

Constitution Of the Midwest Chuckwagon Racing Association

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE AND NAME

SECTION A. The name of this association shall be MIDWEST CHUCKWAGON RACING ASSOCIATION.

SECTION B. The purpose of this association shall be to promote chuckwagon racing. The prime purpose shall be to promote the conducting of chuck wagon races for the outstanding teams, and further to promote the running type teams with achievement over style, and to promote **SAFETY** of people and animals.

SECTION C. The principal activities shall be to conduct through the association of the members of the association, a championship stakes for all teams and derbies and other activities that brings about the promotion of chuckwagon racing

ARTICLE II. STRUCTURE

(1) The association shall be composed of members with equal representation. Officers shall include president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and one board member for each approved class. Each board member and officer shall have one vote except the president whom will only vote in case of a tie.

(2) This association may dissolve itself at any time by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing, at which time the treasury of the association shall be distributed to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations.

SECTION A. MEMBERSHIP

(1) To be eligible for membership a signed application/waiver must be delivered to the association treasurer or representative. The form must be completely filled out by the applicant or guardian if the applicant is a minor, and turned in prior to participation in the MCWRA events. Memberships will be available throughout the racing season.

(2) Dues will be determined annually by the board of directors. Dues must accompany the application/waiver.

(2A.) a child 14 years of age or under as of January 1 of the current year will be considered a youth member and will be charged ½ of the adult membership.

(3) Termination of memberships can be made in one of four ways.

3A. LAPSING

Any member failing to pay annual dues shall be considered terminated and ineligible for association voting, privileges and activities.

3B. RESIGNATION.

Members may make their resignation at any time by sending a written notice of their intentions to the association secretary, after which time they will be ineligible for voting

privileges and activities

3C. REJECTION.

Any person (s) memberships may be rejected or renounced for violations of the association laws and rules. Such motion for rejection shall first be brought to the board by not less than two (2) members shall prepare a written statement concerning violations and suggested rejection, The board shall review the violation, If by majority vote, the board feels rejection is warranted, the accused member (s) shall be notified in writing within ten (10) days. The member (s) may make a counter statement in his her defense at the next board meeting. After reviewing all facts rejection will result by majority vote of the board members present with the accused member (s) having **NO** vote.

3D REQUIREMENTS

A board member must

Not miss two (2) consecutive scheduled meetings. If this happens, the member may be reviewed by the board of directors of the association. All association sanctioned races shall be conducted according to the association's rules as stated in the by-laws.

SECTION B. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

(1) Members in good standing of the association may attend any association general meeting.

SECTION C. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

(1)**PRESIDENT.** The president shall preside over all the meetings of the association and shall be the recognized head of the association.

(2) **VICE PRESIDENT.** The vice president shall preside over the association meeting in the absence of the president. He/she shall assist the president in association matters.

(3) **Secretary.** The secretary shall

3A keep the minutes of all association meetings.

3B. be in charge of all correspondence by the association.

3C. keep records of all members and/or team information and association activities.

3D. be responsible for carrying out any other functions that the president and/or the board of directors deem necessary.

(4) **TREASURER.** The treasurer shall:

4A. be responsible for collecting member club dues.

4B. be responsible for paying and keeping records of all association expenses.

(5) **BOARD MEMBERS.** The board members shall represent the class elected to and help promote races and safety.

(6) **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REASON FOR DISMISSAL**

6A. does not attend monthly meeting. Will be removed from office upon third consecutive missed meeting.

6B. does not follow the following duties, track set up, weigh and measure, at ten (10) am on Saturday of the race and any other scheduled activities.

All board of directors must attend the racers meeting at 11:00 A.M. at each race unless other meeting time is stated the day of the race.

Article III. Disclaimer Clause

This constitution, as written, supersedes any and all previous constitutions and amendments of The **MIDWEST CHUCKWAGON RACING ASSOCIATION**. This constitution becomes effective February 20, 2008

BY-LAWS OF THE MIDWEST CHUCKWAGON RACING ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. ASSOCIATION SANCTIONED RACES

SECTION A. ASSOCIATION RACES

1) All association races shall be run according to the laws and rules of the Midwest Chuckwagon Racing Association. All participants **must** be members of the association.

(2) Judges shall be selected by any method deemed appropriate by the board.

2A. all track owners will use MCWRA elected head judge, head timekeeper, timekeepers and starter. Track owners will also use MCWRA elected field judges(s), if needed.

ARTICLE II VOTING

SECTION A. A simple majority of the board is required to pass or defeat any measure unless otherwise specified in the constitution or by-laws. In the event of any tie vote, the president shall cast the deciding vote.

SECTION B. In the event any situation arises the president and/or the executive committee feels that an immediate vote by the board is needed, the president shall have one of the following options.

(1) A vote may be taken by mail. The secretary shall send out certified letters stating the issue. The board will have ten (10) days upon receipt to return this vote.

(2) A vote may be taken by phone. The association secretary will send a letter stating the issue and the time the president will call for the Board Members vote. In the event either of the above options is deemed necessary, the president shall be designated as a board member. In the case the president is not available; the vice president shall be designated as the board member.

SECTION C. No proxy vote will be allowed at the board meetings or the annual meeting.

ARTICLE III, DEFINATION OF A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

SECTION A. A regular member is deemed in good standing as long as he/she is current on dues and he/she is not on suspension by the MCWRA.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

SECTION A. A regular annual meeting shall be held each year. For general membership.

SECTION B. Special meetings may be held upon the call of the president by giving each member not less than ten (10) days notice of the date, place, and purpose of such meetings.

SECTION C. Secret ballot shall be used for:

- (1) Voting for the expulsion of a member
- (2) Voting on a replacement for a board position if one needs to be filled before the two year term is fulfilled.
- (3) Any other issue the board members deems necessary

ARTICLE V. ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION A. At the meeting of the association, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting my permit, shall be as follows:

- (1) Roll call
- (2) Minutes of the last meeting
- (3) Presidents report
- (4) Secretary report
- (5) Treasurer report
- (6) Unfinished business
- (7) Election of officers and board (At the annual meeting only)
- (8) New business
- (9) Adjournment

ARTICLE VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(1) Election of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer will be by the vote of the membership at the general meeting to serve a two (2) year term.

(2) Board members will be elected from the general membership to serve a two (2) year term. If additional classes are approved as sanctioned events of the MCWRA, they will elect a board member for that position. There will be eight (8) board members and one (1) alternate. MCWRA members nominated by the general membership will fill positions open for election and other duties deemed necessary.

(3) Any position opened before the two (2) year term is completed shall be filled by the remaining elected representatives to fulfill the remainder of that positions term.

(4) Officers, except the president, may serve as a delegate at association meetings.

(5) The board of directors will go thru due process in the best interest of the MCWRA to set and/or amend the rule book.

ARTICLE VII. DISCLAIMER

These by-laws, as written, supersede any and all previous by-laws and amendments of the Midwest Chuckwagon Racing Association. These by-laws become effective February 20, 2008.

RULES OF THE MIDWEST CHUCKWAGON RACING ASSOCIATION

POINT SYSTEM:

30Points available per weekend of racing

15 Points per day

1 st place = 15 points	9 th place = 7 points
2 nd place = 14 points	10 th place = 6 points
3 rd place = 13 points	11 th place = 5 points
4 th place = 12 points	12 th place = 4 points
5 th place = 11 points	13 th place = 3 points
6 th place = 10 points	14 th place = 2 points
7 th place = 9 points	15 th place = 1 point
8 th place = 8 point	

The fastest qualified times of the weekend will be used to determine the places. Times will be posted by noon on the 2nd day. A racing team must race both days at a sanctioned race to receive prizes and points unless the track is deemed unsafe. In such a case that the track is deemed unsafe, by the board of directors. Everyone will receive points and their prizes.

1. You must be an MCWRA member to participate in any MCWRA race
2. **Teams must race at 2 races plus the finals to be eligible for yearend prizes.**
3. In case of a point tie for year end points, a runoff will be held. Land Rush type race. No barrel will be taken. No outrider or cook will be needed.

1) GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. There will be eight (8) classes at each race plus any special events
 - Big Horse Rubber Tire
 - 46" and under mules
 - 46" and under ponies
 - 52" and under mules
 - 52" and under ponies
 - Big Mules
 - Buckboard 52" and under ponies
 - Classic wagons

All teams will pay a flat fee of \$20 per team, per division, per year. If animals or wagons need to be re-measured or re-weighed it will cost no extra. Officials designated by the association will measure only 46" and 52" teams. Buckboard and classic wagons must be weighed. (Photos will document this) In the event of a change of animal this

process will need to be repeated.

1. Measuring and weighing will be 9:00AM-10:30AM Saturday before the races at the race track. Any team proven guilty of using an illegal pony or mule shall be disqualified from the MCWRA for the remainder of the race year. Ponies and mules will be standing naturally while being measured Pulling on their heads is not allowed.
2. The animals will be measured with bars. They will only be measured one time for the year. There will be no re-measures. There will be a minimum time on relaxing of the animals, once feet are squared, the bar will go on and that is the measurement taken. **Any decision of the judge is final.** You must notify your board of directors if you switch animals anytime during the year.
3. Teams may move across in height classes. Example: A big horse team may run in both the big horse class and the classic division. No team will be allowed to move up or down in height classes. In the event of an injured animal, then a substitution can be made by a smaller height animal. This is to ensure that all classes remain equally competitive.
4. All tracks will have a solid area to measure.
5. All buckboard and classic wagons will be weighed before or right after their first race. If weights must be added, they must be securely mounted by the next race. The head judge and division chair must have a list of added weights and check at every race. Once weight is securely added the wagon must be re-weighed.
6. There will be a veterinarian on location and a trailer to be used as a horse/mule ambulance. This will be provided by the track owner. This will be the vice president responsibility to ensure they are at the track before the race starts each day.
7. There will be an appropriately staffed ambulance on the ground while the races are in progress. This will be provided by the track owner.
8. There will be a driver's meeting to be conducted by the head judge and/or president or his/her designate two hours (2) before post time on Saturday at the start barrels attendance is not mandatory, but drivers and their teams are responsible for the information that may be given.
9. Teams will be expected to call in their team (s) on the **CALL IN DATES**. This makes the race performance run smoothly and is more exciting for the spectators. All team members are required to have their MCWRA memberships.
10. There will be no alcoholic beverages allowed on or in the immediate area (within fifty (50) yards from the inside boundary of the track) by MCWRA participants during the races. This will result in disqualification of the race team(s) for the day and possible rejection from the MCWRA.
11. Any MCWRA member fighting at any MCWRA function and/or race, from the time you arrive until you leave, not just the actual races, will result in disqualification of the race team(s) for the day and possible rejection from the MCWRA.
12. Any MCWRA member using loud and offensive and/or abusive language during the races will result in disqualification from the race team(s) for the day and possible rejection from the MCWRA
13. After being brought before the Board, if an MCWRA member(s) is found at fault, the following penalties will be applied.
 - a. **FIRST OFFENSE**-If a member of a race team, your team will be disqualified for the day. An MCWRA member but non-racer will be fined \$50.00
 - b. **SECOND OFFENSE**- If a member of a race team, your team will be disqualified for the day. An MCWRA member but non-racer will be fined \$100.00
 - c. **THIRD OFFENSE**- Any MCWRA member brought before the board and found at

fault three (3) times will be rejected from the Association.

- i. If a non-racer does not pay his/her fine then his/her MCWRA membership will be rebuked.

14. Track owner or association officers/directors will not be held responsible for accidents, or for loss of property.

15. **Coggins Papers are required at MCWRA Events.** No Coggins with a date past twelve (12) month period will be accepted.

2. OFFICIALS

(2A) All rulings of situations not covered in the rule book are to be made in the sense of fair play by the head judge. **ALL DECISIONS MADE BY THE HEAD JUDGE ARE FINAL.**

(2B) There will be one member of the MCWRA officers available to represent the Association and assist the other officials

(2C) There will be one (1) timer for each wagon running per heat and a backup timer if available. The finishing times should be posted as soon as possible after the last race of the day.

(2D) There will be sufficient number of judges to insure that each team (wagon, members. And outrider) completes the course correctly and to be sure that the outrider is in front of his/her wagon.

(2E) There will be one (1) starter using a blank pistol to start all heats, He/she will say "Cooks load your wagon", wait until the cooks are safely into their wagons, and then he/she will fire the starting pistol. The starter will be within twenty (20) feet of the back of the wagons. Restarts will be at the discretion of the head judge.

(2F) **THERE WILL BE NO YELLING OR HARASSMENT OF OFFICIALS**, if done, team could face penalties for the day or weekend.

3. THE RACE TRACK

(3A) the starting line will be five (5) yards from starting barrels

(3B) the starting barrels will be no less than fifteen (15) yards apart.

(3C) the recommended length of the track distances are as follows:

Big Horse Class	700-750 Yards.
46" Classes	440-460 Yards
52" Classes	600-650 Yards
Big Mule Class	600-650 Yards
Buckboard Class	600-650 Yards
Classic Class	700-750 Yards

All turns must be 300 feet wide, if possible.

There are the minimum and maximum distances for sanctioned races. These distances may be changed by the track approval committee or by a majority vote of the board of directors.

(3D) a race committee representing the MCWRA will make an inspection of all newly approved race tracks. The committee will also inspect any established races if instructed to do so by the board of directors.

(3E) the track will be inspected by at least one board member before the races begin each day.

(3F) **There is no outside perimeter to the race track**

4. THE RACING WAGON

(4A) the racing wagon will have no less than four (4) wheels and be pulled by a team of two (2) horses or mules. It will have bows on the back Teams tarp must measure a minimum of a

3ft tarp that is legible on the side of the wagon. The bows will be covered with a tarp and team's name or brand must be on the tarp.

(4B) the classic wagon: The wagon will weigh no less than 1000 pounds. The wagon bed is to be at least 10 feet, 6 inches. The sideboards are to be a minimum of 12 inches high. The tarp must be at least 3 feet high measured from floor of the wagon, and at least 6 feet long at the top of the bows. The wheels must be constructed from wood and/or metal with no bearings. Wagon accessories at the beginning of the race must include a lantern, skillet, and water Barrel.

(4C) the buckboard: The wagon must weigh at least 500 pounds. The wheels must be constructed of wood and/or metal with no bearings. No tarps are required, a sign with the teams name or brand must be placed on both sides of the wagon. The lettering must be at least four (4) inches.

5. THE RACE

(5A) 1. The first team listed on the lineup will start on the left the first day and then move to the right on the second day.

2. Each team should line up on their respective side of the line and not interfere with the other team at the start. One (1) team will turn right one day and left the next. The teams will be placed in heats before the races and will run in their heat each day.

2A. if there are more than 2 teams per heat, the lineup will be at the discretion of the board.

3. Teams will be called two (2) times at two (2) minute intervals before being disqualified for a no-show.

The only one that can call a restart is the head judge.

5. Baulking Rule: If a team is not moving when the other team crosses the finish line this is considered baulking and the team will be disqualified. If a team has stopped due to equipment problems they have one minute to begin moving again after the other team crosses the finish line.

(5B) 1. If a team goes to the inside of a barrel into the infield, they may return to the racetrack at the same place and complete the race.

2. If a team hit's a barrel on the inside of the track while racing, that team will be disqualified if the barrel goes to the right of the wagon. If the barrel goes too left of that team, you will not be disqualified.

3. If a team high centers a barrel and it comes out behind the wagon, you will not be disqualified.

(5C) THE DRIVER

1. The driver's job is to drive the wagon, trying to keep the team on the race track.

2. Buggy whips are allowed to be used only by the driver if the driver has both check Lines in his/her hands. No hot shots, sticks, or clubs shall be used on the team and nothing shall be thrown at the animals by any team members.

3. A maximum of two holders per team will be allowed at the starting line. No other assistance may be provided by these holders unless humans/animals are in danger, nor shall they interfere with the opposing team.

4. There will be no walking starts. Final ruling will be made by the division chair.

5. Driver must be in the wagon when it crosses the finish line.

(5D) THE COOK

1. The cook's job is to load the bedroll (blanket) into the back of the wagon when the starting judge says "cools load your wagon" and then he/she must get into the wagon. Only the corner of the bedroll must be touching the ground.

2. The cook cannot whip the team or use any other devices on the team.
3. The cook must circle the appropriate barrel each day.
4. The bedroll (blanket) must be touching the ground and the cook behind the wagon. If the cook has attempted to get the blanket (bedroll) into the wagon and it is hanging out of the back of the wagon, the Outrider can then push it into the wagon. If it comes out during the race the only one that can retrieve it should be the cook. If the bedroll (blanket) fails to get in the wagon at the start line and it is on the ground the outrider cannot pick it up from the ground and load it. If the outrider picks it up off of the ground then this will result in a disqualification.
5. The bedroll (blanket) should be no smaller than 30" x 50". It must be the same color as the wagon tarp or team colors and have the team name on it and be furnished by the race team. If this is not done, the team will receive a disqualification

(5E) THE OUTRIDER

1. The outrider's job is to load the oven (box) in the wagon after the starting judge fires the starting gun. Then he/she may mount his/her horse or mule. **The oven (box) is the outrider's sole responsibility to see that it is in the wagon at the finish line. At no time may the cook load the oven (box) into the wagon, if it comes out at any time during the race the outrider must return it to the wagon.**
2. The outrider may not have help mounting his/her horse or mule. If the horse gets away from the outrider he/she can have help catching his/her horse.
3. The outrider must circle the same barrel as his/her team has circled. If the barrel is knocked out of position, the outrider may circle the spot or the barrel of his/her choice.
4. The nose of the outrider's horse/mule must cross the finish line before the noses of the team pulling the wagon.
5. The oven (box) must be touching the ground when the starter shoots the starting gun. The outrider can have his/her hand on the box. If the box (oven) comes out during the race the only one to retrieve it is should be the outrider.
6. There will be no gadgets to help with loading the oven (box) into the wagon
7. The box (oven) should be no smaller than 9" x 11" x 16" at the beginning of the race season.. The oven (box) must be marked by the color or initials of the team it belongs to.
8. The measurement of the bedroll and cook stove will be at the weights and measures of the first race.

(5F) Minors

1. Any team with a youth member may be assisted in any way to help ensure race safety.

(5G) some rules may not apply to -OF Rookie/Summer Series races at the discretion of the MCWRA Board

All team clothing must be of the same color, buttoned or snap long sleeves, brimmed hats or helmets..