

NORTH GEORGIA

Little Britches

RODEO ASSOCIATION



**GUIDELINES
AND RULES**

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings friends,

We are so excited that you are interested in joining our local Little Britches Rodeo Association. Did you know that the National Little Britches Rodeo Association (NLBRA) is the world's oldest continuing youth rodeo association. Founded in 1952, the NLBRA is a non-profit organization that promotes junior rodeo and encourages healthy competition and sportsmanship for children ages 5–18. The NLBRA sanctions rodeos in over 33 states and hosts the National Little Britches Finals Rodeo as its championship event. The NLBRA also awards scholarships, crowns royalty, and host a Rookie of the Year program.

In 2021 several families were seeking a youth rodeo association that promoted the deep-rooted heritage of true rodeo and the values associated with that culture. They wanted their kids and all kids within the region to have an opportunity to be a part of a national association that stood strong and fully prepared them to compete on the next level, even onto the pro level and be our next generation of proud rodeo cowboys and girls. The National Little Britches Association was the perfect fit. A dozen or so families worked hard raising money, and pulling together with all their resources to start the North Georgia Little Britches Rodeo Association (NGLBRA) franchise from the ground up. We started as a small but mighty association, and are blessed to continue to grow each season. Every July our association has contestants who qualified for the National Little Britches Finals make the trip to Oklahoma to represent our North Georgia association. We love watching the number of National attendees grow every year.

We pride ourselves on being a welcoming junior rodeo association that embraces all skill levels. Never competed in a rodeo? No problem! Come on and join us! North Georgia Little Britches is a great place to start. We would love to have you. Every age group here has contestants from very beginner level to some of the top-notch contenders in our region. One of the many great things about rodeo is seeing the contestants cheer each other on even if it means getting knocked out of a top spot. THAT is the rodeo way of life! Family, good sportsmanship, a love for the sport, fierce competition, and friends that grow to be your rodeo family is what we are all about. Come check us out! You will not be disappointed!

We are hopeful that these Guidelines and Ground Rules will be informative and help you get off to a great start. We know that with the National Little Britches format being a little bit different than other associations it can be a little confusing at first. Don't worry we are here to help you every step of the way and you will soon see the tremendous benefits to this association. If you have any questions, we are more than happy to help any way we can. You can find contact info for each of our volunteer staff on our website, or you're welcome to email us at galittlebritches@gmail.com or message us on our Facebook page. We look forward to meeting your family and/or welcoming back all of our returning families.

Many Blessings,

Josh Moon

President
North Georgia Little Britches

FORMAT OF LITTLE BRITCHES RODEO

We follow the formatting, and all rules from the National Little Britches Rodeo Association. Rules for the National Little Britches Association can be found on the National website as well as on our local website. Any rules not covered in the National rule book can be found here in our Ground Rules section as well as on our website.

It's important to understand the two associations (National association, and our Local association). These two associations give contestants opportunities both at the local level here in the North Georgia area, and at the National level. You can be successful at BOTH at the same time. That's the beauty of being a part of Little Britches. You do not have to join both but you are required to join one or the other to compete at our North Georgia rodeos.

Let's compare the two available Little Britches memberships.

North Georgia Little Britches is a franchise of the National Little Britches Rodeo Assoc.

Should you become a National Member,

a Local Member, or both?

Competing at our rodeos provide points toward National Little Britches AND our Local Little Britches.

National Little Britches Rodeo Assoc NLBRA NATIONAL LEVEL MEMBERSHIP	North Georgia Little Britches Assoc. NCLBRA LOCAL LEVEL MEMBERSHIP
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NATIONAL members will receive contestant insurance with their membership. • NATIONAL membership fees are paid once a year at the beginning of the season on the National website. • All NATIONAL entries must be done on the National website by the deadline. • NATIONAL entries fees are paid online via an invoice you will be emailed from our local franchise. • Contestants who are not NATIONAL members must pay a non-member fee at each of our local rodeos. • NATIONAL members are eligible to compete at ANY NATIONALY sanctioned Little Britches rodeo across the entire United States in order to qualify for NATIONAL FINALS in Oklahoma. 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance is not offered for LOCAL members • LOCAL membership fees are paid to our local franchise once a year via an invoice emailed to you after all the forms are turned in. • All LOCAL entries are automatically done for members when they enter on the NATIONAL website (non-sanctioned events must be called/text into our secretary). • LOCAL entries fees are paid online via an invoice you will be emailed from our local franchise. • NATIONAL members who are not LOCAL member need not to pay a non-member fee. • LOCAL members are eligible to compete at any of our local rodeos across the state for payouts, and local points toward our year end awards (saddles, buckles, trophy tack)

It is highly recommended you become a member in both associations as the savings in only joining one is very minimal, whereas the opportunities in joining both are abundant.

You must be a member of one or both in order to compete in our rodeos.

Non-sanctioned events require a local membership.

MEMBERSHIPS, AND ENTERING RODEOS

Here are very helpful step by step directions to enter both at the National level and/or our Local (North Georgia) level.

It's VERY important to pay close attention to the entry deadlines for each rodeo.

HOW TO REGISTER AND ENTER NORTH GEORGIA LITTLE BRITCHES RODEOS



North Georgia Members Only

On the morning of your first rodeo, please visit the Registration Table **between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM** to submit your paperwork (from the membership packet), in order to secure your Local North Georgia membership. We will also confirm paid fees, and invoice you (via email) for your North Georgia Membership fee.

Note: There will be no one at the Registration Table outside of these hours, so make sure to check in during this window.

You MUST check in at the registration table at your first rodeo even though you already paid fees online. Every North Georgia member MUST check in at the Registration Table before entering the arena to compete. No exceptions!

ENTRY REMINDERS

Entries for all sanctioned events must be done on the National Little Britches website.

All non-sanctioned event entries must be called in directly to our local secretary.

The entry deadline for both sanctioned and non-sanctioned events is midnight 11 days prior to the rodeo (which falls on Tuesday the week prior to the rodeo).

Reminder for new Little Britches members: You need to allow your newly purchased National Membership (Step 1) at least 5-7 days to process before you have access to enter any rodeos.

LATE CALL INS

Late entries must be called in directly to our local rodeo secretary. Late entries are only accepted for 24 hours after the entry deadline. There will be a \$30.00 late entry fee for all members, and non-members. No exceptions. If you are having trouble entering on the National website please call the National office directly.

FEES

Office Fees

Entry Fee	\$15 per event
National Office Fee.....	\$10 per rodeo
Local GA Office Fee.....	\$10 per rodeo
Non-Member Fee.....	\$25 per rodeo <small>(Only paid if you are not a National Little Britches Member)</small>
Late Call-In.....	\$30 per weekend <small>(24-hour late call-in period begins when normal call-in closes)</small>

Local Membership Fees

First Child	\$100 per season
Each Additional Child.....	\$50 per season

Stock Fees

Goats.....	\$15 per run
Rough Stock.....	\$40 per run <small>(Bareback, Saddle bronc, Bulls)</small>
Sheep.....	\$25 per run
Bovine.....	\$22 per run <small>(Roping Events, Steer Wrestling, Chute Dogging)</small>

Events Offered by Division and Age Chart

Little Wrangler

- Barrels
- Poles
- Flags
- Goat Tail un-tying
- Bullriding - (non-sanctioned event)

Junior Boys

- Breakaway
- Flags
- Goat Tying
- Bareback Steer Riding
- Saddle Bronc Steer Riding
- Chute Dogging - (non-sanctioned event)
- Bull Riding
- Team Roping
- Dally Ribbon Roping

Junior Girls

- Barrels
- Poles
- Breakaway
- Trail
- Chute Dogging - (non-sanctioned event)
- Goat Tying
- Team Roping
- Dally Ribbon Roping

Senior Boys

- Tie Down
- Bareback
- Saddle Bronc
- Bull riding
- Chute Dogging - (non-sanctioned event)
- Steer Wrestling
- Team Roping
- Dally Ribbon Roping

Senior Girls

- Barrels
- Poles
- Trail
- Chute Dogging - (non-sanctioned event)
- Goat Tying
- Breakaway
- Team Roping
- Dally Ribbon Roping

Non-sanctioned events are events offered by our local association but not offered/recognized by the National Little Bitches Association. See our local rule book for details.

AGE CHART

2026 Membership Dates		
2006	Jan-July 7	Aged Out
2006	July 8- Dec	Last Year Senior
2007	Jan-July 7	Last Year Senior
2007	July 8- Dec	Senior
2008	Jan-Dec	Senior
2009	Jan- Dec	Senior
2010	Jan-Dec	Senior
2011	Jan-July 7	Senior
2011	July 8- Dec	Last Year Junior
2012	Jan-July 7	Last Year Junior
2012	July 8- Dec	Junior
2013	Jan- Dec	Junior
2014	Jan-Dec	Junior
2015	Jan- Dec	Junior
2016	Jan-July 7	Junior
2016	July 8- Dec	Last Year Little Wrangler
2017	Jan-July 7	Last Year Little Wrangler
2017	July 8- Dec	Little Wrangler
2018	Jan- Dec	Little Wrangler
2019	Jan-Dec	Little Wrangler
2020	Jan-July 7	Little Wrangler

NON-SANCTIONED EVENTS

Non-sanctioned events are events that are offered at our local north Georgia Little Britches rodeos in age divisions that are not offered at the National level. (example: chute dogging is not offered in the senior division by national little britches, but our local rodeos do offer it in the senior boys and senior girls divisions)

National rules apply to all events regardless if they are sanctioned for that age division or not. To enter a non-sanctioned event, you must call your entry directly into the local rodeo secretary (contact info on our website) by the same deadline posted for all regular sanctioned events.

Points earned from any non-sanctioned events are not reported to the national office, and do not count towards national points since they do not offer those events.

There must be a minimum of 3 entries in any non-sanctioned event in order for that event to be held. Points from non-sanctioned events will not count toward local "all around" points.

SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS

This season we have rodeos scheduled at the Heard Co. Arena in Franklin Georgia, as well as the FFA Camp Arena in Convington Georgia. Both of these arenas are covered, and offer stalls & hook-ups. When stalls and hook-ups are available, we will have online reservations posted on our Facebook page prior to the rodeo. Stalls and hook-ups reservations must be paid by the due date (prior to arrival).

We hope in the years to come we can continue expanding our locations across the Northern parts of Georgia to allow everyone to share in the traveling.

Our local rodeo season runs from the fall until late spring every year, with our year end awards ceremony scheduled after our last rodeo. Our rodeo schedule including dates, and locations can be found on our website. Our season is complete once we send off our National qualifiers to compete in Oklahoma in July representing the state of Georgia.

****IMPORTANT**** Our standard schedule is to hold two rodeos per weekend. One rodeo on Saturday, and one rodeo on Sunday. Please note, due to the high cost of producing these rodeos, and in trying to keep fees down for our members, our board made the decision that if the number of contestants entered is less than 60 for both rodeos then those rodeos will be run back-to-back on Saturday with no rodeo on Sunday.

The decision for both rodeos spread out over two days, or ran back-to-back on Saturday will be made within 24 hours from the close of entries. If we are forced to make the decision to hold both rodeos on Saturday an announcement will be posted on Facebook. This decision is up to our local board.

**** IMPORTANT**** Trail Course and Rough Stock events for both (Sat. & Sun.) rodeos will always be on Saturday. Rough stock & Trail will never compete on Sunday.

TURN OUT / REFUNDS

If a contestant turns out without a vet release, doctor's release or school release they will automatically lose their entrance fees. A release for a school event must be a written notification from a school official. Our local secretary must be notified of any releases prior to the rodeo stock draws in order to have stock or event fees refunded. If a visible injury to a contestant or a contestant's animal occurs during the rodeo, the injury needs to be verified by a rodeo director to have fees refunded.

POINTS

National little britches points can be viewed on the National Little Britches website by clicking on "Points & Standing" and then click on "Rider Snapshot"

Local North Georgia points will be posted on the website within ten days after the rodeos. For a breakdown of how points are issued please see the National Little Britches rule book. Points earned at Nationals &/or local Little Britches rodeos prior to joining either will not be retroactive. Points only begin to accumulate once a membership is obtained. Points earned from any non-sanctioned events are not reported to the National office, and do not count towards National points since they do not offer those events.

POINT SYSTEM FOR NATIONAL & NORTH GEORGIA

All events: 1st- 2nd - 3rd - 4th - 5th - 6th - 7th

Points: 70 - 60 - 50 - 40 - 30 - 20 - 10

The graduated points, called competitor points, will be based on every group of 5 contestants. 1 point for every 5 runs/rides completed. Competitor points are added to each place awarded.

Therefore:

1-5 competitors = 1 competitor point

6-10 competitors = 2 competitor points

11-15 competitors = 3 competitor points

16-20 competitors = 4 competitor points

21-25 competitors = 5 competitor points

26-30 competitors = 6 competitor points

31-35 competitors = 7 competitor points

36-40 competitors = 8 competitor points

41-45 competitors = 9 competitor points

46-50 competitors = 10 competitor points

51-55 competitors = 11 competitor points, etc.

Competitor points will be determined by the number of contestants actually competing in that event when the event sheets are turned into the rodeo secretary for that rodeo.

Payouts

Payouts are typically ready the same day as the rodeo. We will announce when each event's payouts are ready to be picked up. Please refrain from coming to the office for your check until it's announced.

REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL FINALS

To qualify for the Little Britches National Finals, a contestant must place in the top seven (7) of an event at six (6) individual rodeos.

Each contestant takes their top five (5) places for each event to the National Finals at which contestants compete for buckles, saddles, scholarships and other awards.

(see National Little Britches rule book for further information)

** It's important to know that most reservations (stalls, camping spots, etc.) for National Finals begin after the first of the year and they book up quickly! There is a very helpful independent National Little Britches Facebook page where parents help one another with tips, tricks, finding/trading/buying spots, & stalls that others may no longer need. Beware of scams and be sure you are following National rules at all times!!

REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR NORTH GEORGIA YEAR END AWARDS

- Paid membership to join North Georgia Little Britches
- Attend our mandatory meeting at the first rodeo of the season (or watch video on our website)
- Completed Membership Application signed and notarized
- Arena Release signed
- Acknowledgement Form signed
- All Fundraising Requirements met by the deadline.
- Volunteer Requirements completed met by both deadlines.
- Each contestant must compete in one more than half of the rodeos offered for the entire season. (in each event they wish to qualify for awards in).
- Compete in at least two or more events in one more than half the rodeos offered the entire season.

Points from non-sanctioned events will not count toward local "all around" points from additional sanctioned events will count towards local "all around" points even if the required number of rodeos is not met for those events

Volunteer Requirements

All members are required to volunteer for a total of four slots during the rodeo season. Two slots must be completed by the last rodeo in January. The two remaining slots must be completed between the February rodeos and before the last rodeo of the season. A volunteer slot will be to work for an entire event (all age divisions).

These volunteer requirements must be met in order for a contestant to be eligible for year-end awards. Please understand there will not be any exceptions!

You may opt to "buy out" of volunteer requirements for a cost of \$125 per slot.

Below are the steps that must be followed in order for your volunteer slots to count and be recorded; (**do not skip any of these steps**)

#1 Work cards will be given to each contestant at the first rodeo. It is members responsibility to keep up with the cards. Replacements can be obtained from the rodeo secretary but no signatures will be replaced on lost cards.

#2 Sign up for a volunteer slot on the on-line sign-up genius. These sign-ups are posted on our Facebook page prior to each rodeo weekend.

#3 When your slot time begins you must find the Event Director to get instructions, and sign off on their clipboard that you worked.

#4 Upon completing your volunteer slot please have your volunteer card signed off on by the Event Director, or whomever you reported to for your volunteer slot.

#5 After completing two slots return your signed volunteer card to the Volunteer Coordinator by the first due date. Your volunteer card will be kept and recorded by our staff. (you are welcome to take a picture of your signed card before turning it in) Your volunteer card will be returned to you for the second half of the rodeo season where you must complete two more volunteer spots. Once all four slots are filled on your volunteer card you will turn it into the Volunteer Coordinator (before the last rodeo of the season).

*** * It is very important that you complete all five of these steps to insure you receive credit!! * ***

You will not receive credit for a slot if you show up and work without being signed up online! It's important that we keep volunteers spread out, and signing up online is the only way to make sure that happens.

Fundraising Requirements

Full details of the fundraiser will be given at the mandatory member meeting at our first rodeo of the season. All fundraising requirements must be met in order for a contestant to be eligible for year-end awards. Please understand there will not be any exceptions!

If you sell a sponsorship package of \$500 or more you are exempt from the fundraising requirements. This is the only option for exemption from fundraising requirements.

2025-2026 Fundraiser

\$300.00 in RAFFLE TICKETS must be sold by each North Georgia member and turned in by the last rodeo in January. Raffle Ticket sheets can be printed off of our website – see the Membership Packet.

- It is your responsibility to obtain TWO raffle ticket sheets, sell the entire sheets, and turn in the money by the last rodeo in January. No one from North Georgia Little Britches will call or text you asking for your raffle tickets, and money.
- We will have a HARD due date in January
- If raffle tickets are not received by the last rodeo in January, you will be emailed an invoice of \$300.00 for them. This invoice must be paid immediately upon receipt.
- Winners will be drawn from all sold raffle tickets at the last rodeo of the season.
- Members that join later in the season will need to coordinate with our Fundraiser Director for adjusted due dates based on the date they join.

GROUND RULES

Please note: All National Little Britches rules apply at our local rodeos at all times. These local ground rules are in addition to, but never override National rules.

Roping events

- In the senior tie down roping, senior breakaway roping, senior ribbon roping, and junior breakaway roping contestants will be allowed 1 loop for each run.
- In the senior team roping, and the junior ribbon roping contestants will be allowed 2 loops for each run.
- In the junior team roping contestants will be allowed 3 loops between the team for each run.
- In all ribbon roping events once, the runner pulls the ribbon from the calf, the roper must immediately un-dally and release pressure from the calf.
- In senior breakaway roping it must be a bell collar catch (per 25-26 National rule change)

Barrels & Poles

- The area will be drug/raked every 10 contestants during both Barrels and Poles.
- You are permitted to circle your horse after you run the pattern in the arena before exiting.

Arena

- The hat line will be marked with colored flagging tape at all of our rodeos.
- The Parent/Helper line will also be marked with a different color flagging tape. (If you are unsure where exactly either the hat line or the Parent/Helper line is please ask the Event Director, or Arena Directors prior to your run.)
- Helpers may assist with a contestant's horses into the alley, but may not cross into the arena. Members in western attire/back number assisting with another member's horse may cross into the arena.
- Any non-members crossing into the arena will result in the contestant being given a no time. (any parent/helpers are of course allowed to go into the arena with young or inexperienced riders with the understanding that their time will not be counted towards points)
- Anyone in the arena must be in full western attire! No exceptions.

Rodeo Grounds

- There should be absolutely no riding double or bare-back on the grounds.
- Contestants will be disqualified for any abuse of stock, inhumane treatment, or use of inhumane equipment. See the National rule book Article III, Section 7, B.
- Contestants/ parents or helpers shall not try to influence judges.
- All judges' calls are final. If a contestant wishes to question or challenge a judge's call, they must see the Event Director and/or the Arena Directors to file an appeal. Contestants should not confront or question any judge directly. The process to file an appeal is detailed in the National Rule book.
- Announcer's calls are not official. Please see the Event Director, Arena Directors, or Membership Board to verify official judge's calls, and/or decisions.
- Details regarding re-rides & re-runs can be found in the National Rule book in Article II. It's very important to note that contestant must declare themselves if they feel they have been fouled. Any attempt to compete after the alleged foul will negate any claim for a re-ride/re-run.
- Full western attire – must be worn anytime anyone (contestant or non-contestant) is in the competition area for any reason from one hour before the rodeo until the end of the rodeo or otherwise announced.
- Back Numbers must be worn at all times (day & night) while on the rodeo grounds. Back numbers are to be worn even when contestant is not in western attire.

Definitions for Clarification

Competition Area – inside the arena, bucking chutes, behind bucking chutes, back pens, roping chutes, behind/beside roping chutes, return ally, run in ally

Rodeo Grounds – competition area plus, warm up areas, stands, concession areas, stalls, office, hook ups, camping areas, parking lot, vendor areas, etc.