

FLORIDA LITTLE BRITCHES RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(As of 2018)

ARTICLE I

Name

FLORIDA LITTLE BRITCHES RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE II

Purposes and Aims

1. To build character, citizenship, professionalism, and good sportsmanship in the young people of Florida by supporting and competing in the sport of rodeo. The FLBRA will establish expectation standards to be met to reach this end.
2. To maintain order and standards set up by the National Little Britches Rodeo Association and the Florida Little Britches Rodeo Association, Inc. among members at their functions. The Florida Little Britches Rodeo Association, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.
3. To follow all rules as set down and duly adopted by the National Little Britches Rodeo Association.
4. To promote Rodeo on a statewide scale and work toward this by bringing statewide recognition to this activity for youth who are 18 and under of the FLBRA year (Age of contestant is determined by age as of the first Monday at midnight following the National Little Britches Finals of that year. Little Wranglers become eligible upon turning 5 years old.)
5. To keep the Western Heritage alive in America and the State of Florida.
6. To promote a closer relationship among the people interested in this activity and the organizations they represent.
7. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions that are necessary for the organization to operate. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the participation in or intervention in, including the publishing or distribution of statement(s), any political campaign on behalf of any other provisions except as provided in these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on.
 - a) By corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or
 - b) By a corporation contribution to which are deductible under Section s 170(c) (2) or the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law)
8. In the event of dissolution of this nonprofit organization, any assets belonging to the FLBRA after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation will dispose of assets of the corporation

inclusively for the purposes of the corporation and in such manner or to such organization(s) organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization(s) under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of this corporation shall determine. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation has been located, as said court shall determine which organization and operated exclusively for such purpose.

ARTICLE III

Qualifications of Members and Manner of Admission

1. Membership shall be open to anyone wishing to support and perpetuate the sport of rodeo and youth involvement in the sport.
2. All members of this organization will have access to the Ground Rules and By-Laws and will comply with all the rules and By-Laws. Decisions of the Officers will be final.
3. Membership in the Association shall consist of two (2) categories.
 - a) Contestant Membership – Open to youth interested in the sport of rodeo and eligible to compete in approved rodeos. Contestant members shall pay the current year’s national membership dues as governed by the NLBRA.
 - b) Associate Membership – Open to all persons, firms, or corporations actively engaged in promoting youth rodeo. All rodeo personnel (judges, announcers, bull fighters, pick up men, stock contractors, photographers, and specialty acts) must be an Associate card holder.

ARTICLE IV

Management of the Association and Officers

1. The affairs of the FLBRA shall be managed by an Executive Committee: President, Vice-President, Franchise Secretary, and Board of Directors that consists of the Rodeo Secretary, Rough Stock Director, Roping Director, and Speed Event Director, who shall be elected annually by the local membership near the end of the prior season. The President and Vice President Officers and Directors shall hold office from August 1st to July 31st of the year following their election and continue in office until July 31st after the National Little Britches Finals Rodeo.
2. The Secretary and Treasurer may be a combined office, or the Treasurer shall be appointed by Officers.
3. The appointment of the Treasurer shall be made at the regular Annual meeting of the Officers, following their election.

OFFICERS

1. Election of Adult Officers:

- i. Candidates will be nominated from the floor.
- ii. All officers will be elected by majority vote of members voting.
- iii. Any officer, by vote, may succeed himself in office.

2. Duties of Officers:

a) President

- i. Shall be the chairman of the Executive Committee, and an ex-officio member of all committees.
- ii. Shall preside over all member meetings.
- iii. Shall assume all duties, functions, privileges, and rights of the President of the Florida Little Britches Rodeo Association; including but not limited to scheduling, contracts, and public relations.

b) Vice President

- i. The Vice President will assume the duties of the President in his/her absence. In the event of a vacancy, he/she will assume the duties of the President until the annual election of officers or until the board elects someone to fulfill the position.
- ii. He/She shall serve as Arena Director for all regularly scheduled rodeos.
- iii. He/She may appoint someone to assist with the arena director's duties, but they shall not be considered a member of the Board of Directors of the FLBRA.
- iv. Assist the President in responsibilities upon request.

c) Franchise Secretary

- i. Shall keep the minutes of all meetings and preserve all documents of the organization.
- ii. Shall organize and file all required franchise paperwork with the NLBRA and business partners.
- iii. Shall complete all duties required to maintain FLBRA in good standing with the NLBRA.
- iv. Shall serve as points secretary for local points.
- v. Shall verify memberships and keep track of local member obligations.
- vi. Shall keep track of all sponsors and make sure FLBRA fulfills obligations by providing monthly sheets to rodeo secretary for announcers, communications director for website and social media, and awards committee.

d) Treasurer

- i. Shall maintain an account register for accounts receivable and accounts payable.
- ii. Shall deposit funds and disperse funds as necessary.
- iii. Shall complete a profit/loss statement after each rodeo.
- iv. Shall prepare a printed financial statement for each quarter.
- v. Shall invoice members and customers as needed.
- vi. Appointed, Non-Voting Board Member

e) Rodeo Secretary

- i. Shall be responsible for receiving and inputting contestant entries.
- ii. Shall coordinate with stock contractor and judge(s) to handle all aspects of stock draw.
- iii. Shall prepare all necessary paperwork including day sheets, stock draw, judges/timers/announcers' sheets and whatever else is deemed necessary to facilitate the rodeo smoothly and accurately.
- iv. Shall be responsible for data input for each rodeo and will send all necessary paperwork to the National office in a timely manner.

f) Rough Stock Director (Bull/Steer Riding, Saddle Bronc, Steer Wrestling)

- i. Work with Arena Director to ensure chutes are set properly and in working order. Work with judge(s) to make sure barrier is set and in working order for Steer Wrestling. Make sure all equipment/supplies are stocked.
- ii. Verify stock numbers prior to the stock draw.
- iii. Line up volunteers to assist with each event to ensure things run smoothly and efficiently.
- iv. The Rough Stock Director may serve as the Event Director for any and/or all rough stock events or may appoint a volunteer to oversee each individual event in their division.

g) Roping Director (Tie Down, Breakaway, Ribbon Roping, Team Roping, Goat Tying)

- i. Work with Judge/Arena Director to ensure barriers are set properly and in working order. Make sure all equipment/supplies are stocked.
- ii. Verify stock numbers prior to the stock draw.
- iii. Line up volunteers to assist with each event to ensure things run smoothly and efficiently.
- iv. The Roping Director may serve as the Event Director for any and/or all roping events or may appoint a volunteer to oversee each individual event in their division.

h) Speed Event Director (Barrels, Poles, Flags, Trail Course)

- i. Work with Arena Director to ensure arena is set correctly for each event. Make sure all equipment/supplies are stocked.
- ii. Work with judges to ensure timers are set up and in working order.
- iii. Line up volunteers to assist with each event to ensure things run smoothly and efficiently.
- iv. The Speed Event Coordinator may serve as the Event Director for any and/or all speed events or may appoint a volunteer to oversee each individual event in their division.

i) Queen/Princess (optional – Board approval)

- i. The Queen should be prepared to carry the flag and ride for the National Anthem and stand for prayer.
- ii. For rodeos with performances, the Queen will coordinate a Grand Entry with the Princess(es) and contestants. To be included in the Grand entry is the American flag, state flag, Little Britches flag, National Anthem, and prayer followed by the rest of the contestants if permitted. The Queen will also need to coordinate with Queens from other franchises when we host a multi-state event.
- iii. The Queen/Princess(es) shall wear her banner/sash when required to be in official dress code. She is required to be in western attire at all times during performances whether competing or not.
- iv. The Queen/Princess(es) is primarily responsible for the selling of 50/50 Tickets to support the association and promote public relations in the stands. If she cannot sell 50/50 tickets, it is her

responsibility to appoint someone to sell them that will represent herself and the FLBRA in a positive way.

- v. The Queen/Princess(es) will be responsible for other duties as determined by the Officers to be in the best interest of the FLBRA.
- vi. The Queen is highly recommended to enter slack at rodeos with performances so that she is free to remain dressed with her banner and crown and perform her duties as listed above for public relations and Grand Entry.
- vii. The Queen/Princess(es) will be allowed to keep her crown and awards package, except for the chaps. The chaps will be passed on year to year.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and the ~~Certified Directors appointed by the Officers.~~ following Board of Directors' positions: Rodeo Secretary, Rough Stock Director, Roping Director, Speed Event Director. All members of the Board of Directors may also serve as certified directors at the national level.
- ~~2. Certified directors will be selected based on interest and involvement at the local and national level. A Certified Directors meeting will be held at the National Finals each year and attendance is strongly suggested.~~
3. The regular Annual Meeting of members shall be held ~~within the last 90 days~~ at least 60 days prior to FLBRA's last regular rodeo of the season with the election of officers for the following year. Those elected will not take office until August 1.
4. After the Finals, a joint meeting shall be held to clean up old business and then seat new officers. A minimum of ~~one (1)~~ four (4) Directors' meeting shall be held annually to discuss ~~following seasons~~ business. Other meetings may be added as the Board of Directors deems necessary.
5. Certified Directors will be selected based on interest and involvement at the national level. Appointed Certified Directors are NOT Board Members of the FLBRA. A Certified Director meeting will be held at the National Finals each year and attendance is strongly suggested to vote on the National Board. Anyone interested in being a Certified Director may contact a Board Member of the FLBRA.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3's) vote of the qualified members present at any annual meeting of the Association, or at any special meeting of the Association called for that purpose, provided they are submitted to the membership for examination at least two (2) weeks prior to their enactment. Approved By-Law amendments are effective at the start of the succeeding season and for all business correlating to it.