**Elite Lady Bull Riders**

**NAME:** The name of this organization will be the Elite Lady Bull Riders.

**OBJECTIVE:** The objectives of this organization will be:

1. To promote women’s bull riding as a sport and profession, striving at all times to ensure honesty and fairness to all members.

2. To create an amicable relationship among all aspects of rodeo.

3. To inspect, sanction and advertise women’s bull riding in accordance with Association standards.

**CONDUCT:** All contesting members will at all times conduct themselves in an exemplary manner upholding the association purpose and shall present themselves in a neat, clean and orderly cowgirl manner.

1. Any ELBR member involving a Rodeo Committee or Sponsor in an argument shall be fined a minimum of $100.00.

The Board of Directors may indefinitely suspend or permanently remove membership for actions detrimental to the Elite Lady Bull Riders and/or the sport of rodeo

**DRESS OF CONTESTANTS: All contesting members will present themselves in a neat, clean and orderly cowgirl manner.**

1. When contestant numbers are furnished all participants must wear these numbers to enter the arena and to receive their stock. Anyone without a number may be excluded from the arena. Participants must wear their numbers in a place visible to the judges and spectators.
2. Contestants shall ride in grand entry if needed or requested to do so. Long sleeve, buttoned down shirts with collar (sleeves rolled down), hats and boots must be worn in the arena by all contestants, during performances and slack; failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification for the remainder of the rodeos, plus a minimum of a $100.00 fine.
3. Contestants competing in any slack performances must wear long sleeve, buttoned down shirts with collar (sleeves rolled down), hats and boots in the arena; failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification for the remainder of the rodeo, plus a minimum of a $100.00 fine.
4. Contestants changing clothes behind bucking chutes or anywhere they may be seen by anyone will be fined $100.00 for first offense. Doubled each time thereafter.
5. Riders under the 18 must wear a helmet.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Regular membership will be open to any reliable persons interested in performing in rodeos, contesting in rodeo events or producing rodeos, providing their applications are accepted. Associate membership will be open to all other individuals interested in the general advancement of the sport. Any person having joined the Association will thereby become subject to the rules and by-laws now in force or later adopted and enforced by the Executive Committee and shall be subject to expulsion for violation of same.

**MEMBERS:** **If an ELBR member enters a rodeo and gives a valid number, her name shall be accepted by the Entry System, without requiring entry fee to be paid until said member reaches her destination. Immediately upon her arrival at the rodeo, members shall find the Secretary and make payment of fees due. No stock will be given until entry fees are paid. If a member fails to appear, said member will be held responsible for entry fees due plus a $25.00 fine. Turnouts in the performances will be fined $100 plus fees.**

1. There will be no personal checks accepted for rodeo entry fees.
2. There will be no walk-ins and no late entries.
3. Any ELBR member entering in said rodeo will be liable for the entry fee. Entries
given to anyone other than the Rodeo Secretary will be disregarded.
4. All entries must be accompanied by an ELBR membership card number. Anyone entering as a local will pay a $10.00 permit charge, in addition to their fees. Upon a time that they win $500.00 or more at said rodeo, they must purchase a card, before they receive their winnings.
5. Call Ins will be 1-2 weeks prior to the event via call or text to the association hotline.
6. Harassment of Entry Secretaries, Rodeo Secretaries, Stock Contractors, Directors, Judges, Committee Members and/or Personnel will not be tolerated at any time including at the time of entry, payment of fees and/or Stock Contractor intentionally violating provisions of Entry System Rules may be subject to Entry System Rule Violations.
7. There shall be no reimbursement of membership dues once they have been paid.
8. If entered in an event, must make an honest effort to compete on that stock**.**

**Entry System Violations**

**Contestant – Offense#:**

1. May be disqualified from said rodeo including forfeit of championship points, loss
of credit for rodeo competed at, loss of finals rodeo eligibility and possible fine.
2. Same as #1 plus three month suspension and automatic $250.00 fine.
3. Termination of membership for a period of one year.

**Entry Secretary, Rodeo Secretary and/or Stock Contractor – Offense #:**

May be disqualified from said rodeo including no credit for rodeo worked or
produced, loss of call in monies and/or bonus funds, loss of finals rodeo eligibility
and possible fine.

1. Same as #1 plus three month suspension and automatic $500.00 fine.
2. Termination of membership for a period of one year.

**GENERAL RULES: All ELBR members shall read and know the prevailing rules of each individual rodeo. Failure to know the rules will not be accepted as an excuse.**

1. Contestants must be on hand to answer the call of the Arena Director and must comply with all other rules of the management of each particular contest or exhibition held under the auspices of the ELBR as long as they do not conflict with the ELBR rules. When, in the opinion of the Arena Director, a sufficient number of contestants is present for an event, there will be no delay because of those not present.
2. **The entry of 2 or more paid contestants shall constitute a contest.**
3. **Rodeos must be approved at least 30 days in advance to be eligible for year end standings points.**
4. Pro Division Entry Fees are to be no less than $60.00 and be no more than $120.00
5. Novice Entry Fees are to be no less than $50.00 and no more than $75.00
6. A $5 - $15 association fee will be taken out of every entry fee.
7. Association fees, judges sheets, membership forms and fees must be submitted by the following Tuesday (5pm cst) of the event for points to be eligible.
8. Stock will be drawn for each rider by a hired judge. All draws will be open for the contestants to attend.
9. Producers are responsible for all labor hired by them.
10. No Alcohol or Alcohol consumption behind the bucking chutes.
11. The number of entries will determine how many rounds of competition there will be in any single event with the decision being made by the Rodeo Committee and/or Stock Contractor, unless otherwise advertised.
12. There will be no cross entering between novice and pro.
13. Fines may be classified by the Board of Directors as follows:
14. **Class A: $500.00 - $250.00**
15. **Class B: $249.00 - $100.00**
16. **Class C: under $100.00**

**Failure to abide by rules:**

a. 1st Offense: $50.00 fine, notified by phone.

b. 2nd Offense: $250.00 fine. No finals eligibility for 1 year. Notified by Certified

mail. Contractor also notified by certified mail.

c. 3rd Offense: 1 year suspension, $500.00 fine. No finals eligibility for 2 years. Notified by Certified Mail. Contractor also notified by certified mail.

**The severity and the intent of the rule violation will be taken into consideration when imposing penalties. The Board may ask the individual to appear before the board to justify and/or explain such fine and/or explain such fine and/or rule infraction. Contestants are entitled to 2 Doctor Releases per year, finals rodeo not included. Contestants may not compete for 5 days from the date of Doctor Release. Contestants using a Doctor's release will be disqualified from all rodeos in said weekend, from the time Doctors release is used for. Doctor release must be in the office within 7 days following the rodeo it is used for. Doctor Release must have contestant name and name of the rodeo listed, you may hand write the name and rodeo on the release if the doctor does not. It is the contestant’s responsibility to make sure the office receives the release, failure to do so will void the doctor/vet release.**

6. Anyone found abusing a doctor's release will be brought before the Board of Directors to answer charges.

7. Anyone under 18 years of age must have a parent’s signature on a notarized waiver before being allowed to compete in the rodeo. This must be filed in the office and renewed each year.

8. Turn Out fines for all sanctioned rodeos will be $25.00 per event turned out, plus fees, which must be paid before competing on remaining stock. If entered in other events.

* **Such contestant will not be eligible for average money in an event which
she had turned out stock.**
* **Stock turned out, will not be brought back.**

9. The ELBR, Producers and Rodeo Committee assumed No Responsibility or Liability for injury or damage to the person, property, or stock of any owner, contestant or assistant. Each participant, by act of his/her entry, waives all claims against the management stated above.

10. **INSPECTION OF JUDGES BOOKS**: Contestants shall be privileged to see the records of each event in which they take part at any time convenient for the Secretary and Judges.

11. **REFUND OF ENTRY FEES**: No rodeo shall be responsible for the returning of a contestant’s entry fee if he has contested in the rodeo, but if they are entered in other events in which they prove they are unable to contest, and then the entry fees for those events must be returned.

12. Drones used at any rodeos must stay a safe distance away as to not interfere with contestants and/or rodeo stock. Should a drone or anything else deem as a threat to contestant and/or rodeo stock, it will constitute a complete stoppage of the rodeo until the arena can be deemed safe by the rodeo judges.

13. No excessive rattling of chute gates allowed. A $25 fine at the discretion of the judge.

14. Contestant accepts arena conditions when she nods head.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**Dues shall be established by the Board of Directors.**

1. The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone with just cause.
2. There will be two divisions (Pro and Novice)
3. Once declared for Pro you may not cross enter back into the novice division
4. Novice eligibility will be at the discretion of ELBR Board Members.
5. Membership will be open to any reliable person interested in performing in rodeos, contesting in rodeo events or producing rodeos, or to any person interested in the advancement of rodeos, providing their application is accepted. Membership cards may be purchased through the ELBR office or from the Rodeo Secretary at any ELBR rodeo. Any member entering a rodeo on an expired membership card or allowing anyone else to use her card will be fined $50.00 plus current dues.
6. All ELBR membership cards will be $100.00 per year.
7. Membership Dues are non-refundable.
8. $10 permit for competing non members, must be paid per entry.

**ROOKIE ELIGIBILITY**

If you have never held another card in any association other than High School or College, you are eligible to run for rookie. (Proof of eligibility is the responsibility of the contestant). A PRCA permit is considered a competing card, if you have had a PRCA permit, then you are not eligible to run for rookie. Rookie only applies in the pro division.

1. A 2nd year of eligibility will be given to those who meet first year rookie requirements and do not win more than $2,500.00 per event, and/or a Rookie Title, during the first year of rookie eligibility. (Eligibility will run consecutive years beginning with the first year of eligibility. No exceptions).
2. A minor contestant may compete without declaring rookie status until the age of
18 or until contestant qualifies for a ELBR finals rodeo at which time the next
season will declare their rookie status.
3. All rookie forms must be submitted 30 days from date of purchasing ELBR
membership.

**Points Awarded**

**1st place - 100 points**

**2nd place - 90 points**

**3rd place - 80 points**

**4th place - 70 points**

**5th place - 60 points**

**6th place - 50 points**

**7th place - 40 points**

**8th place - 30 points**

**9th place - 20 points**

**10th - 20 points**

**10 points will be awarded to every rider that attempts to ride their bull.**

**\*IN THE EVENT THAT A SHOW HAS TO RUN PRO AND NOVICE TOGETHER THIS IS HOW THE POINT BREAK DOWN WILL GO\***

Riders will be paid out all together as one. Each Division will earn points based on where the placed against other riders from their division

EXAMPLE:

1st Place: Pro Rider - 100 points towards pro division

2nd Place: Novice Rider - 100 points towards novice division

3rd Place: Pro Rider - 90 points towards pro division

4th Place: Novice rider - 90 points towards novice division

5th Place: Novice Rider - 80 points towards novice division

6th Place: Pro Rider - 80 points towards the pro division

And so forth…

\*This will allow novice and pro riders to gain points and be eligible for buckles per each event. In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken with the bull score.

**Payoff**

**1-2 Contestants...........................100%
3-6 Contestants ..........................60-40%
7-12 Contestants .........................50-30-20%**

**13-18 Contestants........................40-30-20-10%**

**19-24 Contestants ......................32-25-18-15-10%**

 **25 & over..................................29-24-19-14-9-5%**

**AVERAGES:** A contestant must compete on every head of stock drawn for her in that event in order to place in the average. When 2 or more heads of stock are given, an average may be paid**.**

**FINALS RULES**

1. In order to qualify for the Finals, contestants must have a card and have entered and competed in at least one or more approved rodeos in that year.
2. **Turn Out Finals**: If a rider qualifies for finals and turns out, fines will be $250 unless a Dr. Note is presented.
3. If a contestant is a no show at the finals, she will be placed on the suspended list with a $250.00 fine for each performance not competed in. Contestant entry fees will remain in the final payoff, no refunds given. There will be no substitutions for finals contestants, unless it is the next qualified contestant in line for that event, if said contestant called in for the finals, according to the finals qualifications and entry rules.
4. The association will be responsible for all trophies awarded on the annual point system.

**MARKINGS (Judges):**

1. Judges markings are to be from 1 to 25 on the rider and 1 to 25 on the animal, having a total of 50 on each side, making the highest possible score of 100 with full spread to be used. The rider and animal will be marked separately; marking the rider according to how much the rider spurs the animal and the animal according to its performance.
2. All scores will be recorded in ink and should not be changed if in compliance with the rulebook. Any changes (wrong line, re-ride, etc.) must be noted on the Judge's sheets.
3. After each performance, Judges must total their own score sheets and immediately upon completion, turn the score sheets into the Secretary. Scores and/or times will then be recorded to a master sheet. These records will be official and will not be changed after the completion of each performance. Line judges must mark penalties.

**RE-RIDES: Judge’s decision on re-rides will be final if in accordance with rules set forth in each individual event.**

1. If an animal falls on its back, side or belly, a re-ride will be offered.
2. If an animal has run off 3 consecutive times he must be taken off the draw.
3. If, in the Judge’s opinion, rider makes 3 honest efforts to get out on a chute fighting animal and is unable to do so, he may have a re-ride drawn for him.
4. If a qualified ride is made by a contestant and the animal is marked by either and/or both Judges at 12 or under then contestant shall be eligible for a re-ride.
5. In any riding event, if a qualified ride has been made and an animal runs off or stops, rider will have one drawn for him unless flank breaks or comes off, rider has option or re-ride or score. Any re-ride ask for will be taken or the contestant will receive a no score.
6. Contestants will have until the next contestant competes to make his decision on re-ride.
7. Re-rides must be offered in the same performance as the contestant competed in.
8. Re-Ride animals will be posted on the Judges sheet.

**BULL RIDING**

1. Both Judges will use a stopwatch. Time will start when the bull leaves the plane of the chute, inside shoulder, and will stop when the rider disqualifies himself or buzzer sounds. This will be mandatory at the finals, also. Animals must be ridden for 8 seconds for a qualified ride.
2. Riding to be done with 1 hand and loose rope; with or without handholds. No knots or hitches to prevent rope from coming off the bull when the rider leaves the bull will be permitted. Rope must have a bell. No bell, no marking. Bells must be under the belly of a bull.
3. All bulls having horns must be dehorned, tipped to the diameter of a 1⁄2 dollar or greater, kept out of the draw.
4. If a rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the loose rope in the riding hand, she is to be marked.
5. Riders will have the right to call Judges to pass on whether or not the bull is properly flanked to buck its best.
6. Only 5 point “plain” or “notched” spur rowels, one rowel per shank, may be used in bull riding. One shank per spur.
7. If a bull has run off 4 consecutive times, he must be taken out of the draw. (Except in the novice)
8. If a qualified ride has been made and bull stops, rider has the privilege of taking the same bull back, or rider may have a re-ride drawn for him. If the rider takes the bull back, she must take that marking.
9. Riders may use only yellow, red or black rosin.
10. Bull is not to be hot shot after the rider has mounted the bull, unless requested by the rider. Hot shot will not be used until the animal has turned outward, unless permission is given by the contestant.
11. In case of only one qualified ride, the qualifying contestant will receive all money in that event. Points will count for all money paid. If there are no qualified rides, the stock contractor will receive all the money or be rolled over to the next rodeo. **Ground money will be paid in the Novice Division.**
12. Contestant accepts arena conditions when she nods her head.
13. All Judges' Decisions will be final.
14. Riders may not draw the stock more than 2 rodeos in a row. If a rider draws the same stock for the 3rd time in a row, a re-draw will be performed.

**Rainout:** In the event of failing weather, if a performance is postponed and contestants cannot be present for the next performance, they shall be allowed to draw out their entry fee.

1. In case of a rainout, the contestants who are competing that night, who intend to draw out, must do so that night by advising the rodeo Secretary of their intention to draw out.
2. If the rainout occurs on the last performance and it is agreeable to the stock contractor and committee, cowgirls that are to contest during that performance shall have the right to vote whether to contest or not. 51% of the vote will govern.

**POSTPONEMENT:** Stock Contractor or committee has authority for postponement and/or final say.