

# American Lumberjack Association

## Rules & Regulations

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The American Lumberjack Association herein referred to as the ALA is a group of sportsman & women dedicated to furthering, upgrading and standardizing timbersports competition; also to directing attention to the timber industry, which is such a vital part of the worldwide economy. The ALA is a sanctioning body that sets up rules governing sanctioned shows and competitors; keeps records; helps schedule and set up shows; mails regular newsletters to the membership which will include entry forms from all sanctioned shows; and recognizes the top point winners in each of seventeen events for the season.

Each sanctioned show has its own management and is run to suit the locality in which it is held. ALA provides the rules so that the competitors who travel the circuit will find uniformity and quality that will attract crowds repeatedly from year to year. These rules raise the standards of timbersports so that they will rank among the foremost of American sports: provide guidelines to maintain cooperation between the management and competitors of all sanctioned timbersports shows and protects members against unfairness on the part of any show management. Most of the events taking place at a timbersports competition event depict logging as it was in the early days, but also includes some events using modern equipment.

### SANCTIONING SHOWS

~~"Sanctioned Point Shows" are shows that abide by the official rules and regulations of the ALA. The Board of Directors and/or membership shall designate and publish which sanctioned shows are eligible as point shows.~~ In order to be a sanctioned show, shows must adhere to the following criteria:

1. Shows must pay annual membership fee no later than 45 days prior to their show date.  
~~The current fee is \$0.~~
2. Sanctioned shows must have a minimum of five (5) events ~~found in the ALA rulebook that earn points for the Grand Finals.~~ Any World Championship event must pay no less than \$1,000.00 dollars for first place, for that event.
3. Shows must follow the rules and regulations of the ALA. Any variance must have approval of the ALA Board of Directors a minimum of 45 days prior to the event.
4. Entry Forms.
  - a. Shows must submit/email an electronic version of their entry form, with all information concerning their events, to the ALA Secretary no less than 45 days prior to their show date so it can be mailed to the membership.
  - b. Entry forms must contain the phrase: "All contestants must be a member of the American Lumberjack Association".
  - ~~c. Entry forms must state whether the show is a point show or non-point show (see~~

**Article X):**

- d. The American Lumberjack Association, its Officers, Board Members and members must be included within the release form.
  - e. Specify, when possible, the types of wood to be used in any event.
  - f. For Crosscut sawing events, show's not using starting cuts must specify type of starting.
  - g. For Hot Saw events, the show must specify either hot or cold start.
5. All shows must furnish the ALA Secretary with the names and times of all contestants in each of their events within 10 days after the show. For the axe throw, the total scores for each contestant shall be reported. For the Birling, the order of placement shall be reported.
  6. Shows must verify that all contestants are members of the ALA according to the membership list provided by the Secretary of the ALA, or once the entry deadline has occurred shows must furnish the ALA Secretary with a list of competitors. Contestants that are not members will be required to pay a membership fee prior to competing.
  - ~~7. Local contestants can pay a "One Show Member" fee of \$10.00 \$ 5.00 for ages under 18, and compete in one show per year under this type membership. These fees must be collected by the show management and turned over to the ALA along with the name and address of the payee no later than 10 days from the date of the show.~~
  8. Shows should have a contestants meeting approximately 1-1/2 hours prior to the start of the competition.
  9. Shows should provide proper crowd restraints due to the hazardous nature of the events.
  10. Shows that fail to pay advertised prize money, trips, awards, etc. will not be sanctioned by the ALA until restitution is made.
  11. Shows should use Judges, Timers, and Scorekeeper that are at least 16 years old. Competent and knowledgeable about ALA rules and events. All officials should not use intoxicants prior to or during the show. Each show shall provide a Head Field Judge. The decision of the Head Field Judge shall be final in any and all matters including interpretation of the rules contained herein. If a Head Field Judge has questions or needs assistance in making a decision an ALA Board Member may be consulted.
  12. Shows must use two timers on each contestant and the same timers must time all of the same events. This develops a continuity of times. Timers may time more than one event.
  13. Shows must use watches capable of timing to the 100th of a second (0.01). ALA ~~has 2 sets of 9 of~~ may have these watches available for any sanctioned shows on a first come, first served basis. Video timing is allowed (coaches eye). Cell phone stop watches are not allowed due to inaccuracy. The time of each watch should be recorded by a Judge in the field, turned into an Official Scorekeeper and the Official Scorekeeper shall average the two times. The official time should be the average of the two times. It would be helpful if the timers and/or official judge would have a red flag to be thrown in the event of disqualification.
  14. The events should be started by the announcer and that the starting cadence of either "Timers

ready? Contestants ready? One, Two, Go!", or following the STIHL series format of "Timers ready? Contestant ready? Three, Two, One, Go!" **The starting cadence will be announced at the competitor meeting.**

15. Shows should have an ambulance and/or EMT's on-site.
16. Shows should arrange for contestant parking as close to the arena as possible. If this is impossible, arrangements should then be made for the contestant to bring his vehicle to the area to unload his equipment and then take his vehicle to other prepared parking.
17. Shows should be aware of potential safety hazards (see Safety Regulations).
18. Show schedule will be strictly followed and contestants who arrive late will not be allowed to make up any events that were run prior to the contestants' arrival. **It is the shows discretion to allow a late arriving competitor to compete at all.**
19. When television is brought into a competition the show should make every effort to conform to the format developed by the ALA for the betterment of the sport
20. For Stock Saw events shows will provide **4.0 cubic inch minimum power heads, 92 drivers, 50 gauge with 3/8 inch pitch and 28 inch long bars. matched saws or everyone runs on the same saw.**
21. Logs (blocks) must be sized and drawn 45 minutes prior to the start of the show.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any person becoming a member of the ALA shall comply with all of its rules, by-laws and decisions and shall be bound by same. All contestants are required to read the rules carefully. Failure to read or understand the rules will not be accepted as an excuse in the event of disqualification, prize or award forfeiture, fine, etc.
2. The decision of the Head Field Judge will be final in any and all matters pertaining to the events and the rules of the ALA.
3. A member releases to the ALA the right to use the member's name and/or picture for the good of the ALA or of the sport as long as there is no commercial endorsement or re-sale involved.
4. Contestants are encouraged to show courtesy, sportsmanship and professionalism at all times.
5. Contestants are encouraged to attend the shows award ceremony to receive prize money and/or awards.
6. **Contestants must compete in all of their events, both days, on a two day show. Exceptions will be made for injury, illness, or equipment failure.**
7. Contestants will be solely responsible for securing their own chopping block in the stand
8. Any contestants committing to appear at the Grand Finals and failing to do so without proper notification to the ALA Secretary will not be allowed to attend the next Grand Finals unless a fine of \$100.00 is paid to the ALA.
9. **DRESS CODE:** The contestants must wear a shirt during **competition with the exception of birling, contests of their choice. Slacks or Jean style** Pants of calf length or longer must also be worn. **No sweat pants or shorts are permitted with the exception of the in birling, choker set,** and climbing events. Non compliance will result in a forfeiture of prize

money and points for the entire show.

## **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

1. Failure to comply with any safety regulations and all instructions of contest officials or failure to use safety devices provided will result in forfeiture of all prize money, points and or other awards and recognition. A Contestant may be ruled out of competition and shall forfeit all prize money, points and/or recognition if the contestant:
  - a. Violates or ignores any safety precautions or devices:
  - b. Passes over safety lines without climbing ropes:
  - c. Exposes themselves or others to unnecessary risk or danger.
  - d. Is under the influence of intoxicants. This decision shall be made by contest officials;
  - e. Does not finish chopping facing the spectators (horizontal choppers) when possible;
  - f. Does not pin all axe heads (chopping and throwing).
2. Contestants are to be in the arena ONLY during the time that they are competing or setting up their event.
3. Members under the age of 16 wishing to compete in any event other than log rolling may apply to the ALA Board of Directors for a variance of the By-Laws. Applicants must demonstrate responsible behavior and competency to the Board.
4. When weights must be used on birling ponds, they should be flat so that the birler is not injured when falling into the pond.
5. Positioning of logs to be cut during power saw events should be done so that the saw is not pointing toward the crowd whenever possible or a shield must be placed between the saw and the spectators.
6. Timers must not stand in front of or behind power saws during an event.

## **POINT SYSTEM USED FOR GRAND FINALS AND YEAR-END POINTS**

Ten points for 1<sup>st</sup> place; seven points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place; five points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place; three points for 4<sup>th</sup> place and one point for 5<sup>th</sup> place.

If a person not eligible for points places, their points are skipped. Each competitor only gets points of their actual placement. Only full members are eligible for points, associate and one-time members are not eligible for points. If a one-time or associate member later in the same year becomes a full member then points are awarded for ALL placement that competition year.

Events which are eligible for points toward the Grand Final's and year-end points are: ~~Tree Topping, Speed Climbing, Choker Set, Obstacle Pole Buck, Vertical Chop, Underhand Chop, Springboard Chop, Birling, Single Buck, Double Buck, Jack & Jill Buck, Hot Power Saw, Men & Women's Stock Power Saw, Men & Women's Axe Throw and Jill & Jill Double Bucking.~~ Any event held at 2 or more ALA Sanctioned shows, that is also in the ALA rule book. Points are awarded for the division entered, not the division a competitor is ranked in.

Grand Finals will only be held if a site, organizer, and prize money are acquired. Otherwise, year-end

final points will be published and awards may be given dependent on the financial status of the ALA.

## **EVENT RULES**

Note: The same rules apply to both women and men competitors unless specified. For example, the rules for crosscut sawing events are essentially the same for each event yet wood sizes are different depending if it is an all men's event or all women's event. Shows may have both an all men's event and an all women's event and are encouraged to do so. It is not intended for men and women to compete directly against each other. Also, suggested rules for Master's (55yrs+) events are included at the end of this section.

### **Tree Topping**

1. This event will be judged on time. Timing will begin with the starting signal and will end when the contestants cut hits the ground.
2. A contestant must have one foot on the ground or starting platform at the time of the starting signal. The other foot may be ready to begin the ascent.
3. The contestant must make his cut in the starting cut nearest to the top of the block and must cut the top of the block completely off, pushing it to the ground immediately upon sawing through. The decision of the Head Field Judge shall be final.
4. Climbing ropes must be at least 7/8" diameter with steel core. Two ropes must be used if it is necessary to pass over guy lines, since one rope must be tied at all times. Side of rope used for tying in and adjusting must be free of snaps. Secondary pre-tied ropes used for tie-ins will not be allowed.
5. High topped foot wear of climbers' choice must be worn. A hand cross-cut saw must be used. Saw handle, saw rope, gloves, climbing belt, spurs, boot and length of saw may be of the climbers own design.
6. Contestant must lower the safety rope, if one is used, after he has made his cut to clear the starting cut for the next contestant. Failure to comply will result in loss of time for that particular day.
7. The amount of wood to be sawed in the contest is 40" circumference measured through starting cut (kurf) around block. The height of the tree should be of the shows own choosing. Climbers are required to make a safe descent from the top of the tree.
8. Contestants will alternate trees in a two day show if two trees are used. In a one day show, if two trees are used, contestants will draw for the tree to be climbed.
9. Once sawing is started, the cut shall be completed before coming down or before the next competitor begins.
10. Recommended diameter and arch length for tree topping wood:

Diameter of Block	Arch Length
14	21 1/8
16	21 3/8
18	21 3/4
20	22 3/16
22	22 9/16
24	23 1/8

## Speed Climbing

1. This event will be judged on time. Timing will begin with the starting signal and will end when the contestant returns to the ground after climbing the required distance and striking the bell with the body or any piece of equipment. The required height will be of the shows own choosing. In a one way climb the time will end when the bell is struck.
2. There will be no restrictions on the type of descent, except no climber shall be allowed to free fall or slide more than fifteen feet without setting a spur.
3. The contestant must have at least one foot on the ground or starting platform at the starting signal.
4. ~~High topped footwear of climbers choice must be worn.~~ Gloves, climbing belt and spurs may be of the climbers own design.
5. The contestants climbing rope must be at least 7/8" diameter with a steel core. The side used for tying in and adjusting must be free of snaps. One climbing rope is to be tied at all times and two ropes are to be used if it is necessary to cross guy lines.
6. Contestants will alternate trees in a two day show if two trees are used. In a one day show, if two trees are used, contestants will draw, ~~or be randomly assigned~~ for the tree to be climbed.

Note: It has been found that the best place for the bell is about 12" from the side of the tree on a safety line, guy line or cross arm. It is recommended that foam padding be used at the bottom of the spar poles. If padding is not available then sawdust may be used.

## Crosscut Sawing

Men's Single Bucking (one man) suggested wood size is no more than 24 inches in diameter.

Men's Double Bucking (two men) suggested wood size is 20 - 30 inches in diameter.

Women's Single Bucking (one woman) suggested wood size is 12 - 18 inches in diameter.

Women's Double Bucking (two women) suggested wood size is 12 - 18 inches in diameter.

"Jack and Jill" Double Bucking (one man & one woman) suggested wood size is 16 - 24 inches in diameter

1. The bottom side of the bucking log shall be set no lower than 12" or higher than 16" from the level of the contestants footing. Shows not using starting cuts must specify type of starting on entry form. Time will start on "Go" and stop when the wood is severed. Starting before the command "Go" is an automatic disqualification.
2. Each contestant in all sawing events will be allowed a "manager" to oil and wedge during the time the cut is being made. The manager must not touch the saw or the disc being cut after the contest has started. Provisions for the contestants footing must be made before the event starts. Only one "manager" is allowed for all sawing events per team.

3. Contestants may question location of starting cuts designated on or near obvious knots. Alternate location of the starting cut will be decided by the judges. Knots encountered thereafter will be the luck of the draw. Cut-outs (incomplete discs) will disqualify the cut. Slabs of ½ inch or more must be severed before time stops, if not severed, the cut will be disqualified.
4. All "managers" shall stand on the log side of the saw when possible.
5. Every attempt should be made to hold on to the saw handle when the cut is completed.
6. During the Grand Finals:
  - a. 16" diameter lathe turned logs with a 1 inch deep starting cut will be used for "Jack & Jill" Double Bucking;
  - b. 27" diameter lathe turned logs with a 1 inch deep starting cut will be used for Men's Double Bucking;
  - c. 23" diameter lathe turned logs with a 1 inch deep starting cut will be used for Single Bucking events.
7. During a World Championship contest:
  - a. A maximum 30" diameter lathe turned log with a 1 inch starting cut will be used for World Championship Double Bucking contests.

### **Choker Setting**

1. The size of chokers and the arrangement of logs are the option of the show. The course shall stay exactly the same for two day shows.
2. World Championship chokerman race course and size of chokers shall remain consistent for the contest where it is held.
4. Starting log and setting log will be the same log and shall be raised one foot off the ground. Time starts on "Go". Contestants leave the setting log, race over center obstacles, get choker, race back over obstacles, set choker on starting log and return to touch closest obstacle log. Time stops when the contestant touches the closest obstacle log. Judges will test each set choker by slowly pulling on the choker. A choker set not properly made will be disqualified. Setting the nubin on the wrong side of the choker bell is also an automatic disqualification.
5. Footwear of the contestants own choosing may be worn.
6. Contestants may not "lasso" choker around the end of the set log.
7. Shows should not arrange a choker race in a manner that is hazardous for the contestant.
8. Competitors should have at least a 12' wide lane each.
9. One false start will be allowed per race per competitor before disqualification.

### **Chopping Events**

Note: These rules apply to all chopping events (Horizontal, Vertical and Springboard). Suggested wood for chopping events; Alder, Black or Eastern Cottonwood, Quaking Aspen or Poplar, Western White Pine and Ponderosa Pine. Suggested diameter for chopping blocks is 12 to 14 inches.

1. Contestants will be allowed to mark the log with a marking pencil.
2. Time starts on the command "Go". Hitting the block or dummy before the command "Go" will result in disqualification. Time stops when the log is severed.
3. Slabbing: Any uncut chip in excess of 1/2 inch in thickness to the end of the block will result in no time. Methods to prevent slabbing approved by the Judges will not disqualify the cut in the event of slabbing. At least five 16p nails per chopping face shall be used when using nails for slabbing prevention. Rubber bands are an approved method to prevent slabbing on the vertical and spring board. Contestants may have a second axe in readiness to use.
4. Each log will be identified by a number. Numbers will be drawn by the contestant or a disinterested third party.
5. When logs must be sized, sizing will be done prior to drawing. Sized logs must be endorsed by an Event Chairperson or Head Field Judge (chopping logs may not vary 1/4" plus or minus from the desired circumference.)
6. The chopping log must be severed by the cutting edge of the axe only.
7. The blocks must be chopped from both sides.

### **Horizontal Chop**

1. The show shall furnish cradles for the logs, but securing the logs in the cradle shall be the responsibility of each contestant. A maximum of 15" diameter log will be used. The logs should be 3" to 6" from the ground. The log should not be less than 26" long.
2. Contestants will be allowed to cut footholds in the log. Contestants will be disqualified for chopping into the foothold during the event.
3. Contestants may not hit the log while standing on the ground.

### **Vertical/Standing Block Chop**

1. A 12" maximum diameter log will be used, no shorter than 26" long.
2. Chopping stands will be a maximum of 24" high.
3. The World Championship and Grand Finals log sizes will be 12" in diameter (37" circumference).

### **Springboard Chop**

1. The tree shall be of green soft wood a minimum of 10" in diameter, 9 feet in height above the ground and tightly secured. Chopping logs affixed to the top of this tree will be a

suggested maximum of 12" in diameter and a minimum of 24" long.

2. Springboard holes must be cut in such a manner so that no benefit is obtained from a previously cut hole. Cutting into another board hole will result in disqualification.
3. Contestants must not be physically assisted by any other person during the event
4. No test holes will be allowed by contestant into the tree used in the event.
5. Championship and Grand Final events lathe turned wood of 12" diameter or 37" circumference. The World Championship must require two springboards.

### **Obstacle Pole Power Saw Bucking**

1. The obstacle pole shall be 36 feet long with an 8 inch end recommended. The pole rests on another log causing the end to be 5 feet off of the ground. Starting with one hand on the starting point designated by the show, the contestants hand must not leave the starting point or touch the saw before the command "Go". On "Go", the contestant picks up the saw, mounts the pole below the bottom 4 foot mark on the pole, races up the log and starts the saw after crossing the top 5 foot mark then severs a disc at the end of the pole (or more than one disc at shows discretion). Upon severing the disc(s), shut off the saw before re-crossing the top 5' mark, race down the pole, one foot must be below the bottom 4' mark on the bottom of the log before touching the ground. No part of the foot may touch the bottom mark. Return to starting point to end time.
2. Mounting or dismounting the pole above the bottom mark starting or stopping the saw below the top mark will result in disqualification.
3. For two day shows, the contestant must alternate poles.
4. If a cutting area is marked on the pole by show management, the contestant may only sever the disc in the allotted area.
5. Contestants must carry the saw until time is stopped for the event.
6. Neither the contestant nor the saw can touch the support log in any way.

### **Hot Power Saw**

1. Power saw will be of the contestants choice but limited to one cylinder.
2. Chain and bar will be of contestants own choosing, but will be limited to a maximum of a 32" cutting area, measured from the closest point of contact.
3. The log will be 20" minimum in diameter and for one cut races, for multiple cut races log will be 16" minimum diameter for open hotsaws and 12" minimum diameter for production hotsaws, all cuts will be completed from one side.
4. This event is either hot or cold start at the shows discretion. Hot or cold start should be advertised on the show's contestant application form. One or two cuts, only complete discs will qualify for time, no cut outs. Contestants will be given the official signal to begin the event but time will start when the chain strikes the wood on hot starts or on the command "go" for cold starts. Time will stop when the disc is severed.

5. Contestants will have a maximum of 2 minutes to start and warm up the saw prior to cutting. Chaps and ballistic nylon or equivalent protection must be worn. Eye protection required. Recommendation: Hearing protection and additional layers of ballistic nylon should be added to chaps as a safety precaution.
6. Each Hot Power Saw may be used by only one contestant per show.
7. All Hot Power Saws must have a safety guard between the chain sprocket and the contestant. This guard will extend outward from the saw and at least a 90 degree wrap past the sprocket, of 1/8" T-6 aluminum or equivalent.
8. In the event that only one or no shields are available, the front side of the saw must be pointed away from the spectators or toward the furthest point away from any spectators. Recommendation: a shield should be used in front and in back of the contestant if possible. This is for safety.
9. Starter cords must stay attached to the saw or be tethered, with the exception of breakage during the event.
10. If the power saw breaks down during the 2 minute warm-up period, the contestant is allowed an additional three minutes to fix the saw from the time the breakage is discovered.

### **Stock Power Saw**

Note: Suggested log sizes are 16"-20" in diameter.

1. Contestants will provide their own chain, unless show provides saw and chain. The chain may be used by only one contestant per show. The suggested chain requirements are 92 drivers, 50 gauge, 3/8" pitch, or 84 drivers, 50 gauge, 3/8" pitch. Shows will provide 4.0 cubic inch minimum power heads, with 24-28" bars.
2. **SUGGESTED:** For one cut races: Hot start with saw on the ground and hands on the top of the wood. At "GO" one down cut will be made in 4 inches of wood, For Two Cut races: Hot start with saw on the ground and hands on the top of the wood. At "GO" two cuts will be made in 4 inches of wood with a down cut then up cut time stops when disc is severed. Each cut must produce a full disc. Cut-outs will be disqualified.
3. Contestants will have a maximum of 2 minutes to start and warm up the saw prior to cutting. Chaps and ballistic nylon or equivalent protection must be worn. Eye **and Ear** protection required. Recommendation: **Hearing protection and** additional layers of ballistic nylon should be added to chaps as a safety precaution.
4. **SUGGESTED:** World Championship: The cut will be started striking a 4" mark on the front side of a 24" lathe turned Douglas Fir log, boring through (plunge cut), and striking a 4" mark on back side of the log then severing the disc in either direction. Missing the mark disqualifies the cut.
5. **SUGGESTED:** Wood size for Grand Finals will be 23" diameter log. Wood cut will be bore, down then up resulting in one severed disc.
6. **The entry form must include if the contestant must furnish their own chain, and must include the chain requirements. The entry must also include what type of cut will be made in competition. (1 cut, 2 cuts, bore and up/down cut etc.)**

7. All power heads must be matched. If it is not possible to have matched power heads then competitors will run on the same power head in heats of 1.

### **Axe Throwing**

1. Center of the bull's-eye is to be exactly 60 inches from the ground. The target will be 36 inches in diameter with the following five scoring areas: 4" Bull's-eye with four 4" wide circular rings. The bull's-eye shall score 5 points, the next ring 4 points, the next ring 3 points, the next ring 2 points and the outside ring 1 point. If a hole is drilled in the bull's-eye in order to insert a can of beer, the scoring remains the same except if the axe hits the can and draws beer, that throw shall score 6 points. Foul line is 20 feet straight out from the bulls-eye, then straight down to the ground.
2. The contestant's feet cannot hit the ground beyond the foul line before the axe hits the target.
3. Final resting place of the axe is the scoring area. Points will be scored in the highest point ring in which the axe is resting. If the tips of both sharpened faces of the axe stick in the target, there will be no points awarded for that throw. The axe must stick in the target until the Judge removes the axe or instructs the contestant to do so.
4. The axe must be double bitted, at least 2 1/2 pounds, and have an overall length of no less than 24 inches and no greater than 40 inches measured from the top of the eye to the end of the handle. The cutting face of the each blade will not exceed 6 inches in length.
5. The leading edge of the axe shall be the scoring edge.
6. This event requires a minimum of 3 throws for score. A practice throw may be allowed at the option of the show. If the contestant does not wish a practice throw it is the contestant's responsibility to inform the Judge before starting the first throw. Otherwise, the first throw will be considered the practice throw.
7. The area behind the target must be kept clear of people in an area 20 feet wide and a minimum of 20 feet deep. Axe throw Judges should be aware of feet crossing the foul line, even as a follow through, prior to the axe hitting the target.
8. After the throw has been made, scored and the axe removed from the target, the score cannot be changed for any reason.

### **Birling (Log Rolling)**

1. Contestants will compete directly against each other. Birlers draw for opponents and positions in elimination brackets. Since this is a bracketed event there may be some "byes". A modified double elimination bracket will be used. With this bracket the final's match will consist of the two last undefeated rollers, one from each side of the bracket. The winner of the final's match will take first place; the loser will take second place. If a Birler loses prior to the final's match, this Birler may take third place by winning the remaining matches in the loser's bracket. The modified double elimination bracket eliminates the confusion of the audience as to which match is the final's match.
2. Show management will seed the previous year's first place winner and fourth place winner at

opposite ends of the top half of the bracket. The previous year's second and third place winners will be positioned at opposite ends of the bottom half of the bracket. If the previous year's first, second, third or fourth place winner is not entered, the next highest finisher from the previous year shall be in that position and so on. Seeding based on known abilities is permitted.

3. The Grand Finals event will seed all eight Birlers according to the points total from the current season. The roller with the highest point total will be seeded first etc. The previous Grand Finals Champion will be seeded according to their points from the previous season.
4. Logs will be 12 feet in length and of turned Cedar. Each log will have a six inch warning band
5. Painted in the center of the log which will serve as a neutral zone. Rollers may step on but not over this band. Stepping over this band will result in the loss of a fall. A six inch warning band will be placed on each end of the log. Numbers painted on the ends of the logs and/or key colors will indicate the size of each log.
6. Contestants will roll the #1 log, 15 inch diameter, for two minutes. If there is no decision, they will roll the #2 log, 14 inches in diameter, for four minutes. If there is no decision, they will roll the #3 log, 13 inches in diameter, for six minutes. If there is no decision, they will roll the #4 log, 12 inches in diameter, to the finish. If there is a separate women's division, in that division the #1 log will be discarded. The women will start on the #2 log with a two minute time limit. The #3 log will then have a four minute time limit.
7. Show management will provide two pike poles for starting the matches and a stop watch to keep track of the time limits.
8. The area of water in which the match will take place must be a minimum of 400 square feet. It must have a minimum depth of 3 feet. If the area is not rectangular, a rectangle of 400 square feet must be able to be inscribed in the body of water. Thus if a circular pool is used, it must have a minimum diameter of 28 feet four inches. When weights must be used to hold down a protective cover over the liner of the pool, they must be flat so that the Birler does not twist an ankle or otherwise injure themselves when falling into the pond.
9. Show management will provide three Judges to preside over the match, two of which will work the pike poles and the other to run the stop watch.  
A designated Judge starts each match. Competing rollers grasp a pike pole after getting on the log and are pushed out from the platform. The Judge cautions the rollers, "Steady the log". When the Judge is certain that both rollers have equal control, he says "Throw your poles". The match begins when the Judge then calls "Time in".
10. Judges shall stop the contest at their desire or discretion, if the log goes into the bottom or other obstacles, or for any reason they deem necessary. Judges shall determine to which contestant shall go each fall when one or both contestants fall into the water. The loser of any fall shall have the choice of end of the log for the next fall.
11. Competitors are allowed a maximum of one minute during any stop in the action during a match after the log is ready for the match to resume. The time will begin upon command from a designated Judge that the log is ready. Competitors will then have one minute to be in position on the log. The first violation during a match will result in a warning. Any subsequent violation will result in the loss of a fall. Each competitor will have a maximum warm up time of 30 seconds on each log during a match.

12. What constitutes the fall: A fall is lost

- a. by the first contestant to lose control of the log with both feet and subsequently fall into the water. Jumping up to prolong hitting the water, straddling, sitting, falling to both shins, and laying across the log are considered out of control of the log with both feet.
- b. When a contestant trespasses the neutral band.
- c. when a contestant violates the one minute limit to be in position on the log after the first warning to be in position.

13. What constitutes a draw: A fall will be ruled a draw if the Judge cannot see a specific and noticeable difference in the fall. A Judge must make an instant decision. No discussion of the fall will take place between the Judges except to the response as to who won or lost the fall if the fall was a draw. If there is the slightest doubt in the mind of a Judge as to who won or lost the fall, it should be ruled a draw. The decision from all Judges must be unanimous or the fall will be ruled a draw.

14. Two falls out of three will decide the match except in the semi-final and the final round where three falls out of five will decide the match.

## **ALL AROUND LOGGER AWARD**

Points are based on final results of each event, per show and totaled per contestant. The contestant with the most total points will be the recipient of the "All Around Logger" or the "Bull of the Woods" award. **A separate "All Around Logger female" or "Belle of the Woods" award is encouraged.** All events will count towards this award. Points are awarded in each event as follows:

1st Place- 10points  
2nd Place - 7 points  
3rd Place - 5 points  
4th Place – 3 points  
5th Place - 1 point

## **MASTERS EVENTS**

Note: The following guidelines are unofficial rules that offer suggested event parameters for Master's events.

- ~~1. Masters events typically include axe throwing, chopping, climbing and single bucking only.~~
2. Competitors in this class must be at least **50 55** years of age anytime during the current year or older.
- ~~3. Anyone who is a strong open competitor must be 55 years of age to compete in the~~

- ~~Masters chopping events.~~
4. Masters may not enter the same event in another division (open, intermediate or novice) at the same show.
  5. A handicap of 1 second per year over the age of 50 may ~~can~~ be awarded. ~~No Handicap for axe throwing.~~

## INJURED LOGGERS FUND

An account shall be established to assist members with medical expenses as a result of an injury in ALA competition. Reimbursement shall not exceed \$150.00 for any given show. The account shall maintain a minimum balance of \$600.00 and a maximum of \$1,000.00. Members requesting reimbursement shall submit a written request for reimbursement to the Board of Directors for approval.

## BY-LAWS AMERICAN LUMBERJACK ASSOCIATION

### ARTICLE I PURPOSE

This corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. Subject to the limitations stated in the Articles of Incorporation, the purpose of this corporation shall be to engage in lawful activities, none of which are for profit, for which corporations may be organized under Chapter 65 of the Oregon Revised Statutes (or its corresponding future provisions) and 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or its corresponding future provisions).

The corporation's primary purpose shall be to encourage, promote, and assist nationwide Lumberjack sports exhibitions and shows.

### ARTICLE II MEMBERS

Section 1. Classes and Voting. There shall be four classes of members of this corporation. Each member shall be entitled to the benefits as described. The classes are as follows:

- A. Annual Member: Annual members receive a membership card, rule booklet, newsletter, voting rights and points toward Grand Finals / ~~year end points.~~
- B. Family Member: This membership class is intended for an immediate family. All members of the family receive the same rights and benefits as the annual member with the exception that only the husband and wife have voting rights ~~and only one copy of a newsletter will be sent with two copies of entry forms and ballots.~~
- C. Collegiate Member: This membership class is for persons enrolled full-time in post high school education programs. Receives all the benefits of an Annual Member.
- D. Junior Member. Junior members receive the same rights of membership as an annual

member but may not vote. To qualify for this class of membership, the member must be under the age of 18 on June 1st of the current year.

Section 2. Non-Member benefits. The following classes are non-members but are entitled to the benefits described below upon payment of the appropriate fee as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.

- A. One-Show Competitor: A competitor may compete in the show paid for and will receive newsletters ~~for 1 (one) year after the show paid for~~ thru the end of that calendar year. Payment is due to the ALA prior to the start of the show.
- B. ~~Newsletter Recipients~~ Associate Member: A non-competing member with payment of the appropriate fee. may receive newsletters only.

Section 3. Qualifications. A person shall become a member of the corporation by payment of the required amount of annual dues as determined by the Board from time to time for the class in which the person desires to be a member as defined in Section 1 above. ~~Membership goes from the date of dues payment through December 31<sup>st</sup> of that same year.~~

Section-4. Termination of Membership. Membership may be terminated by the Board of Directors after giving the member at least 15 days written notice by first class or certified mail of the termination and the reasons for termination, and an opportunity for the member to be heard by the Board, orally or in writing not less than 5 days before the effective date of the termination. The decision of the Board shall be final and shall not be revocable by any court. Under no circumstances will any part of membership fees paid be refunded.

Section 5. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members shall be held in March or April of each year at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall designate.

Section 6: End of Competition Season Meeting. Members will hold a meeting near the completion of the competition season at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall designate.

Section 7. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members shall be held at the call of the Chairperson Secretary, by a majority of the Board of Directors, or by the call of the members of at least fifty percent of the voting power of the corporation by a demand signed, dated, and delivered to the corporation's Secretary. Such demand by the members shall describe the purpose of the meeting.

Section 8. Notice of Meeting. Notice of all meetings of the members shall be given to each member at the last address of record, by first class mail ~~or by email~~ at least 21 days before the meeting; ~~or by means other than first class mail at least 30 but not more than 60 days before the meeting.~~ The notice shall include the date, time, place, and purposes of the meeting.

Section 9. Quorum and Voting. Those votes represented at a meeting of members shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of the members represented and voting is the act of the members unless these Bylaws or the law provide differently.

Section 10. Proxy Voting. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section 11. Action by Consent. Any action required by the law to be taken at a meeting of the

members, or any action which may be taken at a members meeting may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action to be taken or so taken, shall be signed by all the members.

Section 12. Roberts Rules of Order. Meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order (parliamentary procedure) unless otherwise directed by the chairperson.

## ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Duties. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Number and Qualifications. The number of Directors may vary between a minimum of five and a maximum of seven. All directors must be individuals (not corporations or some other legal entity). Only one family and/or household member may serve as a member of the Board of Directors or as an Officer at any one time.

Section 3. Term and Election. The term of office for Directors shall be three years, except for the Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve one year terms. A Director may be reelected without limitation on the number of terms she or he may serve. The Board shall be elected by the members. Nominations for the Board of Directors shall be made ~~in writing~~ to the Secretary ~~no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>~~. Secretary shall contact the nominees to confirm acceptance ~~by September 15<sup>th</sup>~~. Ballots are then mailed ~~or emailed~~ to the voting members ~~by October 15<sup>th</sup> and are to be returned postmarked no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>~~. Ballots shall be returned to and counted by an impartial committee of four (4) general member volunteers appointed by the Board, ~~or by an electronic service~~. The Board shall make provisions to stagger the terms of Directors so that each year the terms of as close as possible to one-third of the Directors shall expire. ~~Voting will occur between the end of the competition season and the beginning of the next years competition season.~~

Section 4. Removal. Any Director may be removed, with or without cause, at a meeting called for that purpose, by a vote of a majority of the members entitled to vote at an election of Directors.

Section 5. Vacancies. Vacancies on the Board of Directors and newly created board positions will be filled by a majority vote of the Directors then on the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Quorum and Action. A quorum at a board meeting shall be a majority of the number of Directors prescribed by the Board, or if no number is prescribed, by a majority of all Directors in office immediately before the meeting begins. If a quorum is present, action is taken by a majority vote of directors present. Where the law requires a majority vote of directors in office to establish committees that exercise Board functions, to amend the Articles of Incorporation, to sell assets not in the regular course of business, to merge, to dissolve, or for other matters, such action is taken by that majority as required by law.

Section 7. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. No other notice of the date, time,

place or purpose of these meetings is required. The Board of Directors shall meet prior to each Annual and End of Competition Season membership meeting in order to develop an Agenda and following each meeting to make assignments, at the same place at which the membership meeting is held.

Section 8. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of such meetings, describing the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting, shall be delivered to each Director personally or by telephone or by mail **or by email** not less than seven days prior to the special meeting.

Section 9. Meeting by Telecommunication **or video**. Any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors may be held by telephone or telecommunications, **or online video**, as long as all Directors can hear each other. E-Mail may be used as a tool to discuss issues under consideration by the Board but voting by e-mail may only occur provided all Directors and officers cast a vote. Records of such votes will be maintained by the Secretary with the BOD meeting minutes.

Section 10. No Salary. Directors shall not receive salaries for their Board services, but may be reimbursed for expenses related to Board service.

Section 11. Action by Consent. Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Board, or any action which may be taken at a Board meeting, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action to be taken or so taken, shall be signed by all the Directors.

## ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES

Section 1. Other Committees. The Board of Directors may establish such other committees as it deems necessary and desirable. Such committees will be advisory to the Board.

Section 2. Committees. May Not Exercise Board Level Decisions. No committee shall exercise any function of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Limitations on the Powers of Committees. No committee may authorize payment of a dividend or any part of the income or profit of the corporation to its directors or officer; nor approve dissolution, merger, or the sale, pledge, or transfer of all or substantially all of the corporation's assets; nor elect, appoint, or remove directors or fill vacancies on the board or any of its committees; nor adopt, amend or repeal the Articles, Bylaws, or any resolution by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1. Titles. The officers of this corporation shall be the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, **Social Media Secretary** and Treasurer. All officers must be members in good standing. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected from the Directors who have not completed their terms as Directors. The Secretary, **Social Media Secretary** and Treasurer shall be elected from those Members interested serving.

Section 2. Election. The members shall elect the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson.

Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall all serve one year terms. An officer may be reelected without limitation on the number of terms the officer may serve. Only one family member and/or household member may serve as an Officer or as a Director at any one time.

Section 3. Vacancy. A vacancy of the office of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, **Social Media Secretary** or Treasurer shall be filled not later than the first regular meeting of the members following the vacancy.

Section 4. Other Officers. The Board of Directors may elect or appoint other officers, agents and employees as it shall deem necessary and desirable. They shall hold their offices for such terms and have such authority and perform such duties as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. All such other officers, agents, and employees shall be subject to removal any time with or without cause by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Chairperson. The Chairperson shall be the chief officer of the corporation and shall act as the Chair of the Board. The Chairperson shall have any other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Chairperson may only vote in the case of a tie.

Section 6. Vice Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson shall perform all the duties of the Chairperson in case of the absence, incapacity, or inability of the Chairperson to act, or whenever directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary shall have the overall responsibility for all recordkeeping, including all corporate fund records. The Secretary shall be bonded, with all bonding fees paid by the corporation. The Secretary shall perform, or cause to be performed the following duties: (a) official recording of the minutes of all proceedings of the Board of Directors and members' meetings and actions in a book or **online storage area** suitable for archiving; (b) provision for notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors and members; and (c) authentication of the records of the corporation; (d) keeping of full and accurate accounts of all financial records of the corporation; (e) maintaining current and accurate membership lists, including each member's mailing address, (f) mailing entry forms at least two weeks before the show entry deadline, if possible; (g) publish a newsletter to be mailed at a minimum **monthly during the competition season and at the beginning and end of each competition year. during the following months: February, April, May, June, July, August, September, October and December** which includes all the results from all sanctioned shows; (h) file the annual corporate reports with the State of Oregon; (i) be the custodian of the Corporate Seal; (j) **maintain a mailing address in the state of Oregon and** be responsible for distributing and receiving all official correspondence of the corporation; and (k) any other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds of the Corporation, and shall pay them out only on the check of the Corporation signed in the manner authorized by the Board of Directors. All expenses shall be paid in a timely manner, within thirty (30) days, if possible. The treasurer shall be bonded, with all bonding fees paid by the corporation. In addition, the Treasurer shall perform or cause to be performed, the following duties: (a) shall report on the financial condition of the corporation at all meeting of the Board of Directors and at other times when called upon by the Chairperson; (b) shall provide detailed financial reports for the newsletters to the Secretary; and (c) shall file all government reports in a timely manner; (d) file or cause to be filed all required tax return and associated forms; (e) deposit of all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors; (f) disbursement of all funds when proper to do so; (g)

making financial reports as to the financial condition of the corporation to the Board of Directors; (h) maintain all bank accounts in such way that there must be 2 signers on every check, withdrawal or payment with the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson **Secretary** and Treasurer being the authorized signers.

Section 9. Social Media Secretary (Technology Chair). Responsible for updating and maintaining the ALA website.

## ARTICLE VI CORPORATE INDEMNITY

This corporation will indemnify its officers, directors and members to the fullest extent allowed by Oregon law.

## ARTICLE VII USE OF PREMISES AND PROPERTY

The use of any premises and property owned or being leased by the corporation shall be governed by written rules prepared and adopted by the Board of Directors. Each member shall be presented a copy of these rules and a copy shall be posted on the corporate premises.

## ARTICLE VIII CORPORATE SEAL

The corporate seal of this corporation shall consist of two concentric circles between which shall be the name of the corporation and the word "Oregon" and in the center of the inner circle of which shall be inscribed the words "corporate seal" and such seal as it is impressed upon the margin hereof is adopted as the corporate seal of this corporation.

## ARTICLE IX RULES OF EVENTS

Rules of events shall stand for three years unless a revision is necessary to ensure the safety of competitors or others. A copy of the rules shall be provided to all competitors. At the end of three years, the rules shall be reviewed and revised if necessary. Any revisions proposed to the event rules shall be voted upon by the membership by written mailed/**emailed** ballot.