



# THE OFFICIAL GROUND RULES OF THE FLORIDA LITTLE BRITCHES RODEO ASSOCIATION 2023 – 2024

## MEMBERSHIP / LOCAL POINTS

- 1) Contestant members are required to pay \$80 for a National membership per contestant.
- 2) Non-members may ride on a \$30 permit, PER RODEO.
- 3) Contestants competing for year-end awards at the local level must pay a local membership fee and meet fundraising requirements. Contestants must also be a National member. Local membership fees will be \$75 per family.
- 4) Points for local membership will not begin accumulating until the local membership has been paid. Points will be discontinued if fundraiser requirements are not met by the required deadlines. Local membership application and fees MUST be submitted prior to start of rodeo.
- 5) Fundraising is mandatory for Contestants that choose to become a local member and be eligible for year end awards.
- 6) National points will be awarded based on the NLBRA Rulebook. See rulebook for further information on the point system.
- 7) Local points will be awarded to contestants who pay their local membership fees. Points will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> place in all divisions, as follows. No bonus points will be given at the local level. If a contestant is not a local member, the points will roll to the next available contestant that completed a qualifying run.

PLACING	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
POINTS	70	60	50	40	30	20	10

## WORK ASSIGNMENTS

- 1) ALL contestants will receive a work assignment and **MUST sign in and sign out with event director. Contestants and parents will be required to sign a contract.**
- 2) A family member may work for the contestant. They must sign in and sign out with the Event Director and give contestant’s name. All workers MUST be in dress code while in the arena. It is recommended that an adult or older sibling supervise Little Wranglers.
- 3) If contestant (or someone on their behalf) does not work their designated event, they will receive 1 warning and then a fine in the amount of \$150 will be assessed for each future violation. All fees must be paid prior to the start of the next rodeo.
- 4) **Contestants will not be allowed to have cell phones in the arena.**

## DRESS CODE

- 1) All contestants, volunteers, & directors MUST be in western attire while in the arena **and/or behind the chutes, during Grand Entry, and awards.** Western attire consists of western hat or safety helmet, wrist length sleeved shirt that buttons or snaps close and has collar and cuffs, western boots, and long pants.
- 2) Hats must remain on contestant’s head until he/she crosses the plane of the arena or he/she will be disqualified. Approved riding helmets are allowed.
- 3) Shirts MUST be tucked in when crossing the plane of the arena or contestant will be disqualified.
- 4) Back numbers are required to be worn all weekend. Competing without your back number is a disqualification. NO other association back numbers are allowed.
- 5) Only exception to the dress code attire rule will be on dress code forgiveness day. Please see Local Awards (3)(iv) for more information.



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## RODEO ENTRIES

- 1) Call in will close the Monday 2 weeks prior to the rodeo, unless noted in advance. Call in is to be completed through the online entry system available from the National website at [www.nlbra.com](http://www.nlbra.com). Parents must obtain a log in (**only need one login per family**). Online entries open at least 3 weeks prior to the rodeo and close at midnight EST on the Monday 2 weeks prior to rodeo. There is NO standing call in.
- 2) Late entries will be accepted until 8 pm on the Friday after call in. Late entries must call in to rodeo secretary at 407-973-5548. There will be a \$50 late call in fee.
- 3) Contestant must **call out by 8 pm on Friday after online entries close to avoid being assessed fees**.
- 4) \$50 fee will be added for returned checks. Local points will be pulled until payment is satisfied. Contestant will not be able to enter any future Little Britches rodeos until all fees have been paid up to date.
- 5) All call outs must go through the rodeo secretary. Entry fees will only be returned for call outs that have a vet or doctor release. The secretary must be notified in advance at 407-973-5548.
- 6) If a visible injury to a contestant or contestant's animal occurs during the rodeo, the injury needs to be verified by an officer (President, Vice President, Arena Director) to have funds refunded.
- 7) **Entry fees are to be paid in advance by mail or by Quickbook invoice. Fees MUST be RECEIVED by midnight on the Friday one week before the scheduled rodeo. CONTESTANTS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE DRAW, INVOICED CANCELLED, AND UNABLE TO COMPETE IF ENTRY FEES ARE NOT RECEIVED BY DEADLINE. There will be an additional invoicing fee based on your total due.**

Mail in entry fees should be mailed to:

FLBRA/ATTN: Becky Burnette  
5010 N Canoe Creek Rd  
Kenansville, FL 34739

## DIVISION / ENTRY FEES

- 1) All contestants are required to pay a \$20 Contestant/Grounds Fee per contestant per **rodeo (includes \$10 NLBRA fee for contestant insurance, \$4 secretary fee, & \$6 to association for expenses)**.
- 2) **60% of entry fees (not including stock charge) goes towards jackpot.** Entry fees are listed below:
- 3) Little Wrangler Boys & Girls (ages 5-8)
  - Barrel Racing \$25
  - Pole Bending \$25
  - Flag Race \$25
  - Goat Untying \$15 + \$10 stock charge
- 4) Junior Boys (ages 9-13)
  - Flag Race \$25
  - Goat Tying \$15 + \$10 stock charge
  - Breakaway Roping \$15 + \$15 stock charge
  - Dally Ribbon Roping \$15 + \$15 stock charge per contestant
  - Team Roping \$15 + \$15 stock charge per contestant
  - Saddle Bronc Steer Riding \$15 + \$15 stock charge
  - Bareback Steer Riding \$15 + \$15 stock charge
  - Bull Riding \$15 + \$30 stock charge
- 5) Junior Girls (ages 9-13)
  - Barrel Racing \$25



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Pole Bending \$25

Trail Course \$25

Goat Tying \$15 + \$10 stock charge

Breakaway Roping \$15 + \$15 stock charge

Team Roping \$15 + \$15 stock charge per contestant

Dally Ribbon Roping \$15 + \$15 stock charge per contestant

6) Senior Boys (ages 14-18)

Tie Down Roping \$15 + \$15 stock charge

Steer Wrestling \$15 + \$15 stock charge

Team Roping \$15 + \$15 stock charge per contestant

Dally Ribbon Roping \$15 + \$15 stock charge per contestant

Saddle Bronc Riding \$15 + \$30 stock charge

Bareback Riding \$15 + \$30 stock charge

Bull Riding \$15 + \$30 stock charge

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Barrel Racing \$25

Pole Bending \$25

Trail Course \$25

Goat Tying \$15 + \$10 stock charge

Breakaway Roping \$15 + \$15 stock charge

Team Roping \$15 + \$15 stock charge per contestant

Dally Ribbon Roping \$15 + \$15 stock charge per contestant

## EVENT INFORMATION

- 1) Little Wrangler Goats – Must cross designated line and run past the judge.
- 2) Junior Boy Goats – Boys must use a pigging string to make the tie. They are required to step back 3' from the goat after completing tie before time starts
- 3) Junior Dally Ribbon Roping
  - i. Teams may consist of 1 boy & 1 girl, 2 boys, or 2 girls.
  - ii. Contestant must indicate partner at time of entry. No draws will be made if there are no available partners to draw from. Contestants are allowed one entry.
  - iii. Roper may rebuild if no catch is made with the first loop. Only 2 loops are allowed.
- 4) Junior Team Roping
  - i. Teams may consist of 1 boy & 1 girl, 2 boys, or 2 girls.
  - ii. Contestant must indicate partner at time of entry. No draws will be made if there are no available partners to draw from. Contestants are allowed one entry.
  - iii. A team is allowed a combined total of 3 loops. The roper must rebuild.
- 5) Junior Breakaway Roping
  - i. Roper is allowed 2 loops but must carry 2 loops. Roper is not allowed to rebuild.
  - ii. Roper MUST use string provided by committee. Ropes and strings will be checked for proper tie.
- 6) Senior Dally Ribbon Roping
  - i. Teams may consist of 1 boy & 1 girl, 2 boys, or 2 girls.



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- ii. Contestant must indicate partner at time of entry. No draws will be made if there are no available partners to draw from. Contestants are allowed one entry.
  - iii. Roper is allowed only 1 loop.
- 7) Senior Team Roping
- i. Teams may consist of 1 boy & 1 girl, 2 boys, or 2 girls.
  - ii. Contestant must indicate partner at time of entry. No draws will be made if there are no available partners to draw from. Contestants are allowed one entry.
  - iii. A team is allowed a combined total of 2 loops.
- 8) Senior Tie Down Roping
- i. Roper is allowed 1 loop.
  - ii. Intentional dragging of calf, regardless of distance will result in a no time. Intentional dragging is defined as caused by contestant.
  - iii. Roper will be flagged no time for training his horse after giving signal.
- 9) Senior Breakaway Roping
- i. Roper is allowed 1 loop.
  - ii. Roper MUST use string provided by committee. Ropes and strings will be checked for proper tie.
- 10) Rough Stock Events
- i. Safety protective vests specifically designed for rodeo events and mouth pieces are mandatory in all rough stock events.
  - ii. Junior bull riders and steer riders are required to wear a helmet.
- 11) Slack
- i. Slack will only be offered to contestants for graduation. Slack will be run on the same weekend as the rodeo.
  - ii. Rodeo Secretary must be notified to request slack no later than 2 weeks prior to start of rodeo.
  - iii. Official documentation from school will be required.
- \*\*\*\* Events will be offered for slack occasionally at rodeo committee's discretion.

## LOCAL AWARDS

- 1) Contestant must be a National member and Local Membership must be paid for.
- 2) Contestant must compete in at least 75% of the FLBRA rodeos for each event to be eligible for awards in that event.
- 3) Contestant must meet the following mandatory fundraisers:
  - i. \$200 in raffle tickets per family. Required ticket sales will be due by the end of first rodeo in October. Additional tickets can be sold through our final rodeo of the season. Any tickets sold over the required \$200, will be split 50/50 between FLBRA and the family. It can be applied toward entry fees or reimbursed at end of season.
  - ii. \$100 yearbook ad per family. This will be due by the end of first rodeo in January. Ads will be required to be submitted by 2/1/2024 to be guaranteed to be in the book.



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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) It is the contestant's responsibility to read the rulebook. Any questions regarding the rulebook, can be brought to Arena Director, Secretary, or Officer for clarification. If they cannot determine the rule, an email will be sent to the National office requesting an explanation.
- 2) **Electric/motorized vehicles i.e.. Segways, Electric bikes are NOT permitted in arena alley ways, warm up areas, grandstands, and perimeter of arena.**
- 3) All rules and regulations will follow the NLBRA 2023 - 2024 Rulebook.
- 4) Anyone wanting to contest or appeal a call must submit an Appeal Form and \$25 to the rodeo secretary prior to the end of the rodeo. If the appeal is overturned in your favor, the fee will be reimbursed.
- 5) Any rule that is not listed in NLBRA Rulebook or covered in these Ground Rules will be determined based on the PRCA rulebook.
  - iii. If fundraiser requirements are not met, local points will no longer accumulate. Upon meeting fundraiser requirements, points will begin accumulating from the date the fundraiser requirement was met.
  - iv. Dress Code Forgiveness is an optional fundraiser to raise money for FLBRA. Contestants and volunteers may purchase FLBRA t-shirts and caps to wear at designated rodeos in lieu of long sleeve western shirts and cowboy hats. Non-local members may also purchase shirts and hats. **PREVIOUS YEAR SHIRTS ARE NOT ALLOWED**
- 6) Checks will NOT be held for fundraisers.
- 7) All awards will be based on the financial stability of the association. **Saddles (if affordable) will only be handed out to events with 3 or more contestants, unless the event saddle is requested by a sponsor specifically**
- 8) Duplicate prizes may be awarded to tying contestants at the rodeo committee's discretion. There will be no duplicates for event champions **or reserve champions**. Any ties for will be resolved with a runoff as follows:
  - i. ROUGH STOCK – 1 ride each on random draws
  - ii. BARRLES, POLES, FLAGS, & TRAIL – fastest time on 1 run
  - iii. TIMED EVENTS w/stock – 2 stock numbers are drawn, and each contestant will run both, best average wins
- 9) No ties for an All-Around award shall be recognized. In the event of a tie for All-Around, the All-Around prize will be awarded to the contestant who earned the most points throughout the finals weekend of competition.

## TRAVEL MONEY

- 1) Contestant(s) must meet all local mandatory fundraisers. (See LOCAL AWARDS).
- 2) Contestant(s) must have competed in 75% of the rodeos.
- 3) Travel money is not guaranteed and will be based on the financial stability of the association.
- 4) Travel money, when available, will be paid out per family, NOT per contestant.
- 5) Contestant must be entered to compete at the NLBFR and present at the location of the NLBFR to receive travel money.