



## THE OFFICIAL GROUND RULES OF THE FLORIDA LITTLE BRITCHES RODEO ASSOCIATION 2025 – 2026

### **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 **\$100 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 the start of the 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 1st through 7th 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	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>TH</sup>
Points	70	60	50	40	30	20	10

### **LOCAL MEMBER WORK ASSIGNMENTS**

- 1) ALL contestant families will receive a work assignment and MUST sign in and sign out with the event director. Families with 1-2 contestants will receive one assignment. Families with 3 or more contestants will receive 2 assignments.
- 2) Assignments will be the same from Sept- Dec. New assignments will be given for Jan-May.
- 3) Any family member may work for the contestant. They must sign in and sign out with the Event Director and give the contestant's name. All contestant workers MUST be in dress code while in the arena. Parents may purchase FLBRA t-shirts and caps to wear at designated rodeos in lieu of long sleeve western shirts and cowboy hats in the arena.
- 4) It is recommended that an adult or older sibling supervise Little Wranglers.
- 5) If a 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.
- 6) Contestants will not be allowed to have cell phones in the arena.

## **LOCAL MEMBER AWARDS**

- 1) Contestants must be a National member and Local Membership must be paid for.
- 2) Contestants must compete in at least 75% of the FLBRA rodeos for each event to be eligible for awards in that event. **The 25/26 Season will require participation in 13 rodeos.**
- 3) Contestant must meet the following mandatory fundraisers:
  - a) \$200 in raffle tickets per family. Required ticket sales will be due by the end of first rodeo in November. 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 the end of season.
  - b) \$100 yearbook ad per family. This will be due by the end of the first rodeo in January. Ads will be required to be submitted by 2/1/2025 to be guaranteed to be in the book.
  - c) 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.
  - d) Dress Code Forgiveness is an optional fundraiser to raise money for FLBRA. Contestants and volunteers may purchase FLBRA t-shirts and hats 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. However, any FLBRA hat is acceptable.
  - e) Checks will NOT be held for fundraisers.
- 4) All awards will be based on the financial stability of the association. Saddles (if affordable) will only be awarded to events with 3 or more contestants, participating in 75% or more of the rodeos during the season, unless the event saddle is requested by a sponsor specifically and must be paid in full by Jan 1st.
- 5) 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:
  - a) ROUGH STOCK – 1 ride each on random draws. **Should neither contestant cover their draw for the tie breaker, the contestant with the highest season aggregate score (total of all scores) for the season will be awarded the title.**
  - b) BARRELS, POLES, FLAGS, & TRAIL – fastest time on 1 run
  - c) TIMED EVENTS w/stock – 2 stock numbers are drawn, and each contestant will run both, best aggregate wins
- 6) 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.

## **LOCAL MEMBER 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. (13 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(s) must compete in at least one round of the NLBFR to receive travel money.

## **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. Directors, volunteers, and NON contestant helpers may opt to wear western style footwear and are permitted to wear Forgiveness shirts and hats at ALL rodeos.
- 2) Hats must remain on the 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 visible is a disqualification. NO other association back numbers are allowed.
- 5) The only exception to the dress code attire rule will be on dress code forgiveness day. Please see Local Awards (3)(d) for more information.

## **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 **6 pm on the Wednesday after call in**. Late entries must call/text the rodeo secretary at (352)446-4480. There will be a \$50 late call-in fee.
- 3) Contestants must call out by **6pm** no later than 10 days prior to the rodeo to avoid being assessed fees. Please see Calendar on the website for all important dates.
- 4) **All call outs must go through the FLBRA on-line google link. See the website under current rodeo for the form.** Entry fees will only be returned for call outs that have a vet or doctor release. For a vet or doctor's release draw out please contact the secretary at 352-446-4480.
- 5) A \$50 fee will be added for returned checks. Local points will be pulled until payment is satisfied. Contestants will not be able to enter any future Little Britches rodeos until all fees have been paid up to date
- 6) If a visible injury to a contestant or contestant's animal occurs during the rodeo, the injury needs to be verified by a board member only in order to have entry fees refunded.
- 7) Entry fees are to be paid in advance by invoice. There will be an additional invoicing fee based on your total due (\$5 minimum). Invoices will be sent to the email address on file with NLBRA. Fees **MUST** be RECEIVED by **6pm on the Sunday 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.** An UNPAID invoice will be reported to the NLBRA office and contestant will be unable to compete in any NLBRA rodeo until the invoice is paid in full.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS-** refer to NLBRA Rulebook for ALL rule & requirements

- 1) It is the contestant's responsibility to **read the rulebook**. Any questions regarding the rulebook can be brought to the Arena Director, Secretary, or Officer for clarification.
- 2) Electric/motorized vehicles i.e. Segways, Electric bikes are NOT permitted at any FLBRA rodeos. Golf carts/Crickets are permitted and may only be operated by non-contestant adults 18yrs old and older.
- 3) All rules and regulations will follow the NLBRA 2025 - 2026 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.

## **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) Checks issued by FLBRA are required to be deposited within 90 days. Any funds not deposited within the 90 days will be considered forfeited.
- 3) 60% of entry fees (not including stock charge) goes towards the jackpot.  
Entry fees are listed below:

### **Little Wrangler Boys & Girls (ages 5-8)**

Barrel Racing \$25  
Pole Bending \$25  
Flag Race \$25  
Goat Untying \$15 + \$15 stock charge

### **Junior Boys (ages 9-13)**

Flag Race \$25  
Goat Tying \$15 + \$15 stock charge  
Breakaway Roping \$15 + \$20 stock charge  
Dally Ribbon Roping \$15 + \$20 stock charge per contestant  
Team Roping \$15 + \$20 stock charge per contestant  
Saddle Bronc Steer Riding \$15 + \$50 stock charge  
Bareback Steer Riding \$15 + \$50 stock charge  
Bull Riding \$15 + \$50 stock charge

### **Junior Girls (ages 9-13)**

Barrel Racing \$25  
Pole Bending \$25  
Trail Course \$25  
Goat Tying \$15 + \$15 stock charge  
Breakaway Roping \$15 + \$20 stock charge  
Team Roping \$15 + \$20 stock charge per contestant  
Dally Ribbon Roping \$15 + \$20 stock charge per contestant

### **Senior Boys (ages 14-18)**

Tie Down Roping \$15 + \$20 stock charge  
Steer Wrestling \$15 + \$20 stock charge  
Team Roping \$15 + \$20 stock charge per contestant  
Dally Ribbon Roping \$15 + \$20 stock charge per contestant  
Saddle Bronc Riding \$15 + \$50 stock charge  
Bareback Riding \$15 + \$50 stock charge  
Bull Riding \$15 + \$50 stock charge

### **Senior Girls (ages 14-18)**

Barrel Racing \$25  
Pole Bending \$25  
Trail Course \$25  
Goat Tying \$15 + \$15 stock charge  
Breakaway Roping \$15 + \$20 stock charge  
Team Roping \$15 + \$20 stock charge per contestant  
Dally Ribbon Roping \$15 + \$20 stock charge per contestant

## **EVENT INFORMATION**

- 1) Little Wrangler Goats –
  - a) Must cross the designated line and run past the judge.
- 2) Junior Boy Goats –
  - a) Boys must use a pigging string to make the tie.
  - b) They are required to step back 3' from the goat after completing the tie before time starts.
- 3) Junior Dally Ribbon Roping
  - a) Teams may consist of 1 boy & 1 girl, 2 boys, or 2 girls.
  - b) Contestant must indicate a partner at time of entry. No draws will be made if there are no available partners to draw from. Contestants are allowed one entry.
  - c) Roper may rebuild if no catch is made with the first loop. Only 2 loops are allowed.
- 4) Junior Team Roping
  - a) Teams may consist of 1 boy & 1 girl, 2 boys, or 2 girls.
  - b) Contestant must indicate a partner at time of entry. No draws will be made if there are no available partners to draw from. Contestants are allowed one entry.
  - c) A team is allowed a combined total of 3 loops. The roper must rebuild.
- 5) Junior Breakaway Roping
  - a) Roper is allowed 2 loops but must carry 2 loops. Roper is not allowed to rebuild.
  - b) Roper MUST use string provided by the committee. Ropes and strings will be checked for proper tie.
- 6) Senior Dally Ribbon Roping
  - a) Teams may consist of 1 boy & 1 girl, 2 boys, or 2 girls.
  - b) Contestants 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.
  - c) Roper is allowed only 1 loop.
- 7) Senior Team Roping
  - a) Teams may consist of 1 boy & 1 girl, 2 boys, or 2 girls.
  - b) Contestants 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.
  - c) A team is allowed a combined total of 2 loops.
- 8) Senior Tie Down Roping
  - a) Roper is allowed 1 loop.
  - b) Intentional dragging of the calf, regardless of distance will result in a no time. Intentional dragging is defined as caused by the contestant.
  - c) Roper will be flagged no time for training his horse after giving signal.
- 9) Senior Breakaway Roping
  - a) Roper is allowed 1 loop.
  - b) Roper MUST use string provided by the committee. Ropes and strings will be checked for proper tie.
- 10) Rough Stock Events
  - a) Safety protective vests specifically designed for rodeo events and mouth pieces are mandatory in all rough stock events.
  - b) Junior bull riders and steer riders are required to wear a helmet.
- 11) Slack
  - a) Slack will only be offered to contestants for graduation ONLY. Slack will be run on the same weekend as the rodeo and will be scheduled at a time deemed appropriate by the board of directors.
  - b) Rodeo Secretary must be notified to request slack no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of the rodeo. Official documentation from school will be required.
  - c) \*\*\*\* Events may be offered for slack occasionally at the board's discretion.