

# BRUSHY CREEK SADDLE CLUB

## 2024 Playday Season

### General Membership Rules

#### Playday Dates:

March 9, 2024  
April 13, 2024  
May 11, 2024  
June 8, 2024  
July 13, 2024

August 10, 2024  
September 14, 2024  
October 12, 2024 (rain/make-up date)  
Buckle Challenge – October 5, 2024  
Awards Banquet – December 8, 2024

#### **General:**

- Non-Members are welcome to ride at any Brushy Creek Saddle Club (BCSC) hosted event.
- All playdays will be held at the Williamson County Cowboy Church Arena in Liberty Hill, Texas unless otherwise posted.
- For safety reasons, foals will not be near alleyway. They will be kept at the trailer.
- Horses will not be tied to arena fence, or any fence attached to arena.
- No studs allowed at playday.

#### **Registration and Starting Times:**

Books open at 8:00am; 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.
- **Judging:** Event judging will be conducted by those 16 years of age or older. This rule also applies to non-riders who judge on behalf of a rider.
- Negative Coggins required at registration. Must provide a copy for club to keep on file or email to [BCSC.albert@gmail.com](mailto:BCSC.albert@gmail.com) or [BCSC.melissa@gmail.com](mailto:BCSC.melissa@gmail.com).
- **Dress Code:** Riding attire is the responsibility of the rider. For the safety of the rider, we require jeans, shirts, and heeled boots. Shorts and open-toed shoes are not permitted. If the officers believe your clothing is inappropriate, you will be asked to change your clothing or leave the premises. No bareback riggings or pads. Decision in all classes concerning competition attire, tack, or safety is final.
- Horse Rules:
  - Horses can be shared if 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.
  - A rider may enter a different horse for each event provided they identify them and provide the proper documentation to the club during playday registration (Name, valid Coggins, etc), however **the rider may compete in each event only once**.
- Any authorized re-rides as determined by the BCSC officers will be conducted immediately or at the end of the event class.
- Ties: In case of a tie for daily high point, a run-off event **may be needed** and will be determined by random draw **of events** and the winner being the rider having the fastest time. **The need for a run-off event will be determined by the club officers.**

#### **Awards:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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).

### **Age Groups / Classes (Guys & Gals in combined classes):**

- Novice (Been riding 2 years or less and has 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: 11-15 years old
- Intermediate: 16-24 years old
- Senior: 25-44 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. Rider **will not** move up one class from their current age group.*

### **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
- BCSC + 1st time AASP&RC membership: \$75
- BCSC + AASP&RC membership: \$110
- 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.
- Arena Fee: \$5
- Non-Member Cost: \$45 total (includes \$5 Office Fee).
- **Once the first event begins, no registration fees – including office and arena fees – will be refunded.**
- 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.
- There will be no double riding (2 riders on horse at same time).
- For Leadline events, someone may walk/run beside the horse/rider while holding rider in saddle
- Riders may use a second horse for assistance when entering the alleyway and/or arena if needed.

**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.

**ALCOHOL POLICY:** At no time will alcohol be allowed in the arena or anywhere on the church or arena owner's property. Repercussions will be at the discretion of the BCSC officers, which could include:

- disqualification or dismissal from the playday with no refund of playday registration fees.
- and / 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.

If violator is family member of a rider or guest of member family, repercussions could include the disqualification or dismissal from the playday of all riders from that family with no refund of playday registration fees.

**2024 Officers:**

BCSC President: Daryl Meinardus

BCSC Vice President: Ashley Morgan

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](mailto:dbmeinardus@gmail.com) or Albert Mersch (Secretary) at [bcsc.albert@gmail.com](mailto:bcsc.albert@gmail.com).