

Deep South Little Britches Rodeo Association

By-Laws

Article I

Name:

This organization shall be known as the Deep South Little Britches Rodeo Association.

Article II

Purpose:

The purpose of this organization is to establish an association and to encourage and promote the sport of rodeo among the youth of our area. Deep South Little Britches Rodeo Association does not seek to make a profit. All monies accumulated will be spent to purchase awards for year-end prizes. Deep South will keep at least \$6,000.00 on hand from season to season for rodeo start-up expenses. Deep South will operate on a fiscal year being August 1 through July 31.

Article III

Membership:

Membership into this association shall be open to all youth ages 5-19 in compliance with National Little Britches age limits. Each member must meet all of the eligibility requirements specified in the by-laws of the National Little Britches Rodeo Association.

Article IV

Membership Fees:

*National level - An annual membership fee shall be paid by all members to the National Little Britches Association. This fee is set by the National Board and cannot be changed or waived by any member. Any person not wanting to pay the Membership fee must pay a non-member fee, which is also set by the National Board.

*Deep South level - An annual fee shall be paid by any person wishing to be a member of the Deep South organization. This fee will be set by the current Deep South board and will be used for promotion, operation and general welfare of the association.

Article V

Certified Directors:

There shall be two certified directors for each rodeo. These directors will have all rights and authority as listed in the by-laws of the NLBRA. The people serving as certified directors will be notified prior to the rodeo and their names will be announced at the beginning of each rodeo. In case questions/problems should arise, the contestant will speak with the certified directors and judge.

Article VI

Board of Directors:

A. Deep South Board Members will serve two year terms. The Deep South Board will consist of 10 members. Five members will be elected each year. The board shall have the power to conduct the business of the association, negotiate contracts, establish or adjust rules, and approve membership.

B. The board shall have the power to set rodeo dates and locations.

- C. The board shall work for the well-being of the National and Deep South Associations in all decisions.

Article VII

Officers: (Officers shall serve two year terms. Only two officers may be up for election at any one time. President and Treasurer are on the same election rotation and Vice President and Secretary are on the same rotation).

A. President

1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors as well as any other meetings.
2. The president shall work with the board and all committees to promote and operate rodeos for the association.

B. Vice President

1. The vice-president shall assist the president in all duties and help to perform all functions.

C. Secretary

1. The secretary shall handle all entries in the different age groups and handle all paperwork and procedures which are set forth in the Rodeo Secretary

Handbook.

D. Treasurer

1. The treasurer shall handle all the monies of the association and distribute it as needed.

Article VIII

Events:

A. Every rodeo must present all national level events.

B. No more than two non-national events may be offered.

1. Calf Riding (Little Wrangler event ages same as outlined in NLBRA rulebook)

A. Safety protective vests and helmets specifically designed for rodeo events and mouthpiece are mandatory.

B. Objective is to ride a calf for (six) 6 seconds and score the highest amount of points possible during that ride.

C. Same event rules as senior boys bull riding (as outlined in NLBRA rulebook) except that no wraps are permitted.

D. Calf Riding points can count towards All Around for Deep South only.

2. Chute Dogging (Jr Boys event ages same as outlined in NLBRA rulebook)

A. Same event rules as senior boys steer wrestling (as outlined in NLBRA rulebook) except the following:

1. A left delivery chute must be used and all chute dogging runs must be made from the same chute.

2. With steers loaded in bucking chute, dogger gets beside the steer, right hand in front of or behind right front shoulder. When dogger calls for the steer the gate will be opened. Dogger must keep right hand in front of or behind chute shoulder until the steer's nose crosses the score line. If dogger moves into

chute

shoulder

throwing position

crosses score line there will

is thrown before crossing the

or touches either horn(s), or ear(s), before steer's nose

be a ten (10) second penalty added to time. If steer

score line, the dogger will be disqualified.

3. Chute Dogger must allow steer to maintain forward motion to the score line. Chute

Dogger may not choke steer.

4. It is the contestant's responsibility to check for broken horns.
 5. There will be a designated helper assigned by the Arena Director. The helper cannot pass the plane of the chute gate.
 6. Contestant is considered working the steer when the steer leaves the chute.
 7. Chute Dogging can count towards All Around for Deep South only.
- C. No national points may be given for non-national events.
 - D. All contestants must sign a waiver before than compete in non-national events.

Article IX

Board of Appeals:

- A. The Board of Appeals shall hear evidence presented by the contestant, review what was presented and decide on disqualifications.
- B. The Board of Appeals shall hear and weigh all evidence of misconduct of contestants, guest of the contestants, and officials and make final decisions of disqualifications.
- C. The Board of Appeals shall be made up of five members appointed by the certified directors.
- D. Should a judge's call be overruled, the members of the Board of appeals must be able to show evidence from the rulebook to support their decision.

Article X

Awards-Fund Raiser Committee:

The people who serve on these committees must be members of the Deep South Association and appointed by the Board of Directors. Their purpose is to establish and help carry out fund raising and to promote rodeos for the Deep South Association as well as handle year end awards for contestants.

Article XI

Awards:

- A. Points will be kept for all Deep South members in each event.
- B. Each age division shall have an all-around champion.
- C. Deep South members must compete in 10 rodeos in each event to be eligible for year-end awards. Deep South will not drop any rodeos all rodeos competed in will count towards year-end awards.
- D. All around points will only be calculated for the events a Deep South member has competed in 10 or more times.
- E. Deep South members must sell sponsorships/raffle tickets to be determined by fund raising committee to be eligible for year-end awards.

Article XII

Contestant/Parent Manners

Any contestant/member or non-member shall at all times abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the NLBRA and Deep South as described in the official rulebook. *No tolerance of parents fussing with judges, board members or any rodeo official. Contestant will be disqualified.

Article XIII

Dress Code:

Contestants must be dressed in full western attire to enter the arena. This includes hat, long sleeve button up shirt, long pants and western boots with a heel. The shirt must be tucked in, cuffs button and

sleeves rolled down. Sweatshirts, pullover sweaters or vests may be worn over a long sleeved shirt as long as proper collar and cuffs are visible. Back number must be showing.

- A. The only exception to this rule will be bareback and bull riding; a rider may roll up sleeve on riding arm only, 2 rolls, not to exceed the elbow, when competing.
- B. Proper rodeo attire must be worn behind the chutes and arena area this includes roping boxes.

Article XIV

Helpers/Parents:

1 helper is allowed per contestant. This maybe a parent or another contestant. Helpers/parent must be in full rodeo attire. Helper/Parent cannot cross the plane of the alley way or the roping box. During roping events the contestant competing and the helper are allowed in the box only. The next contestant to compete and their helper are to be over to the side waiting. After contestant competes, contestant and helper should exit the arena. In ribbon roping runners are to be in the headers box waiting for their turn. There will be no more than 2 people on line appointed by arena directors. The arena is to stay clear. This is also true for the bucking chutes. Only 2 helpers allowed and will have to be in full rodeo attire.

Article XV

Holding pen:

A contestant is to be in the holding pen when the contestant before them enters the alleyway. The contestant must enter through the holding pen to receive a qualified time. If a horse refuses to go in holding pen the contestant has an option of leading the horse into the alley way from holding pen then mounting and taking off. This should not take more than 2 people. One to hold the horse and one to help contestant on. All contestants will have a 60 second time limit to enter arena through holding pen from the first call. If the contestant does not enter the arena and begin their run within their 60 seconds then they will receive a no time for that event. Front gates will not be closed. Contestants must enter through the holding pen or receive a no time.

Article XVI

Dragging of Arena:

During the Little Wrangler barrels and poles the arena will be drugged after every 5 contestants. During the Senior and Junior barrels and poles the arena will be drugged after every 5 contestants. The arena will be drugged upon per request of a judge or arena director in efforts to keep the ground safe for the contestants and livestock.

Article XVII

Roughstock Riders:

A contestant will be told by arena personal when they are coming to you. When the contestant before you comes out of the chute you should be ready to ride. This includes having your helmet on, mouth piece in and starting to climb into chute over your animal. When it is your turn you will have 30 seconds to call for the chute gate to open or you will be given a no score. If animal is giving contestant trouble the contestant will be given enough time to get a fair out.

Article XVIII

Entry Process:

Entries are taken online through the National Little Britches website. Entries close at midnight the Sunday 2 weeks before the rodeo. Late entries start on the Monday (the day after entries closes). The entries have to be emailed to deepsouthlittlebritches@yahoo.com. You should receive a reply stating that your entry was received. If you do not receive a reply please contact Secretary directly. Late entries are \$10/per rodeo. No entries will be taken the day of the rodeo. All entries must go through National Little Britches website or be emailed to deepsouthlittlebritches@yahoo.com. If you have a back number and do not enter through the national website it be a \$10/per rodeo charge unless you are entering a non-sanctioned event or if you are entering late for a rodeo.

Article XIX

Draw-Out Process:

Contestants may draw out of a rodeo by emailing deepsouthlittlebritches@yahoo.com by the Tuesday before the rodeo before 5pm. You should receive a reply that you were taken out of draw. If you do not receive a reply please contact Secretary directly.

Article XX

No Shows:

Once a contestant enters a rodeo the contestant is responsible for all fees. Failure to pay fees, including those for no-shows will result in disqualification from the NLBRA and Deep South.

Article XXI

Doctor/Vet Excuses:

Doctor/Vet Excuses must be presented to secretary the morning of the rodeo. If these excuses are not presented then the contestant will still be responsible for all fees for that rodeo or can be emailed to deepsouthlittlebritches@yahoo.com.

Article XXII

Conflicts of Interest:

Any immediate family member (we define immediate as husband and/or wife) of an officer or board member cannot receive payment for jobs performed for Deep South Little Britches that is contracted out by Deep South Little Britches.

Article XXIII

Stalls/RVs:

Must be mailed in 2 weeks in advance. Thursday by 7pm before the rodeo and assignment sheet will be put out. Any changes after this assignment is put there will be a \$10 fee. If you want stalls the day of rodeo you will be charged a \$10 late fee. If you reserve a stall and/or RV spot and do not use it then there will be no refunds. Shavings must be bought in advance. No shavings will be sold on site.

Article XXIV

Rules of Order:

All meetings of the association shall be conducted under general and acceptable parliamentary rules of order.

Article XXV

Dissolution:

On dissolution of this association, any funds remaining after bills and outstanding debts are paid shall be determined by membership on disbursement of funds.