \$5 Office Fee)
- Exhibitions: Each exhibition costs \$5 (i.e., \$5 for each run)
- Exhibitions will not be run during the months of July and August due to high temperatures

Saddle Series Rules:

- There must be 4 qualified riders in each age group/class for saddle awards. Only one saddle per class.
- Assisted Super Pee Wee and Novice classes are not eligible for saddles, but are eligible for other year end awards.
- We reserve the right to award saddles dependent on the club's financial position.

Protests: Any rider (if minor, then legal guardian) may file a protest for review against a judge's call in any of the events. The following rules must be followed for consideration of any formal protest:

- Rider must file protest immediately following their ride (not several events later).
- Rider must first put up a \$25 protest fee which is refundable to them if protest is in their favor. If protest is not in their favor, protest fee goes to year end awards.
- Protest must be filed with the BCSC President or BCSC Secretary.
- All formally filed protest require conference with BCSC President and/or the BCSC Playday Chairman and both event judges present during the run under protest. The conference will not be hosted in the presence of the protester or other members.
- The BCSC President or the BCSC Playday Chairman is responsible for final determination of the protest and will deliver the results of the protest to appropriate parties.

Rider Assistance:

There will be no physical assistance (such as how to do the pattern, etc.) to any rider from a judge unless it is determined to be a safety issue. Assistance on patterns and coaching is allowed by parents in the appropriate manner for each class.

Cancellation/Weather Policy:

In the event of severe or bad weather the playday may be cancelled. Final determination of cancellation will be determined by the BCSC President and/or BCSC officers. If the playday has already started, and at least 3 events have been completed for all age groups, the playday will be considered completed. Points will be awarded on a pro-rated basis as if all 5 events were completed. If less than 3 events have been completed (for all age groups), the playday will be cancelled and rescheduled.

Zero Tolerance:

NO TOLERANCE POLICY for harassment of BCSC officers, judges, or club members (remember we are all volunteers). Misconduct may include profane language; public display of drinking or drunkenness; not following facility use rules; cruelty to horse or rider; or lack of horsemanship, sportsmanship, or citizenship at any BCSC activity, and will not be tolerated. Repercussions will be at the discretion of the BCSC officers based on the circumstances, which could include:

- disqualification or dismissal from the playday with no refund of playday registration fees; or
- probation, suspension, and/or dismissal from the club for the remainder of the season with no refund of playday registration and club membership fees.

2020 Officers:

BCSC President: Daryl Meinardus
BCSC Vice President: Mary Tongay
BCSC Treasurer: Melissa Gates
BCSC Secretary: Albert Mersch

BCSC Playday Chairperson: Daryl Meinardus
BCSC Awards Chairperson: Scott Gates
BCSC Royalty Chairperson: Melissa Gates
Previous BCSC President: Lauren Ischy

For any questions or concerns regarding general rules as described here, please contact Daryl Meinardus (President) at dbmeinardus@gmail.com or Mary Tongay (Vice President) at marylouise60@hotmail.com.