

# **RULE BOOK**

Great Lakes Championship Bull Riding Association, LTD  
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Founded mid-year in 2021, the Great Lakes Championship Bull Riding Association serves to promote the sport of Bull Riding throughout the Great Lakes Region. Riders from the Great Lakes Region have proven their dedication, grit and talent by winning championships at the highest level of the sport all over our great Country. The Great Lakes Championship Bull Riding Association provides the opportunity for them to showcase their skills closer to home by offering a number of local events within the region culminating in the Championship Finals, held at the end of each season. But the Bull Riders are not the only riders we support. Cowgirl Barrel Racing is one of the fastest and most exciting events in the rodeo industry and again, many riders from the Great Lakes Region have proven their abilities to win at the professional level. Cowgirl Barrel Racing is a big part of who we are and will be in the future.

Ultimately, our goal is to support contestants, producers, stock contractors, and personnel by improving the quality of events and enhancing the payouts while insuring everyone's effort remains profitable. The purpose of these rules promote fairness, eliminate confusion, and assist all in the efforts of GLCBRA members and permit holders. These rules apply to all members and permit holders without exception.

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## **SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

1. **Membership dues** shall be designated annually– Membership will be valid until the end of the season. Each year the season start, and end date will be posted on the schedule.
2. **Sign Membership Application.** Each member shall, at the time of joining the association, sign a statement (included on the membership application) relieving the association, producers, stock contractors, rodeo committees, and all others of liability in case of injury. Members less than eighteen (18) years of age must have membership application signed by their parent or legal guardian **AND** notarized.
3. **Right to use name, photo, biography.** Each member of the association releases to the association the right to use their name, photograph, biography, and/or all other information pertinent to publicity and promotion. Such materials are to be used only for the good of the association and will not involve resale or commercial endorsement.
4. **Returned Checks** - There will be a \$50 charge for all returned checks.
5. **No Preferred Contestants** – There will be no Preferred Contestant status for any GLCBRA event however, GLCBRA members will still have preference for performance over day permit contestants.
6. **Membership dues automatically deducted** – If a bull rider contestant wins 1<sup>st</sup> place and is not currently a member the event secretary will automatically deduct \$150 from the prize money. The money won will count in the standings. This is for the bull riders only, not applicable for barrel racers. If the secretary fails to deduct the membership dues, the Producer will be responsible for paying the membership and collecting the fee from the contestant.

### **CONDUCT & DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

1. **Discipline** - All members & non-members may be subject to reprimands, fines, suspension, or expulsion for the violation of the GLCBRA rules.
2. **Alcohol and Illegal Drugs** - Being under the influence of or consuming alcoholic beverages and/or drugs at the venue of a GLCBRA Event will result in a fine and shall result in major disciplinary action. The amount of the fine will be determined by the GLCBRA Officers.
3. **Fighting and Horseplay** - Fighting and Horseplay in the arena will result in fine, disqualification, and/or expulsion. GLCBRA Representative at the event will determine the appropriate discipline.
4. **Obscene gestures or cursing out loud** - Making obscene gestures or cursing out loud while in the arena or on the chutes will result in a \$100 fine. This will be determined by the two event Officials and/or GLCBRA Representative at the event.
5. **Arguing with an Official or Event personnel** – Arguing with an Official or Event personnel in the arena will result in a fine, disqualification, and/or expulsion. The GLCBRA Official or GLCBRA representative at the Event will determine the appropriate discipline.
6. **Derogatory Remarks concerning the GLCBRA, GLCBRA Producers, Officers and/or Officials via Social Media** - GLCBRA member or Non-Member, may be fined and/or suspended. The fine amount & any other disciplinary action will be determined by a GLCBRA Representative.
7. **Conduct** - GLCBRA reserves the absolute right to discipline individuals whose:
  - (a) Honesty, integrity and professionalism do not reflect the image expected of Members of the GLCBRA.
  - (b) Personal conduct reflects badly upon GLCBRA, its Members, and/or the sport of bull riding.
8. **Proper and Respectable Conduct** is expected when members are representing GLCBRA at promotional functions, staying at host hotels and dining at host restaurants. Complaints will be reviewed by a committee selected by GLCBRA staff and disciplinary action determined. Accused member will be able to attend committee review.

## DRESS CODE

1. **Dress Code** - All competing members and permits must wear a long sleeve western shirt, cowboy hat, and cowboy boots at any GLCBRA Event beginning ONE HOUR before the start of and throughout the entire performance. A warning will be issued for the first offense, thereafter a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per occurrence will be given.
2. **Anyone assisting that is visible** on, behind the bucking chutes, or in the arena must adhere to the dress code, including cowboy hat. A warning will be issued for first offense, thereafter a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per occurrence will be given.

## SECTION 2: EVENTS/PRODUCERS

### COWGIRL BARREL RACING

1. **Membership Dues Payment** – Member Dues are \$100 per season and must be purchased prior to competing for monies won to count in the standings.
2. **Entry Fees Amount** – The required entry fee at all regular season events is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. The weekly and bi-weekly events do not have a required entry fee amount.
3. **Notified Turn Outs (NTO) & Non-Notified Turn Outs (NNTO)**. Once you have entered an event, you are responsible for your entry fee unless you have a doctor/vet release or bereavement excuse. Any competing member or permit contestant wishing to make a NOTIFIED TURNOUT must do so by contacting the Event Secretary or GLCBRA Office. Notified turnouts are responsible for paying the entry fee for the event they are turning out of. Turnouts may be paid by contacting the Event Secretary or GLCBRA office or at the next event the contestant is scheduled to compete in. NON-NOTIFIED TURNOUT (NNTO) - A NNTO will result in contestant having to pay the entry fee for that event and a \$20.00 additional fine. Contestants will not be able to compete in a GLCBRA event until all fines are paid.
4. **Contestant must begin run from mouth of gate or alleyway and move in a forward direction** (cannot enter arena and set horse), if gate or alleyway is in the center of the barrel pattern. The bars in the alley must be removed or buried so that the center alley will be completely level, to be deemed safe by the judges. Any gate that barrel racers are required to enter, either center or side, the bar must be removed or buried. When using a center alley in the barrel racing, the barrel racers must leave through the center alley, unless the gate has been closed. The barrel racer can be disqualified for turning her horse off before going out the center alley. This is the sole opinion of the judges whether the rider causes this, or he can waive the disqualification if he thinks someone or something in the alley scares the horse.
5. **There will be a sixty (60) second time limit** once the barrel racers name is called to begin their run. One of the judges will keep time and enforce this rule.
6. **Contestants cannot be required to begin run from an off-center gate or alleyway**. When there is a split or double alleyway, contestants may be required to run from mouth or alleyway, if they have a choice of either alleyway. When center alleyway is used, it will be posted whether gate will be open, closed or barrel racer's option to run out. Once a contestant is disqualified, she cannot work her horse.
7. **Barrel racers are required to wear western attire** (long sleeved shirts with or without collar, wrist length) western hats and boots in the arena, on the back of the bucking chutes and on the back of the timed event chutes one (1) hour prior to and during the performance time. Barrel racers may not wear worn out jeans while competing. Failure to comply will result in a warning for first offense, thereafter a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per occurrence. Barrel Racers can wear helmets while competing.
8. **Barrels are to be set** on inside of each stake in a cloverleaf pattern.
9. **Judges are responsible for** measuring, staking and marking of the barrels and score-line, before the beginning of the first performance and thereafter measured off by judges before each performance from such stakes, to determine if stakes are still in their original places, measuring to be done with tape measure. Judges must turn in barrel stake and score-line measurements, in feet and inches, to rodeo secretary for recording before the first performance. Electric timers will be staked or marked and reset over that stake or mark for each performance. Judges will be responsible for setting up electric timers. Before setting the barrel pattern, take into consideration where the electric timers are to be set. Allow enough room to get cord to announcer's stand or suitable area. Make sure there is

access to power if needed. Do not set course too wide for the electric eye to line up.

10. **Secretary is responsible for posting** barrel stake and score line measurement sheet prior to the event.
11. **The Barrel Course shall be:** There must be at least 45 feet of stopping distance and at least 20 feet from the score line to the first barrel. The first and second barrels must be at least 15 feet off the fence and the third barrel must be at least 20 feet off the fence. Other measurements are suggested and should be used to set the pattern in accordance to the arena size and conditions. The standard course is recommended to be ninety (90) feet between barrels one (1) and two (2), one hundred five (105) feet between barrels one (1) and three (3) and two (2) and three (3); sixty (60) feet from barrels one (1) and two (2) to score-line; Sixty (60) feet from score-line to the end of the arena for stopping room if the arena allows; no less than 45 feet. To set course, measure length and width of arena to determine if standard course can be set. Measure score-line and stopping distance, then set barrels one (1) and two (2). Make an arc on the ground from barrel one (1) and barrel three (3) - then from barrel two (2) to three (3). Set the marker for barrel three (3) where the arcs cross, being sure that barrel three (3) is at least twenty (20) feet off the back of the arena fence. Measure score-line from both barrels one (1) and two (2) to be sure that the distance is equal for contestants going to either the right or left barrel first. Barrels one (1) & two (2) will be set a minimum of fifteen (15) feet off the arena fences. If arena size does not permit standard course, measurements in proportion to the size of the arena shall be used, shortening the distance between barrels. The standard course lengths cannot be exceeded. If score-line is less than the maximum sixty (60) feet, there must be a minimum of fifty (45) feet from the chutes or arena fence for stopping room, unless the arena has a center gate or alley and contestants are allowed to run out the gate. When distance between barrels (1) one & 2 (two) is reduced from standard pattern, for every 10 feet barrels are reduced between (1) one & (2) two. The maximum distance between barrels (2) two & (3) three shall be reduced by (5) five feet.
12. **When staking barrels** for a center alleyway the patterns will be staked starting with the alleyway and measuring equal distance from each side of gate (not the arena).
13. **The arena must be worked** (not hand raked) after fifteen (15) barrel racers have run. Arena must be worked before each performance and before slack. During slack arena must be worked after same number of positions offered in performance, not to exceed fifteen (15) barrel racers. (Clarification: Rodeo management may work the ground after less than fifteen (15) barrel racers have run, but no more than fifteen (15) barrel racers may run without working the arena.)
14. **A contestant will NOT be disqualified** or penalized for touching a barrel.
15. **Over aggression on a horse** may result in a fine or disqualification. The fine amount or disqualification be will be at the discretion of the Officials and/or GLCBRA representative at the event.
16. **If contestant knocks barrel over**, there will be a five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over.
17. **If all barrels are standing** when contestant crosses the score-line after completing a qualified run, it is considered a qualified run, even if a barrel falls after she is flagged.
18. **The use of an electric timer is REQUIRED** and must be backed up with a flag and two (2) stop watches. The manual times are to be averaged between the two (2) timers and recorded in hundreds and one zero (0) added to have a time recorded in thousands. If the electric timer fails three (3) times during one performance or two (2) times on the same contestant, times will revert back to hand flagged times with original stopwatch times to be used on all contestants. Manual times will be used for payoff only when the automatic timer is no longer serviceable.
19. **There shall be no talking** to flagmen, timekeepers or judges during the barrel racing event.
20. **Both judges will be required to be present** during the barrel racing event with one judge flagging line and the other judge back up timing & watching to see that a qualified cloverleaf pattern is run. Flag judge will flag nose at the start and finish of the race. The line on fence for flagman shall be marked.
21. **Judges may appoint** responsible persons to replace barrels in proper position if barrels have been knocked down by a contestant during a run.
22. **A Judge or GLCBRA Official will draw** the order in which the contestants will run.
23. **Barrels used must be (55) fifty-five-gallon size.** Steel or plastic barrels may be used, and barrel covers are permitted. Plastic barrels must be equal weight of steel barrels.
24. **After the barrels have been staked**, no one will be permitted to go around the stakes or barrels for



the duration of the barrel racing closer than fifteen (15) feet from the stakes used.

25. **A barrel racer must compete in three (3) events** at two (2) different locations to be eligible to compete at the finals. Barrel only events will count toward the (3) three event eligibility. The barrel only events must follow the same rules as if there were bulls & barrels. Barrel Only Events may be held in conjunction with horse show events only if the GLCBRA Barrels is run before any other classes or exhibition.
26. **Contestant will be disqualified**, if after crossing score-line and being flagged by the flagman, she re-crosses score-line before completion of a true cloverleaf pattern run.
27. **Reruns in the barrel race will be taken at the barrel racer's discretion**, either at the end of the barrel race or immediately following the event. The same rule applies to the slack. Reruns will be taken either at the end of the barrel race or immediately following the slack. If contestant chooses to make their rerun immediately after, the ground must be worked regardless of the number of horses that run during the performance.
28. **Rerun to be given contestant at judges' discretion should contestant be fouled**. Any penalties incurred during original run will be added to rerun at judge's discretion. If an entire performance is rerun because of barrels not being in original places, then all contestants will run over, and any penalties are disregarded.
29. **It is highly recommended** that stock not be watered within twenty-five (25) feet of the barrel stakes.
30. **A contestant shall compete in the performance** in which they are entered and be ready when called upon to compete or be disqualified from that go round of competition.
31. **The same horse can run more than one time** but only with a different rider. The event secretary or the GLCBRA office personnel will draw at least five (5) contestants, splitting the contestants riding the same horse.
32. **You are only allowed to enter one time** per performance you are competing/entered.
33. **No one on horseback**, besides contestant, will be allowed in the arena during the barrel racing.
34. **Barrel Only Events must have minimum added money of \$250 and at least 10 contestants** must enter before the event can be held. Contestants must enter during the specified call in time. The barrel only events must follow the same rules as if there were bulls & barrels. The only rule exception is only one judge is required. These may be held in conjunction with horse show events ONLY if the GLCBRA Barrels is run first before any other classes or exhibitions.
35. **Required Barrel Racing payoff** for GLCBRA Barrels sanctioned events. The following Barrel Racing Payoff is required for all regular season events. Payoff Amount is determined by the total of the Entry Fees + Added Money Less the Timer Fee + GLCBRA Finals Fee (\$7). Permit Fees should not be calculated in payoff amount.

Total Contestants	Paid Places	Payback Percentages
1-6	1	100%
7-12	2	60%, 40%
13-18	3	45%, 33%, 22%
19-24	4	40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
25-30	5	33%, 25%, 19%, 13%, 10%
31-36	6	32%, 24%, 18%, 12%, 9%, 5%
37-42	7	30%, 23%, 17%, 11%, 8%, 7%, 4%
43-48	8	27%, 22%, 17%, 13%, 9%, 6%, 4%, 2%
49-54	9	24%, 19%, 15%, 12%, 10%, 8%, 6%, 4%, 2%
55-60+	10	22%, 18%, 15%, 12%, 10%, 8%, 6%, 4%, 3%, 2%

36. **GLCBRA Member Points**. Member Cowgirl Barrel Racers will receive one (1) point for every dollar of prize money won at a GLCBRA sanctioned event.

## BULL RIDING

1. **Scores** - The rider and the bull are to be scored separately. The rider will be scored according to the degree of control exhibited by the rider and the degree of difficulty of the bull. Figures used in scorings shall range from zero (0) to twenty-five (25) (including quarter, half and three-quarter points) per judge on both the bull and rider. The total may reach a maximum of one hundred (100) points.
2. **Timing** - Each ride shall be timed for eight (8) seconds. The time starts when any portion of the bull passes the plane of the chute gate (excluding horns, ears and tail.) The contestant must complete the 8 second qualification limit to be eligible for a score.
3. **Notified Turn Outs (NTO) & Non-Notified Turn Outs (NNTO).** Once you have entered an event, you are responsible for your entry fee unless you have a doctor/vet release or bereavement excuse. Any competing member or permit contestant wishing to make a NOTIFIED TURNOUT must do so by contacting the Event Secretary or GLCBRA Office. Notified turnouts are responsible for paying the entry fee for the event they are turning out of. Turnouts may be paid by contacting the Event Secretary or GLCBRA office or at the next event the contestant is scheduled to compete in. NON-NOTIFIED TURNOUT (NNTO) - A NNTO will result in contestant having to pay the entry fee for that event and a \$20.00 additional fine. Contestants will not be able to compete in a GLCBRA event until all fines are paid.
4. **Judges Official Scores** - Judges will submit to the event secretary their scores for each ride for that performance immediately following the completion of the performance. The scores will be termed official scores when posted and/or verified by the judges and may not be changed once submitted.
5. **Riding Requirements** - Riding must be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without hand-hold.
6. **Knots or Hitches** - No knots or hitches to prevent the rope from falling off the bull when the Contestant leaves the bull will be used
7. **Bell** - The rope must have bell. Bell must be under belly of bull when the contestant leaves the chute entering the arena. No bell result in disqualification.
8. **Hooking Bull Ropes or Loops with Spurs or Rowels** – Intentional hooking bull ropes or loops with spurs or rowels prior to calling for the gate will result in the disqualification of the ride for the first offense, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense will result in disqualification and a fine of \$100. Each subsequent offense will be disqualification of the ride and the fine will double each time.
9. **Requirements of Scoring** - A contestant will receive a score if he makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in the riding hand.
10. **Spurs** – Any spur shank deemed unsafe or illegal will not be allowed for use. Any shank with an upward bend that resembles a hook shape will not be allowed. Sharp Spur Rowels will not be allowed. Rowels are not to be altered in any way. (ex., filed sharpened, chipped, blunted, bent, or altered any other way.) Contestants will be disqualified and/or fined if sharp spurs are worn.
11. **Bull Tails** – The bull tail will not be allowed under the flank straps.
12. **Pulling Rider's Rope** - No more than two (2) persons may be used to pull the riders rope, one of which is the rider. Of those two (2) persons only three (3) hands may be used. 1<sup>st</sup> time offense is a warning. The 2<sup>nd</sup> offense is at the judge's discretion.
13. **Excessive Time in Chute** – Riders taking too long in the chute before calling for bull may be disqualified, fined, and/or suspended at the discretion of the judges and/or GLCBRA personnel.
14. **Protective Vests** - Protective vests for all GLCBRA members/permits competing at a GLCBRA event are required to be worn.
15. **Helmets** – Any rider under the age of 18 is **REQUIRED** to wear a helmet while competing in GLCBRA event.
16. **Short Round & (2) Two Head Event Riding Requirement** – When an event has a short round or is a two header the rider is required to make an honest attempt on both the second bull to be eligible for the average payoff. The honest attempt will be at the judge's discretion.
17. **Disqualification of Contestant** - Any of the following shall disqualify a contestant.
  - a. **Buck Off:** Riders riding hand loses contact with any part of the bull rope before 8 seconds or if the rider loses leg contact with the bull and any part of the riders' body touches the ground before 8 seconds.
  - b. **Slap:** Defined as touching the bull, excluding the horn or tail, the riders' equipment or himself with the free hand, free arm, or extension thereof.
  - c. **Sharp Spurs or Chaps Under Rope:** Using sharp spurs or placing spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.



- d. **No Bell:** Not having a bell on bull rope.
  - e. **Delay of Event:** When a contestant has been advised he is next to go and is not prepared as determined by the GLCBRA judges and official personnel, such as not being in position above the bull with his glove on when previous bull leaves the arena.
  - f. **Catching Knots:** Intentionally leaving chute with spurs hooked or lodged in the bull rope. (For clarification, in addition to the judges' discretion, it shall be considered intentional if a rider's spurs are hooked or lodged in the bull rope when the rider calls for the gate.)
  - g. **Excessive time in the chute:** Contestants taking too long in the chute before calling for the bull may be disqualified, fined, and/or suspended at the discretion of the judges and/or GLCBRA personnel.
  - h. **Improper Safety Equipment:** Rider competes without required safety vest.
  - i. **Bull Mistreatment by a Rider:** If the judge determines, in his sole discretion, that a rider is mistreating the bull in the chute in any way, the judge.
18. **A Bull Rider must compete in three (3) events** at two (2) different locations to be eligible to compete at the Finals. Bull Riding Only events will count towards the three (3) event eligibility.
19. **Required Bull Riding payoff** for GLCBRA Barrels sanctioned events, the following Bull Riding Payoff is required for all regular season events. Payoff Amount is determined by the total of the Entry Fees + Added Money Less the Stock Fee + GLCBRA Finals Fee (\$7). Permit Fees should not be calculated in payoff amount.

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Note: When only five (5) contestants qualify for six (6) money payoff, money should be divided 33%, 25%, 19%, 13%, 10%. When only seven (7) contestants qualify for eight (8) money payoff, the money shall be divided 30%, 23%, 17%, 11%, 8%, 7%, 4%. Clarification: If only one (1) qualified ride is made, that contestant shall receive all the prize money; if two (2) rides are made those contestants shall receive the prize money, divided 60%, 40%, same as a two (2) money payoff, etc. If there are no qualified scores, deduct the GLCBRA Fee (\$7.00 per contestant) & send to the GLCBRA office. Deduct the Stock Charge, if applicable and give to the stock contractor. The remaining entry fee (ground money) will be retained by producer.

20. **GLCBRA Member Points.** Member Bull Riders will receive one (1) point for every dollar of prize money won at a GLCBRA sanctioned event.

## PRODUCER / PROMOTER PROCEDURES

- Producer Card** - Producer must pay membership dues for the season his event is scheduled. Dues are to be paid when the first event date is submitted.
- GLCBRA Advertisement** - GLCBRA Logo must be included on all posters, fliers, bill boards etc. Two GLCBRA banners must be displayed in arena. Banners will be provided by GLCBRA.
- Event Bullfighters** - Event must have a least two (2) bullfighters.
- Event Judges** - Event must have judges who are approved by GLCBRA, SEBRA, IPRA, APRA, or MSRA.

5. **Ambulance and EMT crew on site or Paramedics**— Producer must have an ambulance, EMT or paramedics on the ground at all times during the performance.
6. **Event Approval** - Event approval is determined by GLCBRA Officers. Consideration is given to time and distance parameters along with market area.
  - a. GLCBRA will not sanction another event within sixty miles (60) of another event scheduled, and within thirty (30) days ahead and thirty (30) days after such scheduled event at one location.
  - b. Exemptions to this policy can only be authorized by GLCBRA Officer Approval. The promoter of the established event must also approve the conflicting event.
  - c. There shall be no more than three (3) GLCBRA Events on any given date, unless approved by GLCBRA Officers.
7. **Minimum Added Money** - Event producer is responsible for having the amount of added money that was posted in the schedule. If the producer wishes to increase the added money, they may do so no later than the opening of entries. 2024 Minimum Added money for Bull Riding is \$500 and for Cowgirl Barrel Racing is \$200.
8. **Ground Preparation** - The arena ground must be approved by an Event judge, a GLCBRA representative, or producer. The arena ground must be flat and not too deep.
9. **Chutes** - The chutes must have support for feet. A platform in back must extend the full length of the chutes.
10. **Unsafe Arena Conditions** - An Event Judge, GLCBRA representative, or producer can stop an event until an unsafe condition is corrected.
11. **No Additional Fees**- Producers may only take the stock charge amount listed on the current year bull riding payoff sheet. Producers may only take the (Producer Charge) barrel racer fee listed on the current year barrel racing payoff sheet. Additional fees such as facility ground fees are prohibited, unless approved by GLCBRA Directors prior to sanctioning of the event.
12. **No Qualified Ride Roll Over** – Producers are strongly encouraged to roll over all NQR money to the next show, this increasing the added money.
13. **Any GLCBRA Sanctioned Event May Schedule a Novice Division of competition** (in addition to regular competition). Only permit holders and local contestants may compete in the novice division. Novice events will be sanctioned under the same rules and regulations as standard events. Points won in novice competition will not count toward the GLCBRA standings. Novice division prize money will not exceed 50% of the amount of the scheduled major event.
14. **No Spectator v Bull Events will be permitted during a GLCBRA sanctioned event. These include but are not limited to Cowboy Pinball, Bull Hockey, Cowboy Poker, or any game where a spectator and bull are in the arena at the same time.**
15. **Producer agrees the National Anthem** will be played and the American flag presented at every GLCBRA sanctioned event held in the United States.

## STOCK CONTRACTORS & LIVESTOCK

1. **Unsatisfactory Bull** - A GLCBRA Representative or judge may declare bulls unsatisfactory. Upon verbal notification, the stock contractor or Event promoter must eliminate the bull(s) from the draw.
2. **Blunting of Horns** - All horn bulls used in GLCBRA events will have their horns blunted to at least the diameter of a half dollar (1 - 3/8 inches). Bulls not meeting this requirement will be removed from the draw until the requirements are satisfied.
3. **Tipping Bull Horns** - Stock Contractors are prohibited from tipping bull horns at any GLCBRA Event. Bull Horns must be tipped before arrival at the event. The bull will be removed from the draw and the Stock Contractor is subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, a fine of \$100 per bull not tipped correctly. The Stock Contractor may also face ineligibility in addition to fine.
4. **Humane Treatment** - No sick or injured bull will be used in competition.
5. **Prods / Hot Shots** - Use of a prod / hot shot or similar device is prohibited once a contestant is over the bull in the chute, no exceptions.

6. **Flank Straps** - The tail of the flank strap cannot be more than three (3) feet long after completely pulled.
7. **Stock Contractor Fees** - Stock Contractors must pay their GLCBRA dues to be eligible for bulls to be considered for the Year-End Finals and to be voted for Stock Contractor of the Year.
8. **Stock Qualifications for Finals** - A bull must be bucked at least five (5) performances to be considered for the year-end Finals.
9. **Judges Inspection** - Event judges will inspect the bull horns prior to the performance. If the bull horns are too sharp, the bull will be removed from the draw.
10. **Drawn Bull Becomes Sick or Crippled** - A judge must decide on a bull's ability to be used if a bull that is drawn becomes sick or crippled. The bull will be replaced in the draw if the judge decides the bull cannot be used. The rider has the option to accept the re-ride bull or be drawn out of the event. If the rider chooses to be drawn out, the entire entry fee will be refunded.

### **SECTION 3: PERSONNEL**

#### **BULL FIGHTERS**

1. **Bull Fighter's Card** – It is highly recommended Producer's hire GLCBRA Member Bullfighters for all events. A bull fighter must work at least three (3) events as a card member to be eligible for finals. The bull riding finalists will vote on the bull fighters. There must be two (2) or more bull fighters working per performance.

#### **JUDGES**

1. **Judge Cards** – Judges must be approved by GLCBRA, SEBRA, IPRA, APRA or MSRA to work a GLCBRA sanctioned event. A judge must work at least three (3) events as member to be eligible for the Finals'
2. **Changing judges** - Event judges may NOT be changed during the course of an event except in the case of an illness or emergency or by request of GLCBRA Officials.
3. **Selection** - Event judging staff at GLCBRA Events must be selected from an approved judges list.
4. **Scores** - Scores will be totaled by both judges, verified by the event secretary, and posted after each performance.
5. **Turnouts** - must mark TO on judge sheet.
6. **Judge's Stop Watches** - Each judge carries a stopwatch with a latch side arena judge being the prevailing decision. The judge should stop his watch upon disqualification or the horn sounds, whichever comes first. If horn is short of 8 seconds, judge must go with horn. Horn must be at a volume that can be heard by contestants & officials.
7. **Judge's Decision is Final** - Judges have the authority to have interfering individuals removed.
8. **Sign & Date each judge's sheet** - Be descriptive about turnouts, visible injury, and doctor releases. Record buck-off times & mark the bull.
9. **Judges Authority** - GLCBRA Judges have full authority to remove animals, personnel, media or any individuals that interfere with the safety or quality of the event.
10. **Judges on site 2 Hours before Event Starts** - Event judges are required to be at the event 2 hours before the start time. Judges are to check all bull horns for the required diameter of the horns, the arena ground, and the bucking chutes and back pens for unsafe conditions. Judges also MUST assist the Event Secretary with drawing procedures and any other help the Secretary may need that is Event related.
11. **Judging your own bulls** - Judges are prohibited from judging their own stock at any event. The ONLY exception to this rule would be in the case of a judge not showing up and the stock contractor being a certified judge may judge if there are no other certified judges available.

#### **SECRETARY & PAYOFF PROCEDURES**

1. **Arrival time at the arena.** The secretary must be at the arena two (2) hours before each performance.

2. **Secretary is not to leave the announcer stand.** Secretary will remain on the announcers stand during the entire performance and slack and will be responsible for recording official times and scores.
3. **All scores will be recorded in ink.**
4. **Secretary is required to wear long sleeved shirt** while on the announcers stand starting one hour before the opening. It is recommended that western hats be worn also but it is not required. Failure to comply may result in a fine.
5. **Payoff Errors** - The event secretary will be responsible for reviewing the individual event results and correcting any errors before submitting results to the GLCBRA office. An error may occur and may not be found until after the prize money has been awarded. In this case, the GLCBRA office will be responsible for correcting the payout error. Members/Permits who have been underpaid will be paid the appropriate amounts when the money is received from the contestant who was overpaid. Members/Permits who were overpaid will be notified and required to reimburse GLCBRA for the over payment. Members/Permits who were overpaid and do not reimburse GLCBRA will not be eligible to participate in GLCBRA events until the amount due is paid.
6. **Results.** - Arena Secretary is responsible for recording and submitting to the GLCBRA office all results from the event. This includes the original judges' sheets, secretary sheets, payoff sheet and a list of turnouts & doctor releases. The results must be post-marked no later than 3 days from the date of the last performance. (For example, your last performance is on Saturday, your results must be postmarked no later than Tuesday). Failure to abide by this rule shall result in a \$50 fine
7. **GLCBRA Fee** - There is a \$7.00 charge deducted from every cowboy's & cowgirl's entry fee, including card holders & permits for each performance. For weekly events there is a \$5.00 charge deducted from every cowboy's & cowgirl's entry fee, including card holders & permits for each performance. The event secretary is required to submit the total amount of the GLCBRA fee to the GLCBRA office.
8. **Call in Procedure** – Each Producer will be responsible for taking entries unless stated otherwise. Members have 1st priority during set call in time. Non-Card Holders will be accepted after members.
9. **Permits** – A Permit must be purchased for (\$10.00) at the event the contestant is scheduled to compete in. A Permit Rider must sign Release of Liability Waiver and adhere to all GLCBRA Rules and Regulations. Secretary will be responsible for submitting all fees and applications to the GLCBRA office.
10. **Short Round & (2) Two Head Event Riding Requirement for Average Payoff** - When an event has a short round or is a two header the rider is required to make an honest attempt on the second bull to be eligible for the average payoff. The honest attempt will be at the Judge's discretion.
11. **Receipts-** The event Secretary is responsible for providing receipts to contestants who purchase membership. A receipt may be a photo of Membership Application, marked PAID (if Cash) or with credit/debit card or check # information. Copies must also be sent to the GLCBRA office with the secretary packet.
12. **White Out, white tape, etc.** should never be used on any official documents. Should an error occur, simply draw a single line through it and record the correction.
13. **Submissions** - All materials required to be submitted by the Arena Secretary to the GLCBRA office must be post-marked no later than 3 days from the date of the last performance. (For example, your last performance is on Saturday, your results must be postmarked no later than Tuesday). Failure to abide by this rule shall result in a \$25 fine. Producer is responsible for Secretary; therefore, he will be responsible for the fine if the Secretary fails to pay.
14. **Posting Payoff.** - Secretary must post payoff after event. Secretary must use payoff set by GLCBRA and defined in the Barrel Racing and/or Bull Riding sections above.
15. **No Qualified Rides (NQR).** In the event of no qualified rides during an entire performance, Secretary will deduct the Stock Fee (if applicable) and the GLCBRA Fee (\$7) as usual. The remaining entry fee and added money will be retained by producer.
16. **Secretary will be responsible for the deduction and mailing** of the GLCBRA Finals fees of seven dollars (\$7) per rider, permit fees, memberships and/or penalty money. This and all paperwork including waivers, draws, judges sheets, payout sheets, etc. should be mailed within three business days to:

**Great Lakes Championship Bull Riding Association**  
**8283 Richman Road**  
**Lodi, OH 44254**

**Timers**

1. **A Timer (Person) is Required** at all GLCBRA Sanctioned Events.
2. **Timers are required to wear long sleeved shirts** while on the announcers stand. It is recommended that western hats be worn also but it is not required. Failure to comply may result in a fine.
3. **Timers who time the first performance** in a particular event shall be required to time all competition in that event.
4. **Timers should use Digital Stop Watch for all events.** Judges will be responsible for inspecting watches to insure they work properly.
5. **Time is to be split by the two timers;** in case of one tenth difference, contestant will be given the lowest time. Official time to be recorded by secretary and timer to record (write down) backup time.
6. **The use of automatic timers is required** in the Cowgirls' Barrel Racing. Times must be recorded as the complete time shown on the timer. The automatic timer must be backed up with a flag and two timers. One timer is with the Judge, the other with the Timer. The manual times must be recorded in hundreds and one zero (0) added to have a time recorded in thousands. Manual times will be used for payoff only when the automatic timer is no longer serviceable.
7. **Times will be recorded in ink.**
8. **White Out, white tape, etc.** should never be used on any official documents. Should an error occur, simply draw a single line through it and record the correction.

**Announcers/Drag Out (Wrangler)/ Arena Labor**

1. **Announcers/ Drag Out/ Arena Labor are required to wear western hats and long-sleeved shirts** while on the announcer's stand, on horse-back, on the arena floor or anywhere within sight of the audience. Failure to comply will result in a fine.
2. **Announcer will insure the National Anthem is played** at all events in the United States.

**Photographer/Videographer**

1. **Photographer/Videographer must take a safe position** so as not to hinder the line of site of Secretary, Timer, Judge or any other Official.

**SECTION 4: GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES**

**ENTRY GUIDELINES & ENTRY FEES**

1. **Entry Requirement** - Competing members and contestants riding as permits must enter at the specified entry time, format and number listed on the Producer's Schedule. Members may enter yourself plus a limit of two (2) other contestants.
2. **Entering other contestants-** Any member calling in entry for another contestant will be liable for the entry fee and turn out fines of that person. Non-Members may not enter others.
3. **GLCBRA Members Priority** – GLCBRA Members who call in during the specified entry time will be given priority for the main performance over permit entries.
4. **Alternates** - Alternates will be determined for each event after books have closed. Alternates are added on first come, first in basis with members having priority over non-members if the member entered during the specified call in time on the schedule. After the books close members do not have priority over non-members.



5. **Book Closure** - Event entry books close after the time of the call in, unless otherwise specified.
6. **Local Entries/Permit Contestants** - Local / Permit Contestant entries can be taken by the venue producer after books are closed to fill available positions. Permit contestant must the release of liability waiver and submit the permit fee to the Secretary before being entered. Money earned while competing on a permit will not count in the year end standings.
7. **Enter by Close Time** - Close time will be the time specified in the GLCBRA schedule on stated date.
8. **Entry Fee Payment** - Entry fees must be paid unless drawn out due to legitimate doctor release or if you have notified the office two (2) days prior to the performance you are competing. Contestants must pay entry fees at the venue or to the GLCBRA office via credit card prior to the event. A \$10 service charge will be added to all credit card transactions.
9. **Additional Charge. Finals Fee.** At which time contestant pays entry fees, he/she should understand seven dollars (\$7) is being deducted to subsidize the Finals Event and this fee will not be added to the payoff.
10. **Check In** - Contestants must check in with the event secretary at least 1 hour prior to the event show time. Contestants not checking in or paying entry fees will be replaced by available alternates.
11. **Suggested Entry Fees** – Suggested entry fees schedule, in accordance with added money:

<u>Added Money</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
\$ 200 - \$ 249	\$ 40
\$ 250 - \$ 499	\$ 50
\$ 500 - \$ 749	\$ 60
\$ 750 - \$ 999	\$ 70
\$1000 - \$1500	\$ 80
\$1500 - \$1999	\$ 90
\$2000 or more	\$100

## PERMITS

1. **Permits may be issued to non-members for \$10.00** - A permit allows an individual to contest in either Bull Riding or Cowgirl Barrel Racing.
2. **Permits are not transferable** to any other person.
3. **Acceptance of permits** will be on an optional basis and limitations may apply in any event
4. **Points will not be awarded** for money earned by a permit holder.
5. **Permit holders will**, at-all-times, conduct themselves in a manner upholding the rules and bylaws of the association and present themselves in neat and clean western attire.
6. **All rules and regulations governing the conduct** and suspension of members will apply to permit holders.
7. **Failure to comply with dress code** will result in the disqualification of the rider. Consideration will be given to contestants opting to wear protective head gear or face mask.
8. **Local 4-H Members entering Barrel Racing** at their County Fair are not required to purchase a permit for that fair but are still required to sign permit form. Under 18 must have Notarized Minor Release.

## PASSES

1. **All contestants who pay entry fees** shall be entitled to admittance for themselves during all performances. The contestant shall only be entitled to admittance for one additional person during the performance in which they compete. All guests must accompany contestant when entering the event. If the event does not allow a guest this will be posted on the schedule. This rule does not apply to weekly series events.
2. **All GLCBRA Officers and Event Director's** shall be entitled to admittance for themselves and one additional person during all performances. Officers/Directors should notify Producer of intent to attend.
3. **The event secretary will furnish a list** of contestants and other personnel to be admitted to each event to the person on the contestant gate.



## DRAWING PROTOCOL

1. **Stock Draw** - Stock must be drawn with at least one judge and/or staff member present. The event Producer may set the buck order and submit to event secretary to complete the draw. If the event producer fails to adhere, he/she will be subject to a \$100 fine.
2. **Short Go Round Stock Draw** - Short Go Round Stock Draw shall be in reverse order, with lowest qualifier receiving stock draw 1st to highest qualifier receiving stock draw last. Event representative may designate re-ride order.
3. **Draw Back Procedure for Short Go Round** - If not enough qualified rides for the short round the Judges will either draw or take contestants back on time to fill the remaining positions. This is done by randomly drawing riders who did not receive scores in the long go or determining the riders who rode the longest without making an 8 second qualified ride.
4. **In Case of a Tie for the Last Hole in Short Round** - In the case of ties resulting in more than the pre-set number of positions in the short go round, a coin flips with only two contestants, random draw with three or more will decide which contestants will advance to the short go round. A contestant eliminated from short go round due to flip/random draw is eligible for average payoff.
5. **Drawn Bull Becomes Sick or Crippled** - A judge must decide on a bull's ability to be used if a bull that is drawn becomes sick or crippled. The bull will be replaced in the draw if the judge decides the bull cannot be used.

## RE-RIDES

1. **Re-rides** - Event Producers / Stock Contractors have the option to use the re-rides as they see fit. (Example- The first turn out bull may be used, or they can go to the set re-ride pen. This should be pre-determined by the Judges, Producer and Stock Contractor before the events begins.
2. **Judge Shall Inform Contestant of His Options** - If re-ride is given, judge shall inform contestant of his score and an option of a re-ride. Contestant may refuse the re-ride and take the score. Contestant must notify judge before leaving the arena of his decision to accept or reject the option upon learning which bull would be used as a re-ride and the time of the re-ride. If the rider accepts the re-ride, the judge must clearly mark RR or Option on the judge sheet.
3. **Discretion of Judge** - Re-rides will be given at the discretion of a judge. Reasons for possible re-rides include the following: if a bull stops or fouls rider, stock contractor's equipment fails, performance of a bull is inferior. No re-ride will be given if contestants own equipment breaks.
4. **Options of Contestant** - If a contestant is granted a re-ride, he may take the same bull for a re-ride, provided the stock contractor is willing and a mutual agreeable time can be arranged. If a contestant opts to accept the re-ride on the same bull, he must take the markings for the re-ride, unless there is a foul or the stock contractor's equipment fail on the re-ride.
5. **Inferior Bull Performance** - If a bull's performance is inferior and that bull is already drawn for a contestant that contestant must qualify on that bull before re-ride may be given. If, in the opinion of the stock contractor and judges, that bull needs to be taken out of the draw, the contestant who had him drawn will be given the designated re-ride.
6. **Chute Fighting Bull** - If, in the opinion of the judges, a rider makes two honest efforts on a chute fighting bull and is unable to do so, he may have a re-ride.
7. **Bull Riders knocked off at the Chute, Fence, or Bull Falls** - Riders who are knocked off at the chute, who are fouled or whose bull falls will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the judges.
8. **Flank Strap comes off the Bull** - A bull rider may have the option of a re-ride, or of accepting a marking, if flank comes off the bull, providing a contestant has qualified up to the point the flank coming off. The re-ride may be given on the same bull, if the stock contractor is willing, or a re-ride bull, is so requested by the contestant.
9. **Bull Stops** - If a bull stops, provided the contestant has qualified up to the point of the stop, the contestant may pull his wrap and will be awarded a re-ride. The contestant may have the option of a re-ride, or upon qualifying, of accepting a score.

10. **Bull Hips Himself** - If, in the opinion of the judges, a bull hips itself while leaving the chute and causes the buck-off, he will receive a re-ride.
11. **Bull Injury or Bull Not Shipped** - Designated Re-ride - In the case of bull injuries or bulls not shipped after the draw has been done, replacement stock should be the designated re-ride for the performance for which the injured bull was scheduled for competition.
12. **More Re-rides are awarded than bulls available** - If all the bulls have been used, the contestant may take his last score or be drawn-out and entry fees less the Finals Fee, The Office Fee and Stock Fee (if applicable) will be refunded. (In Long-go only).

## TURNOUTS

1. **Notified Turn Outs (NTO) - \*Amendment-** Any competing member or permit contestant wishing to make a NOTIFIED-TURNOUT must do so by contacting the GLCBRA office. This will result in contestant having to pay the amount of the entry fee prior to competing again. Turnouts may be paid at the venue the contestant is scheduled to compete in.
2. **NON-NOTIFIED TURNOUT (NNT0)** - A NNT0 will result in contestant having to pay the entry for that event performance and a \$20.00 additional fine. Contestants will not be able to compete in a GLCBRA event until all fines are paid.
3. **Short Round Turnout** - If an event has a short round and a rider qualifies back for the short round and cannot compete due to an injury or simply wishes not to compete, he must notify the judges that he will not be competing before the short round bulls are loaded. This will enable the next highest marked man to be moved up to the short round. If the rider does not notify the judges he will not be competing in the short round before the short round bulls are loaded, he will receive a Fifty Dollar (\$50) non-notified short round turnout fine. The next man with highest score will advance to the short round and will receive that turn out bull. If the contestant is injured, he will still be eligible for the average payoff. If the contestant simply wishes not to compete, he WILL NOT be eligible for the average payoff.
4. **Two (2) Head Event Turnout** - If an event is a two (2) head event and a rider cannot compete on the 2<sup>nd</sup> head due to an injury or simply wishes not to compete he must notify the judges that he will not be competing before the 2<sup>nd</sup> round bulls are loaded. If the rider does not notify the judges, he will not be competing on the second head before the second round bulls are loaded, he will be fined a \$40 non-notified second head turnout fine. If the contestant is injured, he will still be eligible for the average payoff. If the contestant simply wishes not to compete, he WILL NOT be eligible for the average payoff.
5. **Doctor /Vet Releases** – Only medical releases, vet releases, or death in immediate family will be accepted as excuse for failure to pay entry fee. Releases must be mailed or faxed to the GLCBRA office within 5 days of the performance for which fees were unpaid. Notification must be given to event secretary or GLCBRA office 2 days prior to performance. Doctor verification must be received into GLCBRA office 7 days after intended date of competition. Fraudulent abuse of Doctor's Release will result in a \$200.00 fine and subject to member disqualification.
6. **Ineligible Days to Compete due to Injury** - With the submission of a Doctors Release, the released contestant will be ineligible to compete in GLCBRA events for a period of no less than five (5) days. Contestant failing to comply with this rule will be held liable for entry fee and any fines incurred. Contestants wishing to compete in the ineligible five (5) day period must pay a fee of \$100 to return to competition before the 5-day period is up.
7. **No Refund of Entry Fees** - Contestant entry fees will not be refunded once a contestant has competed.
8. **Injury Draw-out due to injured in the chute** - When injured and physically unable to compete due to being injured in the bucking chute in the (long go only), an injured contestant can draw-out or be drawn out and entry fees less the GLCBRA Fee and Stock Fee (if applicable) will be refunded.

## INJURY OF PARTICIPANT

1. **Injury of Participant** - GLCBRA Members and local non-member participants acknowledge that rodeo related events expose the participant to a substantial and serious risk of personal injury. Being

fully aware that such participation in GLCBRA sanctioned events will expose members and local nonmember participants to substantial and serious risk of personal injury or death of said members and local non-member participants hereby release the GLCBRA, its sponsors, committees, GLCBRA sanctioned production entities, their affiliated related or subsidiary companies, and the officers, directors, employees and agents of such entities or organizations, from liability for any and all property damage, personal injuries, or other claims arising from participation in a GLCBRA sanctioned event, including claims that are known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, future and contingent. Each local non-member shall be required to sign a release form before participation in a GLCBRA sanctioned event.

2. **No Person shall be allowed in the arena** – No person shall be allowed in the arena during a GLCBRA sanctioned event unless entered in an event or unless he or she has signed a waiver releasing GLCBRA Officers, Event Producers, Venue Management, & Event Sponsors from liability. This rule to be enforced by the arena director or judges.

## POSTPONEMENT

1. **In the event of inclement weather**, if a performance is postponed and contestants cannot be present for the rain date performance, they will be refunded their entry fee. Contestants who intend to draw out must do so by advising the secretary.
2. **If a rainout occurs** and it is agreeable to the Producer & Judges, Contestants that are to contest during that performance shall have the right to vote whether to contest or not. Fifty one percent (51%) of the vote will govern.
3. **Unsafe Arena Conditions** - An Event Judge, GLCBRA representative, or Producer can stop an event until an unsafe condition is corrected.

## CO-SANCTION:

1. Co-Sanctioned Agreements must be in writing, approved by the Officers and signed by the President.
2. Each event in a Co-Sanction Agreement must be approved following the Event Approval guidelines as stated in Producer/Promoter section of these rules.
3. The first sanctioning body will set the rules for the event.
4. GLCBRA Members will pay no permits fees to first sanctioning body at approved events.

## GRIEVANCE:

1. **Grievances** - Grievances may be submitted in writing to the GLCBRA office by any contestant protesting event procedures or judge's decision and will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Grievance's filings must be received within 10 days of the incident in question and be accompanied by a \$100 deposit. The grieving member shall bring the subject matter of grievance to the attention of the Board of Directors in writing. This may be done via electronic media provided the deposit is also received electronically. If mailed, the letter must be postmarked within seven (7) days after the last performance of the event in which the grieving member has grievance about. The letter shall set forth in full the subject matter of the dispute and the proposed action requested by the grievant and include a check or money order in the amount of the deposit. The grieving member will be notified of the date and time of the board meeting in which the grievance will be discussed so that the grieving member and any other parties who are directly involved can be present at the board meeting. If grievance letter is not postmarked within the seven (7) daytime limit after event in question, the grievance will be denied. If the Grievance is ruled in favor of the grievant, the \$100 fee will be refunded. If not, the \$100 will be retained by GLCBRA.

### **SECTION 3: FINALS**

#### **LOCATION/ DATE:**

1. **2024 Finals** will be held at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Marion County Fairgrounds.
2. **2024 Finals** will be Friday, November 22 through Saturday, November 23, 2024.
3. **All Personnel must have worked a minimum of three (3) GLCBRA Sanctioned or Co-Sanctioned Events** to be eligible for the 2024 FINALS.
4. **All Contestants must compete in three (3) GLCBRA Sanctioned or Co-Sanctioned Events at two different locations to be eligible to compete at the 2024 FINALS.**

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