Rule Change Proposals

Rule Change Proposal 1:
Submitted by: Huel Willis
Page 92, Article VI, Number 5
5. Quick release buckle is optional on bareback rigging. Rule should state Quick release buckle is MANDATORY on bareback rigging.
Additional Comments:
Quick release shouldn't be optional for safety purposes. It should be mandatory.

Rule Change Proposal 2:
Submitted By: Melissa Cerezo
Page 42, Article III, Section 2, Letter A
The Age of each contestant shall be determined as of July 1st of each year
Additional Comments:
With floating Monday after finals can either take away or grant additional years. Since Finals are never the same calendar, Your determining is rotating.

Rule Change Proposal 3:
Submitted By: Jennifer Quarnberg
Page 42, Article III, Section 2, Letter A
The age of each contestant shall be determined as of July 1 of that year.
Additional Comments:
With a floating Monday after finals, this can take away a year of eligibility or give an extra year in each age group. With a set day you will know exactly how many years you have in each age group.

Rule Change Proposal 4:
Submitted By: Jennifer Quarnberg
Page 105, Article IX Senior Girl, Section 4, Letter B, Number 5-E
Jump—To successfully negotiate the jump, the rider must jump her horse over the obstacle. If the horse jumps to one side or the other of the jump, refuses to jump or runs around either side of the jump, it shall be a disqualification if the rider moves on and completes the next obstacle. If the jump is knocked down, any part of the pole touching the ground, a (ten) 10-second penalty will be assessed.
Additional Comments:
I would like to see the disqualification taken out unless they move on to the next obstacle. Because if you run past, flip around to try again the mailbox or bridge isn't a disqualification. Part 2- any part of the pole of the jump needs to touch the ground before it is a 10 sec penalty.

Rule Change Proposal 5:
Submitted By: Jennifer Quarnberg
Page 16, Article VI, Section 9
Each Certified Director can vote for up to six (6) individuals.
Additional Comments:
I have been voting for the past 10 years and my vote tossed most of those years. I was unaware of having to vote for 6 on my ballot. I feel like when we don't know who to vote for you start at the top and mark the first 6. This doesn't give the true count to people that want to be on the board. This is how I voted when I needed to fill up 6 votes.

Rule Change Proposal 6:
Submitted By: Eva Spangler
I think that girls should be allowed to chute dog and do rough stock events, and be able to go to nationals for it

Rule Change Proposal 7:
Submitted By: Tara Sanders
Page 44, Article III, Section 5, Letter C
I would like for the national little britches Association to follow the WPRA, by allowing Long Sleeve Collard shirts that have a full length ZIPPER instead of buttons. The 2026 WPRA rulebook expressly allows ZIP UP FITTED RODEO SHIRTS, chapter 12 sections 12.2 dress code the rule now states contestants must wear long sleeve shirts that are collared and have either button snaps or full length zippers. They have started to allow zippers and they have waived the cuff with buttons, as long as the shirt is collared long sleeve and tucked in.
Additional Comments:
I think that this allows a lot of opportunity for the national little britches rodeo Association to not only have more vendors, but also potential sponsorship from some of the Rodeo shirt companies that attend the WPRA finals as well as the NBHA world shows. I think one of the funnest parts about Rodeo are the barrel racers and they're beautiful shirts with rhinestones and fringe and most of those makers have gone to zip up shirts. We saw a lot of them at the NFR last year. I KNOW THAT THE NATIONAL LITTLE BRITCHES RODEO ASSOCIATION STATES THAT ITS RULEBOOK IS modeled after PRO RODEO. Pro Rodeo has made this change

Rule Change Proposal 8:
Submitted By: Terrah King
Page 36, Article II, Section 12, Letter B, Number 3
I respectfully request that Article 2, Section 12(B)(3) be reconsidered and amended. In a timed event, a contestant's official result should be determined by the designated main timer. The backup timer should be used only if the main timer fails or the recorded time is unavailable—not averaged with the main time after every run. Averaging the main and backup times allows differences in human reaction time to alter a contestant's official result. In an event where hundredths of a second can determine placings, points, qualifications, and awards, even a small variation may unfairly affect the outcome. A contestant should not be penalized—or given an advantage—because two individuals started or stopped their watches at slightly different moments. The purpose of naming a main timer is to establish one consistent and accountable source for every contestant's official time. The backup timer provides necessary protection if that primary time is lost or the equipment fails. Treating the backup time as equal to the main time defeats that purpose and creates uncertainty in a sport that depends on precise, consistent results. For fairness and uniformity, I propose that Section 12(B)(3) be revised to state: "The time recorded by the designated main timer shall be the contestant's official time. A backup timer must also record each run and shall be used only if the main timer fails or an official time cannot be obtained." This would preserve the important safeguard of a backup timer while ensuring that every contestant is judged by the same clearly designated timing standard.

Rule Change Proposal 9:
Submitted By: Brex Hensley
Page 36, Article 2, Section 12, Letter B, Number 3
Timing of stock timed events - Time should be taken by designated MAIN timer at rodeo. A backup timer must record every run and shall be used ONLY if the main timer fails or an official time cannot be obtained.
Additional Comments:
In a timed event, a difference of a few hundredths of a second can affect placings, points, qualifications, and awards. Averaging two manually recorded times allows differences in individual reaction time to change a contestant's official result. This could unfairly help or penalize a contestant through no fault of their own. If both times are routinely averaged, there is no true main timer or backup timer. This will ensure that every contestant is judged fairly under the same standard.

Rule Change Proposal 10:
Submitted By: Jennifer Quarnberg
Page 98, Article IX, Section 1, Letter B, Number 2
Equipment—The roper must use a standard catch rope with a visible flag, a minimum of (twenty-four) 24 inches in length and (two) 2 inches in width tied to the end of the rope.
Additional Comments:
Why are we penalizing interested contestants that don't know the rule is white when in other associations the breakaway flag is any color.

Rule Change Proposal 11:
Submitted By: Eddie Vigil
Page 12, 14-15, Article:V.VI, SectionV-1, VI-1, VI-2, VI-10
V1- (added to existing) The country will be divided into 5 regions, under which all franchises will be located. (have a sample photo of regions) VI,1,D - The Executive Board shall have at least 2 Certified Directors from each region out of the 18 total. VI,10,A - (redo of 1st sentence after 2nd comma) the first alternate from the same region as the resigned or removed board member will be appointed by the President to the remaining portion of the term.
Additional Comments:
In general, I would like to see all areas of the country (and thus all franchises), more equally represented on the Executive Board. I believe that more interest in joining the board would result from knowing that your region must be represented whether you are particularly well known in other regions or not. I am happy to discuss or answer any questions regarding this suggestion. We have been with LBR for 4 years and I am currently an arena director for the Wild West LBR in Utah. I have a sample photo of possible regions if requested

Rule Change Proposal 12:
Submitted By: Kara Wells
Page 98, Article IX, Section 1, Letter B, Number 2
Equipment—The roper must use a standard catch rope with a solid colored flag,
Additional Comments:
Change the words white colored flag to solid colored flag to align with Jr High and HS rodeo rules. Rest of rule read the same

Rule Change Proposal 13:
Submitted By: Jo Watson
Page 36, Article II, Section 12, Letter B, Number 3
Stock events that are timed with a manual start/stop, at the discretion of the rodeo secretary, timers will be designated head/official and backup. In the event of a timer failure the official time for the contestant involved shall the time of the remaining device
Additional Comments:
It is my request that this rule change go into effect immediately due to the outcomes that could be from current rule.....currently if you have a roper that has a official time of 4.5 and 4.9 that averages to a 4.7 then say the next competitor in that same event age group has an official time of 4.6 but back up time fails....then the roper that had a 4.5 does not win..... In no other association of timed events does the times get averaged to come up the contestant's time .....fastest time wins of official timer. This rule as it currently sits is too much gray area, averages cause questionable results

Rule Change Proposal 14:
Submitted By: Jo Watson
Page 105, Article IX, Section 4, Letter B, Number 5.e
Jump-To successfully negotiate the jump, the rider must jump her horse over the obstacle. If the jump is knocked down, a (ten) 10-second penalty will be assessed.
Additional Comments:
This removes the disqualification of the rider for missing the jump, allowing the rider to set up and attempt the obstacle again as in the other obstacles if she has not crossed the start/stop line or gone on to the next obstacle.

Rule Change Proposal 15:
Submitted By: Melissa Cerezo
Page 98, Section 1, Letter B, Number 2
Equipment: the roper must use a standard catch rope with a visible flag tied to the end of rope (no tail).and end of rope (no folds in rope). Must be tied to saddle horn with a piece of #24 (twenty four) poly cotton twine or #18 (eighteen) nylon -150# (one hundred fifty test) furnished by the rodeo committee.

Rule Change Proposal 16:
Submitted By: Randy Niver
Junior Boys Bull Riding - have smaller stock for 9-11 year olds than the 12-13 to increase contestant turn out and build confidence in younger riders while maintaining safety for smaller young men.

Rule Change Proposal 17:
Submitted By: Jeremy Sherman
Page 98 Article IX, Section 1, Letter B, Number 2
The roper must use a standard catch rope with a bright solid color (no logos or print) flag a minimum of 16 inches x 16 inches tied to end of rope(no tail) and end of rope (no folds in rope) must be tied to end of saddle horn with a piece of string #24 poly cotton or #18 nylon (150#) test furnished by rodeo committee.
Additional Comments:
The white flag can be hard to see at some arenas due to color of walls or banners.

Rule Change Proposal 18:
Submitted By: Stacy Touchet
Page 104, Article IX, Section 4 Trail Course, Number 4
add Except Jump (see B 5 e jump)
Additional Comments:
Clarification of conflicting rules

Rule Change Proposal 19:
Submitted By: Stacy Touchet
Page 99, Article IX, Section 2 Barrel Racing, Letter B, Number 15
no two contestants may ride same horse
Additional Comments:
no animal in the barrel racing should be allowed to compete against itself. for fairness

Rule Change Proposal 20:
Submitted By:Stacy Touchet
Page 107, Article IX, Section 5 Pole Bending, Letter B, Number 8
no two contestants may ride same horse
Additional Comments:
move diagram down to rule 9 no animal in the pole bending should be allowed to compete against itself. for fairness

Rule Change Proposal 21:
Submitted By: Evin Burke
Page 65, Article II, Letter A, Number 2e
Stock must cross the scoreline in front of the line judge in their initial move after leaving the chute. Failure to do so will result in a rerun as long as the contestant declares him/herself. - Falling Calf - if the animal falls (goes down to knees or belly) before it crosses the scoreline, the contestant shall be entitled to a rerun on their original stock, provided that the contestant declares immediately. If the originally drawn animal cannot be rerun, the contestant will run the extra (where an extra is available) or have a calf drawn according to the misdraw procedure. - If the animal falls and judges determine the pusher caused the fall, the animal belongs to the athlete and no rerun will be awarded. - In the event of a sulking animal, the animal will be removed from the draw and contestants will re-run the extra (where an extra is available) or have a calf drawn according to the misdraw procedure. Clarification: sulking animal is one that stops before crossing the score line, turns back or fails to break the neck rope after their initial move leaving the chute. Remove E. If the stock goes down (to his knees or belly) prior to reaching the score line and the contestant declares him/herself, a re-run will be awarded. Remove H. The animal belongs to the contestant when he calls for it regardless of what happens except in the case of a mechanical failure. The contestant must pull up and declare himself to get a re-run at the judge's discretion.

Rule Change Proposal 22:
Submitted By: Evin Burke
Pg 26 Article I Section 2. Association Membership Requirements A. #2a.
Remove Announcer

`Rule Change Proposal 23:
Submitted By: Evin Burke
Pg 98 Article IX Section 1. Breakaway Roping B. 2.
Equipment- add bright solid color (suggested colors include neon yellow, neon pink, neon orange, neon green, and clean bright white) cloth with minimum dimensions of twelve inches by twelve inches (12”x12”) must be attached to the end of rope. This is the rule from the WPRA. Pg 36 Section 12.

Rule Change Proposal 24:
Submitted By: Arlo Corson
Page 2, Article Ground Rules for Nationals, Number 4
Appeals must be submitted to the NLBFR Appeals Committee with a $100 fee. If a judge’s call is challenged, a designated committee will review the official rodeo video to determine whether the correct call was made. The committee’s decision following the video review will be final. If the appeal is granted, the fee will be returned. If denied, the fee will go to the NLBRA Scholarship Fund.
Additional Comments:
Several contestants had calls made at the Finals that should have been reversed if official video filmed by the vendor on site was reviewed. This is following PRCA rules at the National Finals.

Rule Change Proposal 25:
Submitted By: Toby Martin
Page 36, Article II, Section 12, Letter B, Number 3
In events that are timed mechanically with manual start and/or stop (breakaway roping, steer wrestling, goat tying, etc.) at the discretion of the rodeo secretary, timers for the junior and senior events may be designated head or official and backup. If any timer fails, the official time for the contestant involved shall be the time of the remaining watch.
Additional Comments:
Current rule states Timing of stock timed events- time should be taken with the average of two times at rodeo. This is not utilized in any recognized rodeo association currently, prca, ipra, upra etc. a lead and a backup time is a must to keep competition fair. Average is used when running two head or more, such as the finals.

Rule Change Proposal 26:
Submitted By: Clint Corson
Page 45, Article 3, Section 5, Letter E
Stallions will be allowed to be ridden by Jr and Sr. contestants. Little Wranglers will not be allowed to ride stallions. Mares with colts at side are not permitted to be used in Little Britches competition.
Additional Comments:
Junior High School and High School Rodeo currently allow contestants to compete on stallions. In fact, several young stallions have been successfully campaigned through these youth rodeo associations. Many of our Little Britches contestants also compete in Junior High and High School Rodeo. Some of these contestants regularly compete on a stallion at those associations but are then required to switch to a backup horse when competing at Little Britches. This puts them at a disadvantage by preventing them from competing on the horse they regularly ride and have prepared for competition. Additionally, these stallions are already present at many Little Britches rodeos. Several members haul directly between Junior High or High School Nationals and Little Britches Nationals. Because of this, stallions may already be hauled to and stalled at Little Britches Nationals for the week—they simply cannot be used in competition. Allowing stallions to compete would bring Little Britches more in line with other established youth rodeo associations and allow contestants to compete on the horses they have trained, prepared, and regularly compete on throughout their rodeo season.

Rule Change Proposal 27:
Submitted By: Sheri Rider
Page 36, Section 12, Letter B, Number 3

Timing of stock timed events- Time should be taken with average of two times at rodeo.

To go back to the official time and back up time method. With the method of official time.

Additional Comments:

I would like to propose that we discontinue averaging times for roping and goat events and instead place contestants based on each individual rodeo/performance.

Averaging times creates unnecessary additional work and, more importantly, can unfairly affect a contestant's final placing. Timed events are not identical from one run to the next. Livestock draw, penalties, and circumstances outside of a contestant's control can have a significant impact on an individual run.

From an administrative standpoint, averaging also requires additional calculations and verification before results can be finalized. Every time, penalty, no-time, and qualifying run must be reviewed and correctly applied to the average. This takes additional time for the secretary and increases the opportunity for calculation errors, questions, and disputes over final standings.