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Dear NBHA Members,

The time has come to provide NBHA with a new membership portal. This email was prepared to share with our Members an in-depth explanation and timeline of the upcoming changes. We are confident that these changes will provide benefits to Members and Directors for years to come.

What Is Happening?

We have been working to provide a secure membership portal which will provide our Members an opportunity to claim their account, or build one if they are a brand new member, and access their own database information. This database will also grant each State and District Director their own login to access not only your membership lists for your respective districts and/or states, but also a way to look up the global memberships to verify member status.

Along with the new database, we will be modifying the NBHA membership terms. Beginning 2022, memberships will span a calendar year (January to December), instead of 12 months from date of purchase. Fear not, we have prorated fees in place for the first year to cover all the bases and make sure no one loses out on a membership they just purchased. We have explained the proration in depth below and on the portal when Members renew. Family membership have also been dissolved for a variety of reasons that usually short-changed the Members. For this reason, Youth memberships are discounted from the adult pricing structure.

Why A New Database?

NBHA Members will have the ability to self-service things like address and phone number changes, and make district designation changes. These changes will be instantaneous, and allow Directors to have accurate up-to-the-minute lists 24/7. Members can print their membership cards or access them on their phone. Plus, Directors will have emergency contact info for minors as provided by the adult completing the Youth's member!

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Why Change the Membership Term?

We have listened to our Director's needs and suggestions and observed for ourselves, and it was apparent that having Members expire in the middle of a calendar year many times that lead to confusions while computing points. Historically, points are forfeited with a 30-day lapse in membership and Directors have reported it hard to accurately do points without requesting and receiving multiple membership lists. This new January to December based membership allows Members and Directors peace of mind that once a member joins in the start of the year, they do not expire until 12/31. 2022 will not necessarily have this benefit due to transition, but in 2023 and beyond it should be much more straight forward.

When Is This Happening?

We will be launching the new membership portal the morning of Wednesday, December 15, 2021. The current online membership application will be available until approximately 12 pm EST Monday, December 13, 2021. There will be no online membership availability for the approximate one and half days between these two dates. Members and Directors will access the new membership portal in the same location on our website as before.

Can We Still Use Paper Memberships?

We are asking all Director and Members to use the new online membership portal solely beginning December 15th, 2021. We will be phasing out paper entirely and at some point in Early 2022, no longer accepting them at all. The security, timeliness and accuracy involved with Members doing memberships online far exceeds the current process of mailing membership forms in the mail.

How Will I Know How to Use My New Portal?

There will be video instructions on the login page for Members to view.

What Type of Memberships Will There Be?

Memberships will now be individual, and no longer able to group by families. This change was made to ensure security of private information and aid in a multitude of confusion surrounding family memberships. Each member will have a unique portal log in and require a unique email address. We are aware this will be a challenge in some cases, but there are privacy laws and reasons requiring such measures.

All prices are list below. All charges will be accompanied with a percentage based convenience fee at time of checkout. **Each individual will only need (1) type of membership. A Youth membership, for example, doesn't limit the rider to only compete in the Youth class. They, too, can enter the Open.**

- Youth Membership (For Individuals 18 and Under as of January 1st of each Season): \$50
- Three Year Youth Membership: \$125
- Adult Membership: \$65
- Three Year Adult Membership: \$150
- Charter Membership (Joined Prior to 1/1/93): \$48
- Three Year Charter Membership: \$120
- Social Membership (Non-Competing) Membership: \$38 – **used for non-competing Directors**
- Three Year Social Membership - \$95

Each membership starting in 2023 will start from date of purchase and end on December 31st. Read on to learn about 2022 expirations.

How will 2022 Memberships Expirations Work?

Each active member which has an expiration date that spans into 2022 will retain their current expiration date. For example, if you purchased your membership this November 2021, you will still be an active NBHA member until the last day in November 2022. This concept applies to three year memberships as well. Any three-year membership purchased prior to the new database will still expire the same month of purchase three years after the purchase year.

So What Do I Pay in 2022 to Renew My Membership?

Any membership expiring on the last day of January–November 2022 will have the *OPTION* to pay their membership up through December 31, 2022. The option to extend your membership to the end of the year will be unique to 2022 and those on three year memberships.

Example: Someone with a membership which expire in May 2022 will be given the option to renew their membership for the prorated price of 7/12^{ths} of the current membership, because there is 7 months to finish out the year. Their one-year Adult membership price would be approximately \$37.92 plus processing fee. This price is derived by taking the membership price x (number of remaining months/12).

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Wild Card Purchasing and Membership Lapse?

We understand in years past you had to hold a membership contiguously for 12 months prior to the World events to use the option of purchasing a Wild Card from someone else. With the new membership terms, we will be announcing a new requirement for starting with 2023 World Championships that is much shorter and provides a clearer cut off for individuals who need to buy Wild Cards. More information to follow.

Will this affect my Barrel Horse News Subscriptions?

Each member (limit one per household), will receive Barrel Horse News for the amount of months the membership is active. For example, if a member doesn't join until middle of February 2022, they will receive 11 issues of Barrel Horse News. Please note the first issue is usually the second month following the date of membership purchase and will span into January and February of the following year.

Will I Still Receive a Membership Card in The Mail?

No. Members will now be able to see a digital membership card, and have the option to print one if desired. Renewal notices will also be sent by email, and no longer by mail. Please keep in mind the email on each account will be where notices are sent.

Additional Questions?

Email us at nbha@nbha.com with additional questions, but please keep in mind the volume of year-end emails may delay our normal response rates.

Thank you for taking the time to read our information. The entire NBHA staff is striving to push forward the association to new levels and bring the fun and excitement to the forefront of the sport. Using awesome new applications in our event management software and Membership portal software, we can better organize and streamline process to aid everyone from Directors to Members. We look forward to 2022!

Sincerely,



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