



2026 CAROLINA BORDER GROUND RULES

LOCAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- CB membership fee is \$100 per contestant per season and is required to be eligible for year-end awards
- Points will not begin accumulating towards year-end awards until CB membership has been paid
- Fundraising is mandatory for CB members. If fundraising requirements are not met members will not be eligible for year-end awards. See below for fundraising requirements.
- CB members must compete in 75% of rodeos to be eligible for year-end awards (25/26 season is 12 rodeos)
- CB points will be accumulated during rodeos 1 thru 14. Rodeos 15-16 in May will be national points only

FUNDRAISER REQUIREMENTS

- Members are responsible for a total of \$300 in fundraising per season to be eligible for year-end awards
- \$300 in fundraising money is due no later than April 12th, 2026. NO exceptions.
- \$300 in fundraising may be completed by utilizing one or more of the below options:
 - o Fall raffle ticket sales, Spring raffle ticket sales, \$300 sponsorship sale, \$300 payment to CB

AGE DIVISIONS

- Age is based on contestants age as of midnight July 7th, 2025
- Carolina Cow Hands - Ages 6 & Under (*May not cross over to Little Wrangler*) (*Local events ONLY*)
- Little Wrangler – Ages 5 through 8
- Junior – Ages 9 through 13
- Senior – Ages 14 through 18

RODEO ENTRIES

- Online entries open at least 3 weeks prior to the rodeo & close the SATURDAY prior to the rodeo
- All entries are to be completed through the NLBRA online system. Except CCH events and LW Breakaway.
- CCH & LW Breakaway entries will need to be text to (864)933-6495. Please include contestant's name, event, and entry or exhibition.
- Invoices will be sent to the email address listed with NLBRA at least 7 days prior to the rodeo
- Invoice payment is required by midnight the Wednesday prior to the rodeo, unless noted in advance
- Draw out: draw out prior to the Wednesday before the rodeo without fines (*refund will be mailed to the address on file via check, minus payment fees*)
- Turn out: contestants turning out after the Wednesday before the rodeo (*no refunds will be issued*)
- Vet/Med out: may vet out or med out after the Wednesday before the rodeo with a Vet/MD note. Note must be provided to the secretary prior to the next rodeo (*Refund will be mailed via check, minus NLBRA fees and payment fees AFTER note is provided*)
- No show: any contestant that does not show up for their event & does not communicate with the secretary prior to their event (*No refunds. \$25 no show fine will be issued and must be paid prior to entering the next rodeo*)

CAROLINA COW HANDS (CCH)

- Ages 6 and under – May not cross over to Little Wrangler
- Carolina Border Membership Required (*Allowed exhibition entries 1 weekend without CB membership*)
- NO National membership, No National Finals
- Lead line allowed for exhibition entry ONLY. Any entry that competes with assistance will not be eligible for points or payout in that event
- Events offered: Goat Tail Untying, Flag Racing, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending

- All CCH events follow NLBRA rules, with the exceptions listed below:
 - CCH Goat tail untying will be done from the ground (no horses)
 - All CCH events have a 60 sec. time limit
- No CCH All-Around Saddles awarded

ENTRY FEES

- All contestants are required to pay \$25 in contestant/grounds fees per rodeo (\$10 NLBRA fee, \$10 office fee, \$5 arena fee). CCH contestant fees are \$15 per rodeo (\$10 office fee, \$5 arena fee)
- Families with more than 2 children that are CB members: Office Fee and Arena Fee are waived after your 2nd child. \$10 NLBRA fee only for any sibling after 2.
- Any contestant without a current NLBRA membership is required to pay \$30 permit fee per rodeo in addition to other required fees
- 60% of entry fees (not including stock charges) go towards jackpot. Entry fees listed below:
 - o \$20 Entry Fee all events (CCH, LW, JR, SR)
 - o \$15 Exhibition Entry Fee – (Only offered in CCH events)
 - o \$15 Stock Charge – Cattle (Split between contestants in team events)
 - o \$15 Stock Charge – Rough Stock
 - o \$10 Stock Charge – Goats

RULES & REGULATIONS

- All rules & regulations will follow the 2025-2026 NLBRA Rulebook and 2026 CB Ground Rules
- Electric/motorized vehicles (i.e. Segways, electric bikes, electric scooters) are NOT permitted at any CBLBR rodeo. Golf carts/crickets are permitted and may be operated by non-contestant adults only.
- No other rodeo association apparel allowed inside the arena
- Payout will be issued by check
 - o Payout will be available 1 hour following the conclusion of Sunday's rodeo. If contestant is only entered in Saturday's rodeo payout may be picked up 1 hour following the conclusion of Saturday's rodeo
 - o Payout not picked up will be available for pick up at the next rodeo. If not picked up at the next rodeo payout will be mailed to the address on file with NLBRA
 - o Checks issued by CBLBR are required to be deposited within 90 days. Any funds not deposited within 90 days will be considered forfeited
- No ties for a year-end all-around award shall be recognized. Should there be a tie for year-end all-around the board will vote on a tie breaker solution and notify both contestants
- Appeals:
 - o Appeals for rule infractions must be submitted on an appeal form obtained from the rodeo secretary
 - o Appeals are for rule infractions only, judge's decisions are final
 - o Appeals must be submitted to the secretary prior to the end of the rodeo
 - o There is a \$25 fee for an appeal that must be paid when form is submitted. If the appeal is overturned in your favor the fee will be returned.
- Order of events and weekend schedule are subject to change. Any updates will be posted to our Facebook page
- Draws posted on Facebook are subject to change. The official draw will be posted at the rodeo office
- All Roping events will be limited to 1 loop per contestant
 - o Breakaway LW/JR/SR – 1 Loop
 - o Tie Down – 1 Loop
 - o Ribbon Roping JR/SR – 1 Loop
 - o Team Roping JR/SR – 2 Loops only (1 Header loop, 1 Heeler loop)
- Ribbon roping roper must turn cattle loose once the runner pulls the ribbon from their tail

*Carolina Border reserves the right to add or amend ground rules at anytime
Any changes or amendments will be posted 1 hour prior to rodeo start*