



National Little Britches Rodeo Association - Youth Board Handbook

We are pleased that you have chosen to become more involved in the NLBRA by taking an active role in the rules, decision-making process, and representation of your peers. Serving as an NLBRA Youth Officer is a serious responsibility, but also a rewarding and enjoyable opportunity. Youth Officers represent approximately 4000+ members across 33 states.

There are three Youth Officer positions: President, Vice President, and Secretary. Officers serve as the voice of the youth membership at all NLBRA Board meetings and participate on committees such as the Activities Committee and Prize Committee, as well as others assigned by the NLBRA President and Executive Secretary.

The primary responsibility of a Youth Officer is to represent the interests of the youth membership and communicate concerns, ideas, and feedback to the Executive Board.

Elections will be held at the Youth CD Meeting. Newly elected officers will assume their duties at the close of the NLBFR. Until that time, they will assist current Youth Board Officers with remaining activities and awards.

Youth Board Officers are expected to attend in-person Board of Directors meetings in the fall and winter/spring, with exceptions made for scheduling conflicts such as rodeos or scholastic commitments. Officers will also attend the NFR in Las Vegas (approximately Rounds 5–10), where they will assist in the Fan Zone by selling raffle tickets and engaging with sponsors as directed by the Executive Board.

This position requires a significant time commitment, including travel and time away from school activities. Officers are expected to maintain strong academic standing, appropriate interactions with board members and membership, and fulfill all educational responsibilities.

All newly elected officers will be introduced during the Grand Entry following elections and will assist with carrying sponsor flags during the NLBFR.

Prior to serving, officers and their parents must sign agreements outlining policies, conduct expectations, and behavioral standards, including a confidentiality agreement.

A few things to ask yourself when you decide to run for NLBRA Youth Board:

1. Do you believe in the NLBRA and truly believe this is where Legends begin?
2. Do you believe in the purpose of the NLBRA to build sound and healthy minds and bodies? To develop character, self-reliance, and good sportsmanship through competition in the great sport of rodeo?
3. Will you be able to commit to time, effort, and travel to make appearances as directed by the NLBRA Board?
4. Are you knowledgeable of the NLBRA Rule Book and Bylaws?
5. Are you willing to promote, support, and represent the great sponsors of the NLBRA?

Requirements to run for office of Youth Board:

- You must have at least one full year of eligibility left in NLBRA
- You must be in the Senior Division or moving up to the Senior Division in the next season.
- You must be a member in good standing and currently competing at the NLBRA Finals and listed as a youth CD from an attending franchise.
- You must notify the NLBRA office of your intent to run for NLBRA Youth Board and fill out a bio no later than the date posted on the NLBRA website.

NLBRA Youth Board Travel Requirements:

- September/October NLBRA Fall Board meeting usually held in Oklahoma City with hotel accommodations usually provided by NLBRA.
- December NFR Fan Zone usually Rounds 5-10, Sell NFR Package Raffle Tickets in the Fan Zone, Sponsor Visits, Pick out prizes and saddle designs for NLBFR. NLBRA usually provides some travel money and provides for hotel accommodations.
- January/February NLBRA Winter Meeting usually held in OKC with hotel accommodations usually provided by the NLBRA.

Sponsor Obligations:

Youth Board Officers will be expected and required to be in sponsor apparel when representing the NLBRA at all events. They will be requested to speak well about sponsors in support of the NLBRA. At any time the board is expected to speak well of the brands that support our organization. If the board is notified of ill behavior towards sponsors, it may result in termination of your seat on the board.

Youth Board Officers' Agreements, Understandings and Expectations:

- You and your Parent/Guardian will be required to sign the NLBRA Youth Board Agreement, including a confidentiality agreement.
- You will agree to:
 - Represent the NLBRA membership;
 - Promote the NLBRA and its objectives;
 - Conduct self in a matter that promotes the organization;
 - Conduct self in an order that promotes the integrity of the NLBRA;
 - Conduct self in a fashion where you are deemed a role model;
 - Post sponsor spotlights each month on the NLBRA Social Media platforms;
 - Carry sponsor flags for the designated performances of the NLBFR;
 - Sell raffle tickets as needed throughout the year for the scholarship fund;
 - Send out Thank You cards and Christmas Cards to NLBRA Sponsors;
 - Assist with all activities and awards at the NLBFR;
 - Conduct the Annual Youth CD Meeting and Elections at the Finals;
 - Prepare a Youth Board activities schedule in conjunction with the NLBRA staff;
 - Conduct and participate in all Youth Board Activities for the Finals;
 - Provide appropriate feedback to the Executive Board, in the best interest of the NLBRA; and,
 - Attend all in-person board meetings.
- In the event a Youth Board Member is deemed to have demonstrated a violation from the expectations, the youth board member will be reviewed by the Board of Directors, and may be asked to relinquish their position.



NLBRA Youth Board Candidate Form

Name:

Address:

Attending Franchise CD of:

NLBRA Membership Number:

I hereby certify that I am a member in good standing of the above-mentioned Franchise of the NLBRA. I have a minimum of one year of eligibility left in the NLBRA and have met the CD requirements to run for National Youth Board Office with the NLBRA. I fully understand that holding an NLBRA National Youth Board position is a large responsibility and I will be a role model for the youth of the NLBRA. My actions not only reflect upon myself, but upon the entire membership of the NLBRA. I understand and I am prepared to be a representative of the youth and will be held to higher standards than most other members and accept the responsibility of the office of Youth Board.

Member Signature:

Date:

As the parent/guardian of the above-named NLBRA member, I hereby give my permission for my son/daughter to seek a position on the NLBRA Youth Board and understand the position comes with serious responsibilities.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Please return form to the National Little Britches National Office located at:
NLBRA, Attn. Youth Board Candidate, 5050 Edison Ave, Ste. 105, Colorado Springs,
CO 80915 or email form to info@nlbra.com