

Indiana Junior Rodeo Association
and
Indiana Little Britches Association

By-Laws
Rules and Regulations

NATIONAL LITTLE BRITCHES RULEBOOK

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The Indiana Junior Rodeo Association was organized in 1989 to better educate and promote the sport of Rodeo. The founding members saw a need to provide a training ground for younger children in the sport of Rodeo. The organization was incorporated on September 7, 1990. Our organization helps to build skills that our children can use in High School Rodeo and beyond. Our association promotes the building of character and sportsmanship in our young cowboys and cowgirls. We stress responsibility, cooperation, and good conduct in our participants. We see this as a way to help our children to develop into outgoing and productive individuals in their communities. Inside many children is the desire to become a part of the West by being a cowboy or cowgirl. We strive to encourage children to perform to his or her highest potential and to realize their dreams. Our association is a non-profit, independent athletic association that uses no school or tax dollars, and we provide our own insurance coverage. We have a variety of events that our children can compete in. We have different events for our younger children at the younger level, so they may develop skills needed to compete in the older divisions. Inside every child, there is the need to be accepted for who and what they are. We, through our organization, strive to provide the best possible growing ground for our competitors.

Indiana Junior Rodeo Association

By-Laws

Article I

NAME

This organization will be known as the Indiana Junior Rodeo Association, Inc. hereafter referred to as the club.

Article II

PURPOSE

To better educate and promote the sport of Rodeo.

Article III

Membership

To participate in the club, you must either have an Indiana Junior Rodeo Association (IJRA) Membership or a National Little Britches Association Membership (NLBRA). The IJRA membership is available for children 4 years and younger or for any contestant that is competing in a NON NLBRA event offered by the IJRA. If a contestant enters an NLBRA rodeo event, they must have a valid membership with the NLBRA or pay a Non NLBRA member fee. The IJRA season will coincide with the NLBRA schedule. The age divisions for the NLBRA are determined by the age the contestant is on the Monday following the National Little Britches Finals. The age divisions offered by the IJRA are as follows. 4 and under division, 5-8; Little Wrangler Division: boys and girls, 9-13; Junior Girls Division, 9-13; Junior Boys Division, 14-18; Senior Girls Division, and 14-18; Senior Boys Division. The season will run from the Monday following the National Little Britches Finals through the 1st week of June or otherwise determined by the NLBRA. The NLBRA finals will be scheduled through the National Little Britches office. Qualifications for the National Little Britches finals will be determined by the National Office. All NLBRA rodeo rules apply to the association and club where NLBRA events are being held and/or offered. Membership voting privileges are determined on a per family basis. Each IJRA family whose children are eligible for year-end awards will receive 2 ballots. These voting privileges and ballots are to be used for Annual Membership Meetings and Election of Officers and Board of Directors. Elections will be overseen by the Board of Directors. The Indiana Junior Rodeo Association owns the Indiana Little Britches Franchise and/or affiliations with the National Little Britches. The Indiana Little Britches Franchise will be governed by the Indiana Junior Rodeo Association.

Article IV

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The officers of this club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Association Secretary, Rodeo Secretary, and Treasurer. The position of President, Vice President, Association Secretary, and Rodeo Secretary shall be elected by the membership. The position of the Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The treasurer will remain in office until the board appoints a new treasurer or the treasurer resigns, at which time a new treasurer will be appointed. The office of Secretary and Treasurer will be combined the first year. The President and Treasurer shall have no vote in the decision of the board of directors, except in the case of a tie, in which the President will cast the deciding vote. To be nominated to serve as an IJRA Board Member you must have a child that competed in the IJRA for two or more years, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors. Election of Officers and Board of Directors will take place at the association's Annual Membership Meeting.

President

The President shall lead, plan, organize, and carry out the responsibilities for the association. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Vice President

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President if the President is absent or unable to act. He or she shall work with and coordinate the activities of the standing committees when so directed by the President.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be the financial officer of the club. He or she shall deposit all funds in such bank that the membership approves. He or she shall disburse all monies as authorized by the membership for the account of the club and shall take proper receipts of all monies disbursed by, he or she. The Treasurer shall provide a monthly check register to each Board Member at each monthly meeting. The Treasurer shall not make any disbursements without receipts. The Board shall approve all expenditures other than normal operating expenses. At the end of each fiscal year a financial statement shall be prepared and submitted to the club at the first business meeting of the new fiscal year. The officers shall audit this balance sheet for the current year.

Association Secretary

The Association Secretary shall keep complete minutes of all business transacted at the meetings of the club and board of directors' meetings. The minutes shall be submitted to the board of directors and amended as required and then filed in the club's record book. The secretary shall keep a complete record of all members of the club, and their addresses and other contact information in the club's record book. They will also be responsible for the safekeeping of all records of the club. He or she shall be responsible for all activity notices that are to be sent to the membership. Membership list and rosters with contact information of all members. Association Secretary is also responsible for keeping a list of the contestants who have met all membership and sponsorship requirements to be eligible for year-end awards and should relay that information to the Rodeo Secretary as well as documenting all money collected for sponsorship and membership to the treasurer so that it can be properly accounted for. The Association Secretary will also be responsible for all rulebook changes deemed necessary by the board of directors. The Association Secretary is also responsible for all communications to the membership via the chosen communication avenues available.

Rodeo Secretary

The Rodeo Secretary shall consist of (1) elected member and two (2) helpers. He or she shall keep complete records for participation in the contestant's points system. All rodeos should be scheduled through the rodeo secretary. The Rodeo Secretary shall be responsible for all timing, scoring, and point recording. Points for the year-end totals will be kept from the first rodeo of the season through the final rodeo of the season.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be made of four (4) members in good standing, one (1) alternate, and one (1) member at large and five (5) officers of the association. This board shall act as an advisory group to assist the President in the direction of the membership, in the best interest of the club and to the accomplishment of its objectives. The past President shall serve the following year in the position of member at large. Only the past President can fill the member at large position. The Board shall vote upon committee Chairman.

Article V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Association Secretary, Rodeo Secretary, four (4) elected members of the club, plus one (1) alternate, and the past President, serving as member at large for 1 year.

The vacancy in the office of the President, either temporary or permanent shall be filled in the following order:

- a) Vice President, b) Treasurer.

Vacancies in all other offices or in the Board of Directors shall be filled by special election determined by the Board of Directors. Impeachment proceedings may be instituted against any officer or director of the club if he or she shall willfully or maliciously execute the duties of his or her office in contrast to the majority wish of the club, or if he or she shall fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the club without legitimate excuse. (Sickness, or death in the family or absence for business reasons shall constitute a legitimate excuse.)

A majority vote in favor of impeachment by the membership shall remove a subject from his or her office and may by majority vote of the membership cancel his or her privileges of membership of the club.

Article VI

PAYMENT OF MONIES AND FISCAL YEAR

No officer or director or member of the club shall incur any financial obligations in the name of the club or make payments of any monies of the club without having previously such action approved by the Board of Directors. All checks and other instruments for the payment of monies of the club shall be drawn by the Treasurer in the name of the club and shall be signed by the Treasurer. The fiscal year shall begin January 1st and end December 31st. Election of officers to be held at a date determined by each board. The Membership is to be notified at least thirty days prior to the election date that is determined. This shall also be the annual meeting of the membership. New officers and Board Directors take effect following the end of the prior year's season.

Article VII

MEETING

Board of Directors meetings shall be held every month or as deemed necessary by the President. General meetings will be held in accordance with the rodeos. Special meetings may be called by the President or by petition to the Association Secretary signed by at least ten (10) – voting members of the club. Members must be notified at least six (6) days in advance of the meeting.

Article VIII

LIMITATIONS

No alcoholic beverages shall be permitted at any functions authorized by the club. Violators will be dismissed or suspension.

Article IX

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the By-Laws may be proposed by the officers or the membership or by recommendation of the By-Laws committee when the club activates such committee. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the membership by letter at least fifteen (15) days prior to a scheduled meeting by which the amendments are to be brought to a vote. The proposed amendment shall become a part of the By-Laws upon the determination of two-thirds majority in the affirmative.

Article X

POLITICS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Any and all assets of the Corporation are permanently dedicated to exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of future laws). The Corporation shall not be operated for pecuniary and shall have no capital stock; shall make no distribution of dividends to its members, directors, officers, or persons having a private interest in the activities of the corporation, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in these By-Laws. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. In the event the Corporation is dissolved, the Board of Directors shall pay, satisfy and discharge all liabilities and obligations of the Corporation or make adequate provisions therefore and distribute all remaining assets of the Corporation to an organization or organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to those of the Corporation and organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954(or corresponding provisions of future laws.) Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the circuit court of the county in which the principle of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Amendment I

The IJRA shall retain the authority to evict from any function or to cancel membership of any person, member, or family for illegal activities or actions not consistent with the beliefs and intentions of the IJRA. This action is to be taken only by the Board of Directors decision.

Amendment II

The Board of Directors shall serve a 2-year term. The first year of adoption, if a board member is re-elected, this will be considered their second year and will be up for re-election the next year. If you are newly elected to the year of adoption, you will serve a 2-year term.

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Judge's Decision is FINAL on all rules and regulations.

If a rule is not stated in the IJRA Rulebook, please refer to the most current NLBRA rulebook.

IJRA ENROLLMENT QUALIFICATIONS

To compete in the IJRA: Contestants must fall into one of the following age groups, 4 and under, 5-8 (Little Wrangler), 9-13 (JR Girls), 9-13 (JR Boys), 14-18 (SR Girls), or 14-18 (SR Boys). All contestants ages 5 years to 18 years of age competing in NLBRA events, must obtain a National Little Britches Membership or pay a Non NLBRA Member Fee at each rodeo entered. To obtain this membership you must apply through the National Little Britches Association office, via their website or through the mail in membership application or online application and submitting all required documents. All other age groups (4 years and under) must obtain an IJRA Family Membership. As well as submitting proof of age, by presenting a birth certificate along with their membership application. To be eligible for IJRA awards, the Board of Directors may require additional requirements, such as membership, fundraising, and/or sponsorship. All requirements will be presented to the membership at the start of each season. Please see the most current NLBRA rulebook for membership requirements, age groups, and qualifications. www.nlbra.com

Conduct and Attire

Western saddles and equipment are required.

Contestants must wear Western Attire in the rodeo arena and behind the chutes. Western attire consists of western hat/helmet, long sleeved shirt with shirttail tucked in (wrist length sleeved with collar and cuffs), western boots and long pants. Sweatshirts, T-shirts, pullover sweaters or vest may be worn over a long-sleeved shirt if proper collar and cuffs are visible. Back numbers must also be visible. The only exception is for medical reasons and must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Rodeo Entry

Each contestant must enter through the process in which the Rodeo Secretary organizes. The Rodeo Secretary will communicate with the membership and the public as to the method they should enter. All entries must be received by the designated time set by the Rodeo Secretary. The deadlines for entries will be published at the time entries have opened. This information will be communicated by one or all the following methods, IJRA website, IJRA Facebook page, email, or the NLBRA website. There will be absolutely no late entries allowed. Any contestant that has entered an IJRA rodeo and cannot compete due to medical reasons to the contestant or the animal must have a doctor or veterinary note to be refunded any and/or all fees. They must also present a medical or veterinary release before they can enter another rodeo.

Draw Out Policy

If a contestant draws out on or 48 hours prior to the start of the rodeo all entry fees will be waived and/or refunded. If a contestant draws out prior to the time when check-in is over and prior to the stock draw, they must pay the arena fee and/or stock fee associated with their specific events entered. Contestants who draw out after the final draw has been posted or no show to their event, must pay ENTIRE entry fees and arena fees for the rodeo they did not draw out of, but were signed up for. Before they can participate in the next scheduled rodeo, all fees not collected, must be paid before they enter the next rodeo. The ONLY EXCEPTION to this is if the contestant provides a signed veterinary or medical report declaring the inability to compete and must be submitted to the Rodeo Secretary and board for approval. They must also submit a medical release to compete in the next scheduled rodeo.

Fees

All fees will be set on a per season basis. At the beginning of each season the IJRA Board of Directors will set the fees for membership, entry fees, stock fees, sponsorship fees, and any fundraising requirements at the beginning of the season. NLBRA fees and requirements supersede all IJRA requirements.

IJRA Membership is for 4 and under contestants and for contestants who compete in non NLBRA events and is \$30 per family.

NLBRA Membership is assessed by the National Little Britches Association on a yearly basis. Current annual membership is \$100 per contestant.

All entry fees will remain the same for the entire season. All entry fees will be communicated on entry forms presented by the Rodeo Secretary.

Fees will be due at the time of entry or otherwise communicated by the Rodeo Secretary. Current forms of payments are PayPal, checks, and cash.

All NLBRA contestants must pay \$10.00 per rodeo.

Current Entry Fees- ALL PAYOUTS ARE BASED ON THE ENTRY FEE ONLY, WHERE APPLICABLE-

All payouts are based on the NLBRA Format C guidelines. Please see NLBRA Rulebook.

**IJRA EVENTS ONLY*

EVENT	ENTRY FEE	STOCK FEE	ARENA FEE	TOTAL FEE
BARRELS	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
POLES	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
FLAGS	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
GOAT TIE/UNTIE	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$25.00
TRAIL COURSE	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
CALF SLED ROPING*	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
DUMMY ROPING*	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
MUTTON BUSTING*	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$25.00
CALF RIDING*	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$30.00
BREAKAWAY	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$25.00
TIE DOWN CALF ROPING	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$25.00
TEAM ROPING	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$25.00
RIBBON ROPING	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$25.00
STEER WRESTLING	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$25.00
SR BAREBACK BRONC	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$35.00
JR BAREBACK STEER	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$30.00
SR SADDLE BRONC	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$35.00
JR SADDLE STEER	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$30.00
SR BULL RIDING	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$35.00
JR BULL RIDING	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$35.00
JR BOY CHUTE DOGGING*	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$25.00

CONTESTANT DISQUALIFICATIONS

Disqualification from the Indiana Junior Rodeo Association (IJRA) shall be subject to appeal to the Board of Directors.

Contestants will be disqualified for any of the following:

- Competing under an assumed name or falsifying any entry information
- Attempting to enter an IJRA while under suspension.
- Evasion of financial obligations on the part of a Contestant or family member incurred as a result of entry, membership, or participation in any IJRA functions.
- Failure to return any prize erroneously awarded.
- Failure to display contestant's back number.
- Improper attire
- Failure to comply with Arena Director's instructions.
- Improper entrance to the arena
- Not being ready when called.
 - Announcer shall call contestant three (3) times. If the contestant is not present and prepared to compete, he/she shall be disqualified from that event.
- If a contestant does not enter the arena or call for stock within in sixty (60) second time limit, he/she shall be disqualified from that event.
- Failure to have western hat/helmet on his/her head for any competing events:
 - In all speed/pattern events, goat tying events, when entering the arena and crossing the plane of the "in" gate.
 - In roping events and steer wrestling, when calling for stock.
 - In all rough stock events, when calling for stock
- Use of illegal or improper equipment (to be determined by the judges, board of directors, or the NLBRA rulebook)
- Exceeding time limits. Failure to complete an event in the prescribed time limit (excluding penalties) set for that event will result in disqualification from that event. Contestants must leave the arena immediately upon expiration of the time limit.
- Not being mounted. A contestant must be mounted at the completion of his/her time in an event, unless it is an integral part of the competition for the contestant to be on foot, as in calf roping, or steer wrestling, or goat tie. Failure to be mounted will result in a disqualification from that event. Contestant may not remount nor continue the event.
- Recrossing the start/finish line. In all timed events using a start/finish line, a contestant shall be disqualified for re-crossing the start/finish line prior to finishing the designated pattern unless arena conditions require to cross the start/finish line. A judge must determine if the line has been broken.
- Running an animal through the entrance gate, unless arena conditions allow, and a staging area is set up.
- Breaking pattern. A contestant shall be disqualified for breaking the pattern in pole bending, barrels, flags, and trail course.
- In any roping event, anyone on the ground handing the rope to a contestant or contestant dismounting to pick up a rope after it has been thrown, to rebuild the loop.
- In roping events, no stock can be roped in the box. Roping any stock while it is in either of the two boxes will result in a no time.
- A suspended contestant who has entered any IJRA function will automatically surrender any fees advanced to that rodeo after the date of suspension.

General Disqualifications

Members, contestants, and spectators will be removed/disqualified for any of the following.

- Intentional abuse of stock
- Abuse of officials or other contestants, by contestants, contestant's family, or contestant's friends
- Tampering with another contestant's equipment or with rodeo stock or with the facilities, including moving rodeo stock at a rodeo in or out of the arena before, during or after any performance.
- Cheating by a contestant or member of the contestant's family
- Insistence of family members upon assisting contestant in competition
- Deliberate or continued failure to report for any event.
- Profanity or obscenity
- Quarreling, rowdyism, harassment, intimidation or bullying among contestants, adults and families shall not be tolerated. At the Boards discretion, suspension rules shall be enforced.
- Use of illegal, unapproved, or improper equipment
- Acquisition of another's property
- Use of, or traffic in. intoxicating beverages or drugs.

Probation

Any member of the IJRA, Contestant or adult who makes themselves incompatible to the operations of the IJRA's program by words or deeds, may be placed on probation. The Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may impose probation after considering the acts of conduct of its members. Neither hearing nor evidence is required for a member to be placed on probation. Probation may be up to one year. A member on probationary status shall have any and all rights of any IJRA member. The Board of Directors or Executive Committee reserves the right to limit the rights of members on probation.

Suspension

Any members of the IJRA, Contestant or adult who makes themselves incompatible to the operation of the IJRA's program by words or deeds, may be suspended for a period of up to one year. Contestants may also be placed on the suspended list for failure to adhere to mandatory requirements and this may result in non-participation in IJRA events. To suspend a contestant or adult, the Board of Directors must conduct a hearing at the earliest opportunity to determine the facts of the words or deeds which make the member incompatible to the operations of the Association. At a hearing, the member shall have the opportunity to be heard and to present a defense. This hearing shall be conducted informally by the Board of Directors, who shall make a determination of the facts of the incompatible words or deeds and inform the members in writing of the suspension. Suspension shall be for any length of time up to one year. During suspension, the member shall be deprived of all rights and benefits of being a member of the IJRA. All members must be in good standing.

Expulsion

Any members of IJRA, contestant or adult, or an entire family who makes themselves incompatible to the operations of the IJRA's program by words or deeds may be permanently expelled from the association. Any members who commits a serious criminal offense, who engages in acts of cheating or attempts cheating acts that attempt to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, harass, or coerce a rodeo judge, shall be permanently expelled from the association.

Appeal Procedures

Any members of the IJRA, contestant or adult, disqualified from the IJRA has the right to petition the Board of Directors for reinstatement. A statement from the members in question must be included in the petition describing the decision

being appealed and the factual basis for review within five (5) days after the notified of the decision being appealed. The members shall have the opportunity to be heard and present evidence to support their position. The Board of Directors, upon hearing the evidence, may affirm, modify, or reverse the decision and the members shall be not of the ruling. The appeal procedure shall not apply to or supersede the protest procedure provisions set herein, nor to the decisions of judges, flagman, or timers in contest events.

Humane Regulations

- It shall be the dual responsibility of the Stock Contractor and Rodeo Officials to provide sufficient stock to prevent the extensive use of animals.
- Both Rodeo Committee and Stock Contractors shall be held responsible for the humane treatment of stock.
- Animals for all events will be inspected. No sore, lame, sick, or injured animals or animals with defective eyesight shall be permitted. Should an animal become sick or injured before the time it is scheduled to be used in competition that animal shall not be used, and another animal shall be drawn to be used.
- Any IJRA Stock Contractor, Official, or contestant guilty of mistreating livestock will lose franchise, and/or membership in the IJRA.
- Contract acts and clowns using stock shall be subject to the same rules of humane treatment of stock as apply to all others.
- It is the responsibility of the Rodeo Committee to see that any injured animals be removed and/or cared for at the earliest time possible.
- The committee will have available the name and location of the nearest facility for emergency animal treatment.
- The Stock Contractor, Rodeo Judges, and Arena Directors shall have the option to shorten any event's time limit, in which contracted stock is used, for safety reasons and to minimize stress on the animals.
- No wooden paddles or twisted wire whips are permissible.
- In calf roping, calves may not be intentionally flipped backward. The contestant must adjust rope and reins in such a manner that will prevent horse from dragging the calf. The rope is to be removed from the calf's body as soon as possible after the "tie" is completed.
- No animal shall be treated inhumanely or prodded excessively. Standard electric prods shall be used as little as possible. Animals shall only be touched on the hip or shoulder area with prod.
- A conveyance must be available and used, if possible, to remove animals from the arena in case of injury. Injured animals shall be removed from the arena on a led, pick-up truck, or stretcher. Animals removed from the arena shall be placed in a situation as isolated and comfortable as possible to reduce stress.
- No steer tails will be allowed under the flank straps.
- No stimulants or hypnotics are to be given to any animal used for contest purposes.
- No small animals or pets are allowed in arena where restraint is necessary or where subject to injury to attack by another animal.
- Livestock shall be removed from the arena after completion of entry in the contest.
- Use of fireworks to frighten animals is prohibited.
- If an IJRA member, including contestant or stock contractors abuses an animal by an unnecessary, non-competitive or competitive action said person or persons may be disqualified. Officials will immediately inform the announcer that the contestant has been disqualified and spectators will be informed of the disqualification due to unnecessary roughness to livestock.
- No livestock shall be confined or transported in vehicles beyond a period of 24 hours without being unloaded and properly fed and watered. Failure to abide by this rule shall subject the Stock Contractor or contestant to possible suspension.
- Any animal that becomes overly excited so that it gets down in the chute, or in any way appears to be in danger of injuring itself, may be released immediately.
- All team roping steers must have horn wraps that extend four inches down the jaw from the base of the horns.

Protest Procedures

Any contestant with a protest must go to the arena director and/or event director before the event is over. The Arena Director and/or event director will make note of the protest and present it to the judge. Protestors, arena director/event director and judges will meet immediately following the event in question to discuss the protest. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Judge's decision shall be FINAL.

RODEO RULES

- Arena conditions will determine whether a run through gate is used-should this be changed?
- Barrier or Score
 - Arena conditions will determine the score, length of score to be set by arena director or timed event director. Maximum 10-foot score line. Once the score line has been set in timed events it will not be changed in that go, nor can the length of the box be changed. Barrier judge, arena director and/or event director shall keep a record of the length of the barrier trip rope each performance to assure the same start for contestants each performance.
 - Barrier equipment must be inspected by the judge/event director before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced. Barrier judge is responsible to change barrier string whenever it may have been weakened, or on the request of the next contestant.
 - In all timed events using a barrier, a barrier will not be considered broken unless ring drops within ten feet of the post. Should the barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, the decision is up to the barrier judge. If contestant obviously beats the barrier, but the staples are pulled, or barrier rope is broken and string unbroken, barrier judge may assess a ten-second penalty. Otherwise, this will not be considered a broken barrier.
 - If the barrier equipment hangs on the animal and contestant tries the animal, he accepts the animal. If the contestant pulls up, he will receive the same animal back. If in the opinion of the line judge the contestant is fouled by barrier, contestant shall get his animal back, providing contestant declares himself by pulling up.
 - For the time to be considered official the barrier must operate.
 - There will be a ten-second penalty for breaking the barrier.
- A re-run request should be addressed to the arena director and then to the judge before that event concludes (this includes if an official or designated personnel interferes with a run due to safety concerns). The judge may seek input from whomever he wishes. The judge's decision regarding the re-run is final.
- Any time a timed event animal attempts to enter the heading or heeling box, the barrier judge and the gate man are the only people who can remove it from the box. No stock can be roped in the box in any of the roping events. Roping any stock while it is in either of the two boxes will result in a no time.
- When a state final is part of the normal season, state finals may have 1st go points, 2nd go points, and average points. All points may be weighted differently than the regular season points. The state finals points may count towards all around in each age division.
- Results and points for each rodeo will be posted to the IJRA media outlets available. Contestants will be given one week from the time points are posted to protest any results or points posted by the association. Any time after will be the one-week period, but no more than 30 days will be at the Rodeo Secretary's discretion. Any protest after the 30-day period will not be honored and the points will be final. Thirty (30) days after posting, the results will become official, and no changes will be made to the points associated with that specific rodeo.
- A contestant is not entitled to outside assistance once time has started unless it is a safety issue in any event. Unless it is a 4 and under event, where lead line is allowed. Any parent that crosses the timer line, their child will be considered a lead line contestant.
- When an electric eye fails to work for one or more contestants during a performance, the manual back-up timer will be used for those electronically missed times. The electronic eye-controlled times will remain unaltered. Timing positions for each rodeo will include one main timer and one back up timer.

- When IJRA rules do not cover a situation the judge's discretion will apply if it does not conflict with IJRA rules or rules of the NLBRA. The judge's decision is final.

Contestant Events and Rules

All events that are a National Little Britches event will follow NLBRA most current rulebook. All regulations regarding NLBRA points, rules, and payout will follow the NLBRA rulebook. Please refer to www.nlbra.com for the most current revisions of the NLBRA rulebook. All events that are offered by the IJRA only, that are not NLBRA events will be explained below.

Dummy Steer Head Roping

This event is offered to the 4 and under age division and the 5-8 Little Wrangler division. This is a NON- NLBRA Event. Boys and Girls compete.

Contestants must stand at the designated line and rope the dummy without crossing the line with a legal head catch. The contestant gets 5 throws.

This is a point roping, based on a legal head catch of a slick horn (around both horns), half head, or around the neck. Points are awarded as follows, 3 points for slicks, 2 points for half head, and 1 point for around the neck.

Dummy Calf Roping

Calf roping dummy will be used. This event is offered to the 4 and under division and the 5-8 Little Wrangler Division. This is a NON-NLBRA Event. Boys and Girls compete.

To be considered a legal head catch, the loop must go completely over the calf head and slack in the rope must be pulled tight around the neck.

The contestant must stand behind the designated line and rope the dummy. Points are earned based on the total number of legal catches made during a sixty (60) second time limit.

There will be no rope offs for any ties. Points will be split in the event of a tie.

Dummy Goat Tie

Dummy goat tie event is offered to 4 and under division and the 5-8 Little Wrangler Division. This is a NON-NLBRA event. Boys and girls compete with each other.

Goat string and/or goat pigging string must be used. Contestants must stand behind the start line to the event. Judged by the time taken to tie the dummy.

When the tie is complete, Contestant signals time by throwing both hands in the air. After throwing hands in the air. The contestant must immediately lose contact with goat dummy. The judge's discretion is final on all legal ties by the contestant. Intentional failure to lose contact will result in a no time. No times are at judge's discretion.

Dummy Calf Sled Roping

This is a Non NLBRA event offered to the 5-8 Little Wrangler division to help and teach breakaway roping. This event is meant to replicate all breakaway events and rules designated by the NLBRA. Contestants are allowed 1 lap or a starting and stopping point to rope the sled. Arena conditions will determine the setup of either a lap or a start and stop point in which they must rope the calf sled. Contestants will start in the box or in the designated area marked by the arena director. Sled will be set on the score line; time starts when the sled begins to move or by signal from the flagger. Sled will travel at approximately 6 mph. An approved breakaway honda is mandatory. Time stops when the contestant ropes the calf head and the honda breaks away at the honda. In order to be considered a legal catch, the loop must pass cleanly over the calf's head. Once the loop has passed over the calf's head, the loop may draw up on

any part of the calf's body and/or sled. The calf sled must break the honda. Contestants will be disqualified should they assist in the breaking of the honda in any way. Fastest time wins. The judge's decision is final.

Chute Dogging

This event is offered to 9-13 JR Boys. This is a Non NLBRA event. Time limit is 30 seconds. Contestant will get a hold of the steer in the chute. Contestant is not allowed to make contact with the right horn in any manner before the nose of the steer breaks the plane of the chute or line. Doing so will result in a 10 second penalty. The contestant must clear the chute with the steer and cross the line before downing the steer. The time starts when the steer's nose crosses the chalk line. The steer is considered thrown down only when it is lying flat on its side, or on its back with all four feet and head straight. Contestant must stop the steer or change the direction of the steer. The chalk line will be six (6) feet from the chute. If the contestant loses contact, the contestant shall have two steps to regain contact with the steer. The helper cannot pass the plane of the chute gate. Contestant is considered working the steer when the steer leaves the chute. If the steer gets loose, dogger may take no more than two steps to catch the steer. Mandatory, contestants must wear a mouthpiece.

LW Breakaway Roping

This event is available to all LW contestants. This event will have an open gate and will not run a barrier. Only one loop is allowed. Contestants must come from the right-hand box facing the arena. Contestant is required to carry a regulation rope, with rope tied to the saddle horn. To ensure uniformity the Rodeo Committee will provide the string used to tie ropes to the saddle horn to ensure uniformity. The event director will check to ensure proper string is used. A white flag must be tied to the rope next to the saddle horn within 12 inches of the end of the rope. The contestant must rope calf. For it to be a legal catch, the loop must pass cleanly over the calf's head. Once the loop has passed over the calf's head, loop may draw up on any part of the calf's body behind the head. Time will start by judges' flag and end when the field judge flags the rope breaking away from the saddle horn. Calf must break rope away from the saddle horn- contestant will receive a no time should they break rope away from saddle horn themselves. A dropped loop is considered a throne loop. Failure to release loop from hand before catching calf is a no time.

LW Goat Tie

This event is offered to 5-8 LW Contestants. Time limit is 60 Seconds.

Objective—For the contestant to ride horseback across the start line, run to where a goat is tethered, dismount, catch, flank and tie any three legs and do this in the shortest amount of time possible.

Rules:

Goats must be uniform and weigh no more than 30 pounds

Equipment

A (ten) 10-foot-long soft rope for tethering goats with a metal snap affixed to each end. Stake with tether ring. Acceptable is a stake with an eye rolled into it and with a length of rope with a loop tied in one end and attached to the stake at the eye. All adjusted so that no part of the stake protrudes above the ground and just enough of the loop of the length of rope sticks above the ground so the tether rope may be snapped on to it. Goat string to be used by the contestant to tie the goat's legs together. No metal rings or wire allowed on or in string. String may be leather, nylon, grass, rope or a combination of materials. The contestant must ride his/her horse across the start line, race to where the goat is tethered, dismount, catch the goat, flank and tie any three legs together and signal that her tie is complete by raising her hands in the air. She then must step back away from the goat at least (three) 3 feet. The goat must remain with (three) 3 legs crossed and tied for (six) 6-seconds from the time the contestant steps back away from the goat. The field judge will have a stopwatch and time the goat for (six) 6 seconds, stopping the watch at the instant the goat kicks free of the tie. Elapsed time on the watch will determine if the tie held long enough to qualify. The goat will be tethered at a point 100 feet from the start line and held at the point furthest away from the starting line and facing the starting line and far enough away from fences or walls that there is room to reasonably compete. The goat will be held by a goat handler facing the starting point until the start line flagger flags the start of the time. He/she will then release the goat and step back out of the way. If the goat is down or on its knees when the contestant reaches it, the goat must be let up or lifted up high enough to be given the opportunity to regain its feet. Then the contestant may flank and tie the goat. Time runs from the time the start line flagger drops his/her flag starting the run until the field judge drops his/her flag as the

contestant signals tie complete. Penalties: A (five) 5-second penalty if horse crosses the tether between when the time starts, and times ends. Disqualifications not covered in Rules:

1. The horse makes contact with the goat.
2. Undue roughness in flanking or handling the goat.
3. Tie not holding or legs not remaining crossed for (six) 6-seconds.
4. Touching goat or tie with hands after signaling completion of tie.

5-8 LW Mutton Busting & 4 & Under Mutton Busting

Time Limit is 6 seconds for a qualified ride. (4 seconds for 4 & under age division) The judge is to score 1-50 points on the stock and 1-50 points on the rider. For a total of 100 possible points. Riding may be done with 1 or 2 hands. If the rider starts with one hand, they must complete the ride with the same one hand they started with. If they start with 2 hands, they must complete the ride with 2 hands. When the animal is ready the contestant has 60 seconds to nod. Judges have the right to approve or disapprove of equipment. No spurs allowed. Time starts when the sheep's inside shoulder crosses the plane of the chute. Contestant will be disqualified for not being ready when called, being bucked off before the allotted time, touching any part of the animal, equipment, person with the free hand if rider begins ride with one hand, using spurs, losing hold of the rope or sheep. Contestants must wear western attire and safety approved vest, mouthpiece and helmet at parents discretion.

If contestant feels he/she is entitled a re-ride, the contestant must go to arena director first and then to the judge. The judge's decision is final.

5-8 LW Calf Riding

Time Limit is 4 seconds for a qualified ride. The judge is to score 1-50 points on the stock and 1-50 points on the rider. For a total of 100 possible points. Riding is to be done with 1 hand. When the animal is ready the contestant has 60 seconds to nod. The Judge has the right to approve or disapprove equipment. spurs allowed. Time starts when the calf's inside shoulder crosses the plane of the chute. Contestant will be disqualified for not being ready when called, being bucked off before the allotted time, touching any part of the animal, equipment, person with the free hand. Contestant must wear western attire and safety approved vest, mouthpiece and helmet at parents' discretion.

Contestants 5-8 years old have the option to ride calves and/or sheep.

If contestant feels he/she is entitled a re-ride, the contestant must go to arena director first and then to the judge. The judge's decision is final.

4 and Under Age Division General Rules

Contestants will be considered either assisted or unassisted in the events they participate in. Any contestant helper that crosses the timer line or assists the contestant in any way, will be considered assisted. This includes crossing the timer line and walking beside them during the pattern. During goat untie if the helper or official helps to hold the horse while they dismount or assist them in getting off their horse in any way, it will be considered an assisted run. All contestants that are assisted will place below the contestants that ARE NOT assisted. This includes the 4 and under mutton busting. If you hold onto the sheep or the contestant during mutton busting, the contestant will be considered assisted and place below contestants who complete independently.

Facility and Grounds Rules

These will be posted at every rodeo

No pets will be allowed in or around the entry gates or along the panels of the arena or the first row of bleachers. All dogs must be on a leash.

Members, contestants, and spectators will be removed/disqualified for any of the following.

- Intentional abuse of stock
- Abuse of officials or other contestants, by contestants, contestant's family, or contestant's friends
- Tampering with another contestant's equipment or with rodeo stock or with the facilities, including moving rodeo stock at a rodeo in or out of the arena before, during or after any performance.
- Cheating by a contestant or member of the contestant's family
- Insistence of family members upon assisting contestant in competition
- Deliberate or continued failure to report for any event
- Profanity or obscenity
- Quarreling, rowdyism, harassment, intimidating or bullying among contestants, adults and families shall not be tolerated. At the Board's discretion, suspension rules shall be enforced.
- Use of illegal, unapproved, or improper equipment
- Acquisition of another's property
- Any consumption of Alcohol or intoxicating substances is prohibited in or around arena at all times

Stalls and Electric

- Using stalls and/or electric without payment at check in or during the entry process, will result in a \$100 fine including any stall or electric money owed.
- Please clean up around your area, all loose hay and manure around your campsite should be disposed of in the proper locations. (Fines will be assessed at Board of Directors discretion)

Speed Event Ground Rules- based on arena conditions

- No circling inside the area before crossing the timer line. We will use a straight run through the gate.

Roping Events

- Tie down roping, breakaway roping and Jr Ribbon Roping will get 2 loops. If they are carrying 2 loops. You may only rebuild your loop in the Jr Ribbon Roping. 3 loops will be allowed in Team Roping by rebuilding your loop.

Rough Stock Events

- All safety equipment stated in the NLBRA rulebook must be used. NO Exceptions. Judge has the right to not allow certain equipment and may be inspected by the rodeo committee or judge.

Conduct and Attire

- Western saddle and equipment are required.
- Hat must be on the contestant's head when crossing the in-gate.
- Contestants, contestant's helpers, and adults and committee helpers must wear Western attire; Western hat or safety helmet, long sleeved shirt with sleeves rolled down, shirt must be buttoned or snapped closed, cuffs must be buttoned, and shirt tail tucked in. Western boots and long pants. You may wear a jacket or sweatshirt over the top of a western shirt, but collar and cuffs must be visible. Arena help and personnel may wear western style footwear, **MUST BE CLOSED TOE SHOES.**
- Little Britches rules for western attire apply for any Little Britches event
- Helpers in Non Little Britches events are required to wear long pants and close toed shoes, short sleeve shirts are permitted (no tank tops or shorts)
- Stallions or mares with a colt at side are not permitted to be used in Little Britches competitions.
- Only designated officials and not more than 2 contestant helpers or 1 adult helper are permitted to help a contestant in any event.
- Contestants will be disqualified if contestant helpers cross the start/finish line.
- In timed events (excluding all roping events and steer wrestling, see below) the adult helper may not cross the plane of IN GATE. The use of contestant helpers is strongly encouraged. (In all roping events, an adult helper may assist in holding the horse in the box but must relinquish control of the horse when the contestant nods for the stock. In steer wrestling event, adults may serve in the capacity of hazer.)

Year End Awards Qualifications

To be eligible for year-end awards each contestant must meet the following requirements.

- Be a member of the NLBRA (if competing in NLBRA events) or IJRA Member for non NLBRA Events
- Acquire a minimum sponsorship to the IJRA of \$100.00 or determined otherwise by the board of directors.
- Enter each of your events at least 60% of the rodeos. (Example, in a season offering 12 rodeos- you must enter barrels at least 8 times)

Point System

Points will be awarded as follows for each event's placement.

1st -10pts, 2nd -9 pts, 3rd – 8 pts, 4th – 7pts, 5th – 6pts, 6th – 5pts, 7th- 4pts, 8th -3pts, 9th – 2pts, 10th – 1pts

In the event of a tie, the points will be divided. (Example, 2 way tie for 1st place =9.5 each, 3 way tie for 1st =9)

Year End Event Placings/Awards

Event placings will be awarded in each age group

- The contestant who has the most points and has met the minimum entry requirements of 60% of each of your events will be awarded.
- In the event of a tie, the contestants with the most 1st places in the event will be awarded the higher placing. In the event of rough stock, the contestant with the most first places will be awarded the higher placing, and if a tie still results, it will be based on the highest scores. If in any event a decision can't be made in any event, we will do a coin toss to declare the winner.

Year-End All-Around Awards

- Year End All-Around awards will be based on your top 4 events for the season. In order for the 4 events to count towards your All Around Standing, you must compete in each of your events, at least 60% of the rodeos. A contestant's top 4 events at the conclusion of the season will count towards their Year-End All-Around Standings. The person in each age group with the most points in 2 or more events will be awarded the All-Around Champion Award. A Reserve All Around Champion will be awarded to the 2nd place contestant in the All Around with the same requirements.

IJRA PRINCESS AND QUEEN CONTEST

Queen Age Group

- Contestant must be entering or already in the 14-18 Sr Girls Division
- Contestant must comply with the qualifications to be eligible for year-end awards
- Contestant must complete and return to the contest chairperson, the entry form including signed parental consent by the specified deadline. No late entries will be accepted.
- Contestant must agree, if chosen Queen to participate in all rodeos except in the case of extenuating circumstances. In such cases, Queen shall fulfill her duties by appointing the first runner-up to represent the Association during Grand Entry of the rodeo being missed.

Princess Age Group

- Contestant must be entering or already in the 9-13 Jr Girls Division

The above rules for Queen Age Group applies to the Princess Age Group.

Duties

- Attend all rodeos and ride in each Grand Entry. Grand Entry will be required in all performances held by the association.
- Appoint other members to carry flags including, American Flag, Indiana IJRA Flag, NLBRA Flag, Indiana State Flag and any all sponsorship flags available.
- Appoint someone to either sing the National Anthem or provide a recorded version to play.
- Complete the Grand Entry Form for officials and announcers to use during the Grand Entry
- Notify all contestants participating in Grand Entry of a certain pattern to follow
- Store and maintain the flags and flag boots for the entire season. They must be brought to each rodeo, even if you are not able to attend.
- Attend and assist in the following years contest
- Attend the year-end banquet wearing sash and crown

Attire

- Attire during the season at rodeos shall consist of regular rodeo attire. Always remember you are representing the Association. The sash and crown may be worn at rodeos except for arena competition. The sash and crown shall not be worn into the arena during competition.

Disqualifications

- Any contestant who is not present and ready to compete at all scheduled and posted times of all events for the princess contest will be disqualified.
- Any contestant that violates any rule requiring disqualification in the IJRA Rulebook will be disqualified from the contest.

Contest Committee

- A committee consisting of 3 persons shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for the purpose of organizing the contest, selecting judges for the contest and running the contest. A chairman of the committee shall be named. No family member of any contestant may serve on the committee.

Additional Information

- Contest may be broken down between modeling, personal interview, impromptu questions, oral presentation, and horsemanship. Additional information and tips are available from the Princess Committee Chairman.

Queen/Princess Contest Points Rubric

Modeling (25pts)

Introduction (0-5 pts)	_____
Modeling (0-10pts)	_____
Overall Appearance (0-10 pts)	_____
Total Awarded Points	_____

Personal Interview (25pts)

Answer quality & Quick Response (0-10pts)	_____
Eye Contact & Posture (0-10pts)	_____
Overall Congeniality (0-5pts)	_____
Total Points Awarded	_____

Oral Presentation (25pts)

Creativity (0-10 pts)	_____
Topic Content (0-10pts)	_____
Overall Delivery including eye contact	_____
Total Points Awarded	_____

- a) Contestants will be given speech topic chosen by the current IJRA Princess.
- b) Speech should be 2-3 minutes in length. Points will be penalized for speeches running shorter or longer than 2-3 minutes. Speech should be personalized, clever, attention grabbing, and include an introduction and conclusion. Points will weigh most positively towards speeches that are well delivered and memorized.

Horsemanship (25pts)

Completion of Pattern and control (0-10pts)	_____
Posture & Sitting Position (0-10pts)	_____
Princess Wave (0-5pts)	_____

- a) Each contestant shall ride in pattern specified
- b) Contestant shall enter gate with horse under control and proceed with the pattern
- c) Horsemanship shall be judged based upon the how well the contestant rides and completes the pattern. The horse's ability will be considered since this is a reflection on how well the contestant rides and handles the horse

Grand Entry Flag Presentation (25 pts)

Completion of Pattern with Control (0-10pts)	_____
Ability to carry the flag and control horse (0-10pts)	_____
Pattern and Song Creativity (0-5pts)	_____

- a) Each contestant shall pick their own music approved by Contest Committee
- b) Each contestant will carry the NLBRA or IJRA Flag
- c) Each contestant will develop their own pattern
- d) This will be judged on the contestant's ability to have control of flag and horse and their ability to develop quality Grand Entry routines at rodeos.

Combined Total Points Awarded _____