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## **Rule Change Proposals** **2026/2027 Rule Book**

### **Rule Change Proposal 1: NO**

**Submitted By:** Wyatt Williams

**Page 81, Article 5, Letter B, Number 4:** Legal Heel Catches: add - rope panty hose cattle or flanks is considered a legal heel catch.

### **Rule Change Proposal 2: YES**

**Submitted by:** Sami Williams

**Page 57, Article 7, Section 6, Letter a-c:** A. All clothing worn by contestants and personnel may be adorned with patches, stickers, monogram, etc. a. Any NLBRA National Sponsors listed on the website may be advertised at any size on said clothing. b. Non-National Sponsor Advertising in the arena and at awards presentation areas must not be larger than a 3x5 advertisement on said clothing. B. Any promoting of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, vaping or any other product or service which is illegal for a minor to use or be in possession of, will not be permitted or displayed while on grounds during any NLBRA sanctioned event. C. Penalty for violating these policies will be disqualification from this event.

### **Rule Change Proposal 3: YES**

**Submitted by:** Sami Williams

**Page 26, Article 1, Section 1, Number 4:** 4. Franchise rodeos are required to finish one rodeo prior to the next one beginning. With the exception of rough stock, which may be a stand-alone event as long as each performance directly correlates to a specific rodeo that is already scheduled. Any stand- alone rough stock event must be approved by the national office. Trail course or steer wrestling may be run back-to-back, as long as each performance directly correlates to a specific rodeo and is run in the same weekend or the same days rodeos are scheduled. If a franchise wishes to run trail course or steer wrestling or rough stock events back to-back in a weekend or the same days the rodeos are scheduled, the franchise must notify the National Office for approval.

**Additional Comments:** add rough stock to sentence with trail, and steer wrestling being back to back

### **Rule Change Proposal 4: YES**

**Submitted By:** Sami Williams

**Page 48, Article 4, Section 1, Letter D, Number 1:** Western hat and western shoes or boots, long sleeve cuffed shirt with sleeves rolled down and buttoned or snapped, and shirt tail tucked in, and long pants

**Additional Comments:** add to the sentence to make it like that on page 44

### **Rule Change Proposal 5: NO**

**Submitted by:** Sami Williams

**Page 37, Article 2, Section 14, Add Letter L** add to this section, making section L: Unless approved and notation provided by a physician, contestants shall not be velcroed into the saddle.

**Additional Comments:** In the name of safety, if rubber bands are required to break then a child should not be velcroed into a saddle

### **Rule Change Proposal 6: YES**

**Submitted by:** Sami Williams

**Page 38, Article 2, Section 14, Letter M:** add "M" or place in the bylaws - At any time that the board deems a safety concern or safety issue needs addressed, an adjust, modification, change, addition or deletion to section 14 will be allowed to be made.

**Additional Comments:** Since safety is the utmost important concern for each rodeo and each rodeo should ensure that all possible safety measures are undertaken for the protection of contestants, spectators and animals, this change is being requested.

### **Rule Change Proposal 7: YES**

**Submitted by:** Whitney Watts

Must be 2 NLBRA approved bull fighters in the arena during the Jr Bull Riding, Jr Bareback Steer riding, Jr Saddle Bronc steer riding, and Sr Bull Riding events.

**Additional Comments:** This is for safety reasons, seen several accidents where only 1 was present and he was knocked down and there was not another bull fighter present to help the contestant.

### **Rule Change Proposal 8: NO**

**Submitted by:** Melissa Cerezo

**Page 36, Section 12, Letter B, Number 3:** Timing of stock timed events - Time should be taken with average of two times at rodeo

**Rule Change Proposal 9: YES**

**Submitted by:** Jimmy Lovelady

**Page 101, Article 9, Section 3, Letter B, Number 3** Contestant must ride her horse (add) "through the in-gate before starting to dismount" Remove "across the start line"

**Additional Comments:** Goat tying has evolved to girls are dismounting before the timer line. However, for safety reasons they should be mounted until they ride through the in gate.

**Rule Change Proposal 10: YES**

**Submitted By:** Jimmy Lovelady

**Page 103, Article 9, Section 4, Letter B, Number 2,c** add after horseback. "Mail will be removed from mailbox and area by personnel after each run before the next contestant competes."

**Additional Comments:** Contestants have been disqualified in the past for mail being left in the box falling out or being left on the ground. It is personnel's responsibility that each contestant gets a fair run

**Rule Change Proposal 11: YES**

**Submitted By:** Jimmy Lovelady

**Page 38, Article 2, Section 15, Letter D:** Remove last 2 sentences (Junior ribbon roping will remain a two loop contest as stated in the rule book. This rule will not be in effect at the NLBFR.)

**Additional Comments:** Franchise or NLBFR may limit the loops. (Contradiction). Pg 97 clarifies

**Rule Change Proposal 12: YES**

**Submitted By:** Jimmy Lovelady

**Page 61, Article 9, Section 1, Letter E:** Remove E replace with (Rule changes may be approved during the current rodeo season by the executive board requiring a 100% approval vote for safety, miss prints in the book, fairness of competition, etc. Any changes will be posted to the website along with letters sent to the franchises and secretaries.

**Additional Comments:** Over the years we have had several instances of all listed above. We need to be able to benefit the membership instead of waiting 1-2 years for something to be corrected.

**Rule Change Proposal 13: NO**

**Submitted By:** Kyle Root

**Page 33, Article 2, Section 7, Letter A:** For the purpose of National Standings, the points awarded to a placing held by a non-member, will be divided equally amongst the remaining point earning members.

**Additional Comments:** The points awarded to a placing held by a non-member, should not disappear.

**Rule Change Proposal 14: YES**

**Submitted By:** Jimmy Lovelady

**Page 16, Article 6, Section 7:** Remove (Immediately) Following the annual specified meeting of the certified directors at finals ADD (and prior to the last performance of the NLBFR),

**Additional Comments:** This rule has been overlooked for years. It was brought to light last year. There has always been a meeting before the last performance for the new members to step in and figure out where they fit in with their strength and weaknesses with the board.

**Rule Change Proposal 15: NO**

**Submitted By:** Jimmy Lovelady

**Page 13, Article 5, Section 1, Letter B:** Remove (shall be made within 45 days prior to the finals.) Replace with (shall be valid until the cut off for that years competition season)

**Additional Comments:** There are several rodeos going prior to the 45 day cut off. If a franchise is required to have 2 CD per rodeo then they have the right to be counted and vote. My opinion we are not allowing the CDs to be counted then don't allow rodeos past that date

**Rule Change Proposal 16: NO**

**Submitted By:** Jimmy Lovelady

**Page 20, Article 8, Section 2, Letter C:** Remove (shall be made at least 45 days prior to the finals.) Replace with (shall be valid until the cut off for that years competition season)

**Additional Comments:** There are several rodeos going prior to the 45 day cut off. If a franchise is required to have two youth Cds per rodeo then they have the right to be counted and vote. If we are going to enforce the 45 day limit then rodeos need to follow same time frame.

**Rule Change Proposal 17: YES**

**Submitted by:** Melissa Cerezo

**Page 36, Section 12, Letter B, Number 3:** Timing of stock timed events - Time should be taken with average of two times at rodeo

**Additional Comments:** Take out- In events that are timed mechanically with manual start and stop (breakaway roping steer wrestling, etc.) at the discretion of the rodeo secretary, timers for the junior and senior events may be designated head or official and back up. Replace with above and leave If any timer fails, the official time should be the time of the remaining watch.

**Rule Change Proposal 18: NO**

**Submitted by:** Kris Hale

**Page 68, Article 3, Section 4, Letter B:** At the National Finals stackable timers must be used in all speed events. If stackable timers are used then a stop watch does not have to be used. That makes the stop watch optional. If a franchise rodeo does not have a stackable timer, a stop watch must be used for a back up timer. Batteries in timers must be replaced at the beginning of the rodeo. Batteries must be replaced everyday if you have multiple rodeos.

**Rule Change Proposal 19: NO**

**Submitted by:** Sami Williams

**Page 10, Article 3, Section 11, Letter H:** Application and payment must be received of any new associate member shall be completed prior to participation in any rodeo.

**Additional Comments:** This addition ensures insurance coverage for every associate prior to involvement.

**Rule Change Proposal 20: YES**

**Submitted by:** Sami Williams

**Page 10, Article 3, Section 11, Letter H:** Membership card shall be issued to those persons desiring to become New Associate Members upon receipt and approval of application, together with payment of the required membership fee. Application, payment, and approval must be completed prior to participation in any rodeo. Failure to do so, may result in assessed fines for each rodeo.

**Additional Comments:** Approved associates is essential based on insurance coverage.

**Rule Change Proposal 21: YES**

**Submitted by:** Jeremy Sherman

**Page 10, Article 3, Section 11, Letter H:**

Primary timers will hold a special membership card that confirms they understand their role and responsibility as the primary event timer and will be required to review and sign a statement of understanding outlining those responsibilities. All timers shall be at least (18) years of age and can no longer be a contestant member.

**Additional Comments:** NLBRA timers are key personnel in all events of the rodeo, especially the timed events. We as an association need to make sure we are using qualified personnel.

**Rule Change Proposal 22: NO Submitted by:** Jimmy Lovelady

**Page 106, Article 9, Section 5, Letter B, Number 2:** Remove (and) after bases replace with (,) Remove (.) after pipe Replace (and pvc pipe cap/sockets.)

**Rule Change Proposal 23: NO**

**Submitted by:** Jimmy Lovelady

**Page 68, Article 3, Section 3, Letter A:** Insert after pipe. (with cap/sockets)

**Additional Comments:** Safety. Rule change requested in the pole bending section however it is also listed under equipment needs to match.

**Rule Change Proposal 24: NO**

**Submitted By:** Jimmy Lovelady

**Page 45, Article 3, Section 5, Letter C, Number 4:** Insert as 4. Contestants changing clothes behind bucking chutes or anywhere they may be seen by anyone will be disqualified.

**Additional Comments:** NLBRA is a youth organization with children from 5-18 years old. No one should be removing their clothes in plain sight in this organization.

**Rule Change Proposal 25: NO**

**Submitted by:** Jimmy Lovelady

**Page 44-45, Article 3, Section 5, Letter C:** Remove first sentence to the; Insert (Contestants and entered contestant helpers must wear western attire)

**Additional Comments:** In order for franchises, parents, arena help to be able to wear western style foot wear for long hour working conditions. I am submitting a change to line 3 to bring this rule together.

**Rule Change Proposal 26: NO**

**Submitted by:** Jimmy Lovelady

**Page 45, Article 3, Section 5, Letter C, Number 3** Remove (and) Insert after personnel (adult contestant helpers and committee helpers) Insert after allowed (Footwear is the only exception to the dress code.)

**Additional Comments:** Committee help and parents stand for long periods of time to produce the rodeo. Most of your committee helpers are parents so according to the rule book they must change into boots to help their child. I am willing to add leather only if the committee sees fit.

**Rule Change Proposal 27: NO**

**Submitted by:** Mariah Locke

As there is no place in the rulebook for the cost of membership, requesting to update webpage <https://www.nlbra.com/f/19> Associate Membership Application / Renewal ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP STOCK CONTRACTOR \$225.00 QTY JUDGE MEMBERSHIP \$100.00 QTY JUDGE MEMBERSHIP PLUS 2 OR MORE ITEMS FOR THE SAME PERSON \$125.00 SINGLE MEMBERSHIP (1 OR 2 ITEMS FOR THE SAME PERSON) \$25.00 QTY SINGLE MEMBERSHIP (3 OR MORE ITEMS FOR THE SAME PERSON) \$50.00 QTY

**Additional Comments:** As there is no place in the rulebook for the cost of membership, I am proposing the board to review the cost of membership of contracted help. It can be very difficult finding quality people to fill these positions. With that being said the cost of the membership can be a challenge as they may only be working a couple of rodeos. Making it not cost effective for them. I know that the association needs them listed on their insurance which can still be paid with this suggested amount. Last time I checked, insurance cost \$7 per person listed on an association insurance policy which maybe closer to \$10 now. The fees suggest would more than cover this cost and ease the pain for the franchises to obtain contracted personnel.

**Rule Change Proposal 28: NO**

**Submitted by:** Mariah Locke

**Page 93, Article 7, Section 3, Letter C:** Junior boys bulls should weigh at least 600 pounds.

**Rule Change Proposal 29: NO**

**Submitted by:** Mariah Locke

**Page 93, Article 7, Section 3, C add letter D, Number 93:** RENAME SECTION TO: Section 3. Bull Riding (Ages 12-13) / Steer Riding (Ages 9-11) CHANGE JR BULL SIZE TO 600: C. Junior boys bulls should weigh at least 600 pounds. ADD LETTER D D Junior Bulls cannot be substituted for steers. Steers must be at least 450 lbs and have horns tipped to the size of a quarter.

**Additional Comments:** Franchises have been losing out on memberships due to there not being an in between size for kids coming off of calves. They would be going from a calf to what the association is asking of at least an 800 lb bull. We need something to build them up to that size of animal for safety.

**Rule Change Proposal 30: YES**

**Submitted by:** Amanda Burke

A Ribbon Roping contestant with no partner may request a partner be supplied as a draw partner from a volunteered list of entered Ribbon Roping contestants No points will be awarded to the drawn partner.

**Additional Comments:** As a franchise secretary every rodeo I have ribbon roping contestants wanting to enter, but they do not have or cannot find a partner. We have also had instances where one partner was injured and could not compete at a rodeo, but the other partner should not have to risk their points or standings due to an injured partner. Unfortunately, family emergencies also happen, and contestants are unable to compete. Using a draw partner system would allow the other contestant to be able to compete if they cannot find a partner. The verbiage in my rule proposal was taken directly from the National High School/Junior High Rodeo Rule Book as they already have this rule in place.

**Rule Change Proposal 31: YES**

**Submitted by:** Amanda Burke

A dally team roper can only enter once at any rodeo with the partner of his or her choice. However, a team roping contestant with no partner may request a partner be supplied as a drawn partner from a volunteer list of entered team roping contestants. No points will be awarded to the drawn partner.

**Additional Comments:** As a franchise secretary every rodeo I have team roping contestants wanting to enter, but they do not have or cannot find a partner. We have also had instances where one partner was injured and could not compete at a rodeo, but the other partner should not have to risk their points or standings due to an injured partner. Unfortunately, family emergencies also happen, and contestants are unable to compete. Using a draw partner system would allow the other contestant to be able to compete if they cannot find a partner. The verbiage in my rule proposal was taken directly from the National High School/Junior High Rodeo Rule Book as they already have this rule in place.