

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Meet Julie Campbell, our newest board member

THE iCOMPETE APP

The future of ABHA event planning and management

THE "GROUND" WORK

Reforming the arena grounds to ensure a better experience



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FROM THE ABHA BOARD...

Warm winter greetings, members! The weather may be chilly but things are heating up for the ABHA board, with National Finals planning done and implementation stage in full swing. The stallion incentive is in full motion (see more details later in the newsletter), sponsorship is rolling in the door and its looking bigger and better than ever before. The program and prizemoney have been set with full details in this edition.

Sadly, the board said goodbye to our hard-working Vice President Rae Motter on 31 May. Rae was a very valuable board member and instrumental in ensuring our Rule Book was up to date. Rae leads a very busy and hectic life being a Helicopter pilot, running a cattle property with her husband, establishing her horse stud and of course mother to a beautiful little boy, so

her time was stretched. She will be dearly missed, and we thank her for her dedication and commitment during her time on the Board.

Excitingly though, through our Expressions of Interest process, the Board recruited Julie Campbell to join our team. Julie has a decorated history in the sport of barrel racing, and hence brings a wealth of knowledge to the table. She will be in attendance at our National Finals, as will all our directors, so please reach out and say hello to us all.

In this months newsletter we also talk about iCompete our new "be-all and end-all" system to be introduced, we discuss finals arena surface preparation, promote our finals program, as well as our ABHA Merchandise including our special Finals Jacket. Busy times ahead for the Board so until next month happy tin chasing!

NEW BOARD MEMBER SNAPSHOT: JULIE CAMBPELL

Home town: Bonshaw, NSW

Day Job: Registered Nurse

History in the Sport: "I started Barrel Racing in the early 90's because my husband rodeoed and I wanted to be involved and not just sit on the fence. I was so lucky that my first horse was one of those once in a lifetime horses that took me to the very top, winning some of the most prestigious rodeos in the country and instilling in me a lasting love of barrel racing."

Accomplishments:

- WPRA rookie Barrel Racer
- ABCRA Barrel racing title
- ABCRA all round
- 4 x Barrel racing average winner at NFR
- Several Barrel Racing Horse of the year awards

- Numerous Circuit titles
- Mt Isa Barrel racing winner x2 plus AllRound
- Numerous NFR qualifications in both the
- ABCRA and WPRA
- Served on the WPRA Board

Why did you join the Board?

"So I could give back to something that I enjoy doing and contribute to growth and development of the association."

If you could have one ride on any horse in the world, which horse would it be and why?

"Hailey Kinsels Sister looks like fun. I love that upright style of running, reminds me of my old horse Rapdancer."



iCOMPETE - THE WAY OF THE FUTURE FOR ABHA

ABHA have invested in the program iCompete and have been working hard behind the scenes for months to have the program customised and developed to suit our needs. iCompete will ensure a uniformed approach for all events affiliated under the ABHA banner Australia wide, enabling improved records management, streamlined event applications and productions, and most importantly lowering the workload for affiliates, competitors, and ABHA management.

Here's a brief snapshot of some things iCompete will do for us as:

Competitors

- Place your entries for any event in Australia in the one platform
- Keeps a profile of each competitor and their horses. Particularly useful for aged event horses eliminating the need to provide horse registration details at every futurity/maturity event entered for proof of age.
- Process your annual membership
- Keeps results, points standings and event attendance records

Affiliates

- Take entries
- Compiles draws
- Used on the day to record times
- Works out placings on the day
- Works out payouts and admin fees
- Keeps point standings
- Process memberships and members register

And much more.....

This program will drastically reduce the workload for affiliates whose main focus can then be on organising the venue and promoting a successful event. It will eliminate many problems and confusions, such as not knowing if competitors are members when they enter, and keeping accurate records of points standings eliminating human errors and oversites.

The program will be up and running for use at our National Finals event in September.

More information will be provided to affiliates and competitors soon regarding training, user manuals and a roll out date.

ABHA MERCHANDISE AND FINALS JACKETS



All customisable with
your name/horse name



**ABHA Finals 2022 jackets will be
available for a limited time only.
Order yours now in time for the finals.**

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www.hunters1866.com.au/collections/abha-australian-barell-horse-assoication

STALLION INCENTIVE UPDATE

Wow, this incentive has generated a lot of interest! To date we have 40 stallions – yes that's right 40 stallions - express interest in our incentive.

A reminder.... all detailed information on the ABHA stallion incentive has been posted on our Facebook page. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our organising director Justin Gill via email director4@abha.com.au. But for now, here are some important notes:

- Two options for entry
 - o Option 1 – Nominate stallion by donating a breeding to stallion auction
 - o Option 2 – nominate stallion by paying fee only (\$350)

- Stallion auction will open July 15th 2022 and close August 15th 2022 via ABHA Facebook page

- Nominations by fee only are due 31st July 2022

- Any person or persons can pay in a stallion, if the stallions registered owner chooses not to! So if you've got a good horse at home who you think in with a good shot at winning a title – then this incentive might just earn you some extra cashand at the same time promote the stallion!

You got to be in it to win it!!



Volunteers Needed!

**Time Keepers
Arena Machinery Operators
Arena Gate Attendants
Chute Boss
General Help**

If you can spare some time to help out during the finals please register your interest with our secretary via email secretary@abha.com.au

TRADERS WELCOME AT NATIONAL FINALS

ABHA invite all businesses to trade at our national finals. You do not need to be a major sponsor at our National Finals to host a Trade Stall.

Traders are welcome to purchase a site as follows:

- \$150 per day inside or outside (outside does not inc power)
- 4 x 4m space only – if a booth is required pricing from AELEC will have to be confirmed
- Must book for the whole 6 days Mon – Sat
- Businesses can bring own walls, tent, tables, etc.

For more information, and to book your spot please contact our secretary at secretary@abha.com.au

Here's your chance to take advantage of the huge audience that the biggest barrel race in Australia will attract. We all know how much barrel racers like to shop!

RULES UPDATE

Our ABHA rule book was updated in April 2022. Please take note of the following additions to our official rules book

FUTURITY EVENT:

4. All horses entered in the Futurity Event are to ensure that all the correct paperwork for the entered horse is supplied, and the horse is of the correct age as per the AQHA rule book. Registration Papers or the ABHA Proof of Age Form (that has been completed by a vet) are required.

FUTURITY INCENTIVE:

- The futurity incentive is reviewed annually.
- As of the 1st of May 2022, the ABHA will be offering a \$500 cash bonus to Affiliates that run a \$1000 Futurity event.
- Incentive will be in place until 31/12/2022 and will be reviewed prior to the 1/01/2023.

Conditions:

- Posted Prize Money must be a minimum of \$1000.
- Each Affiliate can only receive the incentive twice per calendar year.
- Affiliates can use the \$500 cash incentive at their discretion in the running of their event.

MATURITY EVENT

1. Option to choose one of the following:
 - Option One: 7 year old horses
 - Option Two : 7 & 8 year old horses
 - Option Three: 7,8 & 9 year old horses
2. Can be run over 1, 2 or 3 rounds.
3. Affiliates have the option to allow a competitor to roll over their time from a Maturity event into a divisional barrel race, provided they are run on the same size course.
4. A horse's age will be calculated based on a year starting 1 August every year (Horses Birthday). For example, a horse born any time between 1 August 2019 and 31 July 2020 turns one (1) year old on 1 August 2020 and so on.
5. All horses entered in the Maturity Event are to ensure that all the correct paperwork for the entered horse is supplied, and the horse is of the

correct age as per the ABHA rule book. Registration Papers or the ABHA Proof of Age Form (that has been completed by a vet) are required.

AFFILIATES:

9. Affiliates found not following the ABHA rules will find their events, affiliations, and membership suspended along with a fine at the board discretion which includes but not limited too not paying event fees or sending in results, allowing non-financial members to compete at their events.



DOING THE “GROUND” WORK!

The hot topic of conversation for barrel racers going to the finals, and to every event for that matter, is “what’s the ground going to be like?”

Rest assured competitors it’s been at the forefront of the Boards mind as well. Our President Leslie Moore along with directors Jill Burch and Matt Burns, are very passionate about getting the AELEC ground the safest and fairest it possibly can be, with many a sleepless night having the thought process in their minds.

At past finals the course has been set with three “pads” at each drum, where the ground is heavier/deeper with more soil around each drum position. It was noted by the board that horses seemed to be stumbling on entry to drums and on exit. Horses were running into drums on the firmer surface and on reaching the drum pad, they would stumble, as a result of entering the deeper surface around the drum. Likewise on exiting the drums, with the horse going from deeper soil and entering the firmer surface between the drums.

With this in mind, the board are working on a

plan to have a more even surface across the entire arena. This will hopefully create less stumbles and ensure fairness across the board.

The AELEC have an implement called the ‘Top of the Range Drag’ from Thomas Arena products. This implement is guaranteed to provide even footing every time and has been successful at other indoor arenas for all disciplines including rodeo, reining, dressage and showjumping. The implement applies a levelling blade, then ploughs the arena and injects water onto the surface, then finally smooths the surface with a leveling bar. We also note that AELEC has moisture metres throughout the venue that will allow us to monitor the soil moisture levels throughout the event.

Ensuring the surface is even and safe could possibly mean a deeper, slower track, however safety for horse and rider and fairness is the boards main priority, and if it means we have to sacrifice the possibility of a new Australian Record then so be it. In saying that, different surfaces suit different horses so we won’t rule out that record breaking run just yet!



THE ABHA FINALS KEEPS BUILDING!

Thank you to our major sponsors Circle L Australia, Western World, Equissage, B-Complete by Banana Feeds Australia, CopRice, Equine Flair Australia, Prydes Easi-Feed & TuffRock Australia!

Date: 12th – 17th September 2022

Location: AELEC, Tamworth NSW Australia

Fees	Item
\$10	Exhibitions
\$10	Little Drum Runners
\$10	Arena Hire (paid per competitor only)
\$150	\$10,000 Barkly & Co Open 7D
\$80	\$2,500 Johnsons Natural Formula Junior 4D
\$150	\$5,000 Katie B 2D Futurity (4, 5 & 6yo)
\$100	\$2,000 Seven Saddles Maturity (7 & 8yo)
\$50	\$500 Animal Therapeutics Open Pole Bending
\$35	\$300 Bar Hat Corgis and Horses Junior Pole Bending

- Posted Prize Money + 60% add back
- 2 run Open Divisional, Junior Divisional, Futurity
- 1 run Maturity, Little Drum Runners, Open and Junior Pole Bend

FULL PROGRAM FLYER COMING SOON

SADDLE VOUCHER RAFFLE

Only 488 tickets on Sale - Great Odds!

Build a saddle of your choice from
Mal Fishenden Saddlery valued at \$4400!

Tickets only \$50 each, 5 tickets for \$200,
10 tickets for \$400, 20 tickets for \$800.

Drawn 17th September at the
2022 ABHA National Finals Presentation.

Tickets available via Raffle Link.

