

# 2026 Lafourche Roping Club

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## “Let’s Get Western” Buckle Series Rule Book

5D Barrels & 3D Poles



### Show Schedule

Show #	Month	Date	Day
1	March	6	Friday
2	March	20	Friday
3	April	17	Friday
4	May	1	Friday
5	May	29	Friday
6	June	12	Friday
7	August	28	Friday
8	September	11	Friday
9	September	25	Friday
10	October	2	Friday
11	October	16	Friday
12	November	28	Saturday

## Series Membership

1. Contestants are NOT required to be members of Lafourche Roping Club (LRC), however, contestants who are LRC Buckle Series members will be eligible to earn points for awards at the end of the Series.
2. Only LRC Buckle Series members earn points toward end-of-series awards.
3. Series Memberships are only valid for the scheduled series.
4. Series Memberships are available from Show #1 through Show #5.
5. Points begin on the date membership is purchased and apply only to the current series.
6. Membership must be purchased PRIOR to a run for points to apply to the run.

<b>Membership Type</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Individual Series Membership	\$50
Family Series Membership	\$75

## Entry Process

1. Pre-entries close at 12:00 PM (Noon) the day of the show.
2. The Pre-draw will be posted at least one hour prior to show start.
3. Day-of entries for Open 5D Barrels and Open 3D Poles will be accepted until 6:30 PM. No entries will be taken after books close.
4. Payments accepted: Cash at entry stand or Venmo @LafourcheRopingClub (include contestant name). *Please note, Venmo payments will incur a convenience fee (1.9% + 0.10).*
5. One entry form must be completed per rider/horse.
6. Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

## Waivers & Release Forms

All participants must sign the Buckle Series Entry Form acknowledging the LRC Release (waiver) prior to entering the arena for show events and/or exhibitions. Minors must have a parent or legal guardian signature at each show.

## Age Class

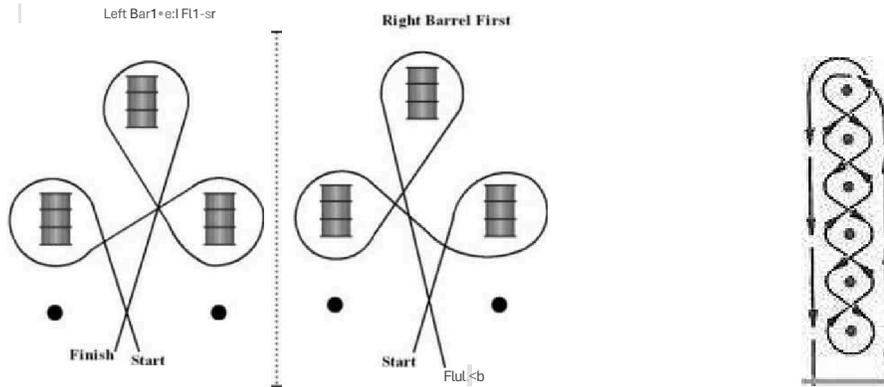
1. Age is determined as of January 1 of the current year. In the event of an age discrepancy, proof of age is to be provided by means of a birth certificate or driver's license.
2. Riders must compete in their designated age class. Riders may not move up or down between age class, and points are only earned within the rider's assigned age class.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Age</b>
Leadline	8 & under (or riders requiring assistance)
Pee-Wee	10 & under
Youth	11–13
Junior	14–17
Senior	18–39
Gold	40 & over

## Show Events

- Barrels – All Classes
- 5D Open Barrels – Open Division
- 3D Pole Bending – Open Division

All events follow AQHA Rule Book guidelines. LRC ground rules supersede all other rule books. Riders may approach from either left or right.



**Barrels**

**Poles**

## Entry Fees

Ground Fee: \$5 per rider (not per horse). Used for arena maintenance, tractor, drag, and equipment upkeep.

<b>Division/Class</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Leadline Barrels	\$20
Pee-Wee Barrels	\$20
Youth Barrels	\$20
Junior Barrels	\$20
Senior Barrels	\$20
Gold Barrels	\$20
Open 5D Barrels	\$40
Open 3D Poles	\$30

## Exhibitions

\$5 per run or 3 runs for \$12. Ground fee applies. Exhibitions run the same pattern as the competition and begin at the start of the show.

## Payouts

Payouts are based on the number of entries for each event, except Leadline.

- 75% paid out to contestants

- 25% retained by the club
- Leadline contestants receive a \$2 cash prize for each show competed in.

### **Series Points System**

1. Only LRC Buckle Series members are eligible to earn points toward end-of-series awards. Contestants must compete to earn points.
2. Membership purchased after competing on a show date will begin point eligibility at the next show.
3. Points follow the contestant but may only be earned on one horse. If a contestant competes on multiple horses, only the fastest time will count toward points.
4. Contestants must compete in at least 8 shows to qualify for awards.

#### Leadline Points

Leadline contestants will be awarded one (1) participation point for each completed event.

#### Age Class Points

A point system will be used and capped at 10 for all Age Class:

1. If there are ten (10) contestants but only 9 contestants are Buckle Series members, the first-place winner will receive nine (9) points; second place will receive eight (8) points, and down to last place receiving one (1) point.
2. If there is only one contestant entered in the event who is a Buckle Series member, only one (1) point will be issued to that contestant for a qualified ride.
3. In the case of a knocked over barrel or pole, points will be issued to the contestant.
4. In the case of NO TIME in an event due to broken pattern, no points will be issued to the contestant.
5. Points will NOT be awarded to contestants disqualified (DQ'd) for unsportsmanlike conduct.

<b>Place</b>	<b>Points</b>
1st	10
2nd	9
3rd	8
4th	7
5th	6
6th	5
7th	4
8th	3
9th	2
10th	1

#### Open Division Points

A point system will be used and capped at 5 for Open 5D Barrels and Open 3D Poles:

1. In the case of NO TIME in an event due to broken pattern, knocked over barrel or pole, no points will be issued to the contestant.
2. Points will NOT be awarded to contestants disqualified (DQ'd) for unsportsmanlike conduct.

<b>Place</b>	<b>Points</b>
1st	5
2nd	4
3rd	3
4th	2
5th	1

### All-Around Points

A 10-Point base system will be used for both barrels and poles for accumulated All-Around points per show. Contestant must be a Buckle Series Member and be entered in both Open 5D Barrels AND Open 3D Poles to qualify for All-Around points.

1. If there are only 9 qualified member contestants, the first-place winner will receive nine (9) points; second place will receive (8) points, and down to last place receiving one (1) point.
2. If there is only one contestant entered in the event who is a Buckle Series member, only one (1) point will be issued to that contestant for a qualified ride.
3. In the case of a knocked over barrel or pole, points will be issued to the contestant.
4. In the case of NO TIME in an event due to broken pattern, no points will be issued to the contestant.
5. Points will NOT be awarded to contestants disqualified (DQ'd) for unsportsmanlike conduct.

### **End-of-Series Awards**

1. At a minimum, Champion, Reserve Champion, and 3rd place awards will be presented for each class in each division.
2. Contestants must be Series Members and must compete in at least 8 shows to be eligible.
3. An All-Around award will be presented to the top contestant participating in both Open 5D Barrels and Open 3D Poles for all contestants meeting these requirements.
4. Ties will be settled by ride-off or flip of coin. Both riders must agree to either run or flip. If not in agreement, then the tie will be settled with a ride-off.

### **Arena Rules**

1. LRC recommends that all riders wear a helmet. Riders must provide their own tack/equipment.
2. Boots with a heel must be worn by all riders. No other kind of foot covering will be allowed.
3. All riders must dress neatly and appropriately for all events. Jean bottoms are required. No spaghetti strap shirts.
4. A contestant will have 3 calls to enter the arena. The third call will be the final call and result in a no time (NT). The rider will have 30 seconds to cross the timer once they enter the arena.
5. Only the horse and rider competing may be in the arena during a run.
6. No horses are allowed in the arena during dragging.
7. A re-ride may be granted for timer failure.
8. Failure of a rider's tack or gear, or a rider falling off their horse, does not constitute a re-ride. A re-ride may be granted if the LRC's equipment, i.e. timer, fails and backup times are not available.

9. Except for the Leadline class, only the horse and rider competing in the event will be allowed in the arena when running a pattern. Any horse leading in another horse must exit the arena immediately before the contestant begins their run.
10. If a pattern is broken or a pole or barrel knocked down, the contestant may continue the forward motion to finish the remainder of the pattern then exit the arena. The contestant may NOT circle a barrel more than once or restart the pattern for practice.
11. If a show has started and must be stopped and/or discontinued, the Horse Show Chairman and Committee will reschedule a date and time to restart the show as soon as possible. The show will resume where it was stopped. No new entries will be accepted for the event.
12. End of the day ties will be settled by ride-off or flip of coin. Both riders must agree to either run or flip. If not in agreement, then the tie will be settled with a ride-off.

### **Conduct & Sportsmanship**

Any attempt by a rider to bully, mock a rule, display unsportsmanlike conduct, and/or mistreat their horse or any other animal will be considered unruly behavior and result in a verbal warning and possible disqualification (DQ) for that event. If the conduct persists, the Horse Show Chairperson reserves the right to disqualify that person for the remainder of the show/shows and have them removed from the grounds. NOTE: All paid entry fees and points will be forfeited by a rider ejected from an event/show/series.

### **Facility & Grounds Rules**

1. Lafourche Roping Club is not responsible for loss or damage to a person, horse, vehicle, horse trailer, and/or any personal belongings while in transit to/from or while on the show grounds.
2. A current Coggins will be required for ALL horses on the LRC grounds. If a state inspection should occur, the owner/rider should have an original Coggins readily available to provide to the inspector.
3. No glass containers will be allowed on the LRC grounds at any time.
4. Please put your trash in the trash cans provided.
5. No outside food or ice chests will be allowed if the concession stand is open. Funds raised from the concession stand or any refreshment sale during a Horse Show are allocated towards LRC General Funds.
6. No horses will be allowed by the concession stand or within/behind spectator seating areas.
7. No one under the influence or perceived to be under the influence will be allowed to ride or enter the arena at any time.
8. LRC Horse Shows are family events therefore, unruly conduct, disruptive behavior, and/or foul language from a contestant, worker, or spectator (member or not) will NOT be tolerated. LRC reserves the right to ask violators (those who choose to become unruly or disruptive) to leave. If necessary, violators will be escorted off the grounds immediately. Disciplinary actions will be decided by the Board.