

S.R.R.C. Branford, Inc.

BY-LAWs

(2024 Year)

THESE RULES SHALL SUPERCEDE ALL OTHER RULES HERE-TO-FORE
They shall remain in effect the entire year and cannot be changed.

Article 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be “S.R.R.C. Branford, Inc” hereinafter referred to as the Club.

Article 2: Purpose

To bond together those people with a common interest in the competition of western horsemanship and to inspire good character, good citizenship and good sportsmanship.

Article 3: Location

The meeting place shall be at S.R.R.C. Branford, Inc, 9132 SE 254th Street, Branford, FL 32008.

Article 4: Membership

- A. Application for membership by any family or any individual over 18 years of age shall be accepted. “Family” shall be considered as legally married and of the same household and dependents that are 18-21 years of age and a full-time student (upon proof of enrollment).
- B. The club secretary, for the purpose of communication, shall maintain a list of names, addresses and contact numbers of all members of the club.
- C. An application may be taken by mail or at any club function.
- D. Membership dues will be \$50 per year for family membership or individual membership. Membership dues are from Jan. 1 through Dec.31 of each year. This money is non-refundable and is to be used for operational expenses in connection with club work, with no intent of the club being a profit-making organization.
- E. Shows will be held the 1st and 3rd Friday and Saturday nights of every month with the Team Roping Starting at 8 p.m. on Friday and Speed Events at 6 p.m.
- F. Definition of “in good standing” a member who has paid dues to the club treasurer and is upholding the purpose, rules and conduct according to the club regulations and obligations under Article 8: Ground Rules-General Membership.

Article 5: Meetings

- A. The club Board of Directors will hold a regular business meeting every month. The Board members will set the place and time for the meetings.
- B. In the event of a meeting other than the regular scheduled meeting due notice shall be given to all board members.
- C. The club secretary will record the minutes of all meetings. In the absence of the secretary the board will appoint someone to record the minutes. The minutes will be read at the beginning of the next meeting.
- D. Any club member may attend any of the regular business meetings, and bring any issue to the attention of the Board (3 minute time limit); however, they do not have the authority to make a motion or to vote on any issue concerning the club.
- E. The “annual” meeting/banquet will be held at the discretion of the board.

Article 6: Officers

- A. The executive committee of the club will consist of current available Boards Members at the current event/ride.
- B. Nomination/Election of Board of Directors will be at the November meeting with office beginning in January. Meeting and those persons elected will hold office for a period of one year.
- C. Club Officers will be elected by the Board at the first meeting.
- D. Any Officer or Board member that is deemed as not representing the best interest of the club can be removed from office by the board, with 3/4 majority vote of the entire board, and replaced as described in these laws.
- E. In case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-President will become the President for the remainder of the term. Vacancies in other offices will be filled by appointment, by the Board of Directors and the appointee will serve the duration of the term.

Article 7: Duties of Officers

A. President (1)

- 1. To preside at all meetings of the club.
- 2. To act as managing officer of the club.
- 3. To serve on the Executive Committee, if available at a current Club event/ride.
- 4. To perform such duties as may be provided for in these by-laws.

B. Vice President (1)

- 1. To assist the President when necessary.
- 2. To serve in the place of the President in his/her absence.
- 3. To succeed to the office of President in case of vacancy in that office.
- 4. To serve on the Executive Committee , if available at a current Club event/ride.
- 5. To perform such other duties as may be provided for in these by-laws.

C. Secretary (1)

1. To keep a complete roster of the membership of the club.
2. To keep all records of the club except for the records of the Treasurer.
3. To conduct all correspondence of the club required or as requested by the club President.
4. To furnish information of interest about the club to the local newspaper for publication.
5. To keep an accurate record of all minutes of all meetings of this club.
6. To serve on the Executive Committee, if available at a current Club event/ride.

D. Treasurer (1)

1. To collect all dues and moneys due to the club by its members
2. To make deposits of all club money in the bank.
3. To keep a true and accurate record of all receipts and disbursements.
4. To sign all checks on the club's general fund.
5. To give a financial report at each regular business meeting.
6. To serve on the Executive Committee, if available at a current Club event/ride.

E. Arena Director: Speed Event/Point Manager (1)

1. To be present at the setting-up of all games to be run at every show.
2. To uphold riding rules and regulations set forth in the by-laws. Arena Director's decisions are final in regards to upholding the ground rules in Article 8 Ground Rules-General Membership and Article 9 Speed Event Ground Rules. In the event the Arena Director is unable to make a decision, the Executive Committee will make the decision.
3. To serve on the Executive Committee, if available at a current Club event/ride.
4. To ensure those collecting points are working.

F. Arena Director: Team Roping (1)

1. To be present at the setting-up of all roping barriers and timers at every show.
2. To uphold riding rules and regulations set forth in the by-laws. Arena Director's decisions are final in regards to upholding the ground rules in Article 8 Ground Rules-General Membership. In the event the Arena Director is unable to make a decision, the Executive Committee will make the decision.
3. To serve on the Executive Committee, if available at a current Club event/ride.
4. To serve on Sub-Committee for Team Roping

G. Point Secretaries (2) (1-Team Roping – 1 Speed Events)

1. To keep accurate records of all points earned by all members and have them available at every show for members to view.
2. Both Secretaries are responsible for calculating points to ensure accuracy.
3. Point Secretaries are responsible for sign-up at saddle club shows.
4. Point Secretaries are responsible for informing the awards committee of quarterly points.
5. To serve on the Executive Committee, if available at a current Club event/ride.

H. Concession Stand Coordinators (3)

1. Maintain inventory in the concession stand.
2. Purchase supplies as needed for the concession stand.
3. To assist in scheduling workers for the concession stand.
4. Concession stand coordinators do not have to be on the board, just approved by the board.

I. Directors 1 Year, 2 Year and 3 Year

1. Coordinate and assign various duties to team members on their assigned work nights.
2. Notify and communicate with team members of any change in ride schedule or work night assignments.
3. Keep accurate records of the team members that did work on assigned work nights or nights that were substituted and provided to point secretaries.
4. To serve on the Executive Committee, if available at a current Club event/ride.

J. Club Queen/Princess

1. To hold that title for one year.
2. To represent the club during events with which the club would normally be associated.
3. To represent the youth members of the club.
4. To distribute awards and prizes for the club.
5. To be an active participant in all club functions.
6. To serve on the Queen/Princess Committee

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RULES ADOPTED DECEMBER, 1992, AMENDED ANNUALLY JANUARY 1994-2022

Rules Revised January 2024

Approved by President: Eddie Brown

Date: January 8, 2024

THESE RULES SHALL SUPERSEDE ALL OTHER RULES HERETOFORE EFFECTIVE.

ARTICLE I (MEETINGS)

Section 1: Office:

- The meeting place of this club shall be at the S. R. R. C. Branford Arena or the Branford Library. The monthly board meeting will be held the 1st Monday of the month. If location or date is changed the Officers and Directors will be notified.

ARTICLE II (MEMBERSHIP)

Section 1: Classification:

- The membership of the club shall be classified as:
- S.R.R.C. Branford, Inc Members

Section 2: Membership Application:

- Application for membership by any member shall be accepted pending approval of the majority of the Board of Directors.
- The club Secretary, for the purpose of the communication with the Board of Directors, shall maintain a list of the names, addresses, emails, phone #'s of all the members of the club.

Membership Forms:

- Forms must be completed and signed by all persons upon joining the club. Payment of membership dues is non-refundable.
- SRRC will use your age as of January 1st of the current year.
- **Persons over 18 years of age and/or married must have their own membership.**
Exception: 18 year old High school student.
- **If a person is 17 years of age or younger the application MUST be signed by a parent or guardian.**

Membership CAN NOT be in the minor's name.

Section 3: Definition of "In Good Standing":

- Applicants who have paid dues to the club Treasurer will be classed as members. Members who are upholding rules and conduct of club regulations will be considered "in Good Standing".

Section 4: Dues:

- S.R.R.C. Branford club dues for family memberships are \$50.00 per year all year long.
- **All members are required to purchase or sell 50/50 raffle tickets in the amount of at least \$50 per membership prior to a date set at the discretion of the Board of Directors.**

Section 5: Prize Winners:

- Point tally to earn prizes will begin upon a person being a participating member. In the sole discretion of the Board of Directors there may be six (6) places per class for the year-end awards. All categories and awarding of prizes shall be in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 6: Club Show and Frolic:

- The club shall be in control of any roping, game events, rodeo, show, frolic, trail rides, or any other activities held under the name of the club and these rules, game rules, roping rules, and ground rules shall prevail as the guidelines under which the event shall run.
- From time to time the Board of Directors may allow other organizations to conduct horse related events at the facility.

Section 7: Florida Equine Law:

- The Club or any of its members will not be responsible for any accidents to any persons or animals and all members are aware of the Florida Equine Law (F.F. §773.01, et.seq **Florida - Warning- Under Florida law, an equine sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.**)
- Each member assumes all liability for personal injuries and property damages that arise there from.

Section 8: Coggins:

- Coggins test, Negative coggins test are required on all horses attending ropings, games, rodeos, shows, and trail rides. Each member will certify that all horses brought onto the premises will have a current negative coggins test.
- You must have proof of coggins with you. If we spot check and you do not have them, you will be asked to leave.
- The Directors and Officers have the right to ask for coggins.

ARTICLE III (CONDUCT AND OBLIGATION OF MEMBERS)

Section 1: Conduct:

- There shall be no drinking of alcoholic beverages or use of illegal drugs allowed on club grounds or at any activity sponsored by the club.
- No foul or obnoxious languages of any kind shall be allowed.
- No conduct unbecoming to a child, lady or gentleman will be allowed.
- No reckless riding (including running horses outside the arena) unsafe equipment, or any other horsemanship considered unsafe will not be permitted.

Section 2: Obligations:

- All members are responsible for working on various committees and teams. Members must work on their assigned work team or their points for the night will be forfeited.
- **All members are required** to contribute in the form of club activities.
- **All members** will be on a team and **required** to work when it is the team member's event (Rodeo, Team Roping Speed Events, NBHA, etc) or night to work. **If a member participates in his/her event but does not work, the member will forfeit points for that night unless the member opts for the \$350 work buy-out program. The buy-out fee does not exempt members from selling 50/50 raffle tickets or working at added events at the arena including the annual rodeo in September. Working the Roping Event *does not***

- include flagging unless one has been appointed as the designated flagger by the director in charge.
- It is the members responsibility to seek out the Points Manager *before* their assigned event starts to check in and confirm they are present. Failure to do so may result in the forfeit of their points for the night.
- If the child is under the age of 10 a parent/guardian must work and be responsible during their work time.
- It is the obligation of every member of the club to see that all fellow members and their guests and visitors of the club carry out proper conduct.
- All club members are obligated to bring a cake at one time or another for the cake walk on Speed Nights.
- Failure to comply with these obligations will forfeit any points or prizes earned.
- The queens will present the flags at the beginning of events. If the queens are not present we will use the flagpole. There will be no substitute flag runners.

Section 3: Expulsion:

- Failure of proper conduct and/or failure to comply with any of the rules after fair warning may result in a bar from the club and termination of membership by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV (GROUND RULES)

Section 1: There will be eight classes in Speed Events:

- Beginners Class - Children can either ride alone or be led by a responsible person on foot. If riding alone a child must be accompanied by a responsible person in the arena and there is a 1 ½ minute time limit. (Boys or Girls) No points or time documented in this class.
PARTICIPATION ONLY!
- Pee Wee 7 & Under (Boys or Girls)
- Small Fry 8-10 (Boys or Girls)
- Juniors 11-13 (Boys or Girls)
- Seniors 14-18 (Girls Only)
- Powder Puff 19-38
- Gracie Allen 39 & Up
- Men and Boys 14 & Up
- Sign up fees for Speed Events is \$15 for 3 Speed Events (Exception: Beginners \$5), and \$5.00 per Exhibition (unlimited runs; runs cannot be shared) and \$1.00 for cakewalk.
- *A rider must sign up for exhibition at the time of sign up. Exhibition runs will start at the end of the men's class and we will not drag the arena. One legal run or a maximum of 2 minutes.*
- Temporary Membership – Permit per person, per night (\$5 for permit + \$15 Speed Event Fee=\$20) Permit riders will ride at the end of their age appropriate class.
- Ghost Riding- In the event you are not able to participate in a scheduled ride, you may pay your normal entry fees and receive your 3 participation points. This must be done with the birdhouse in advance of the end of the ride night.

Section 2: Team Roping:

- The number of roping classes will be determined by the team roping director.
- Any class not meeting the required number of participants will be combined with another class at the discretion of the Board of Directors

- *You must ride or pay to ghost ride for 75% of the remaining season after membership is paid to be eligible for Year-End Awards unless changed by the Board of Directors at their sole discretion.*
- Exhibition Class – Permit Riders and members. Permit riders MUST ride in Exhibition Class and can rope with other members. A rider must sign up for exhibition at the time of sign up for your class
- Sign-up fee for Team Roping is \$25 (4 steers) and Exhibition fee for Team Roping is \$25 (4 Steers).
- You must choose four (4) different roping partners to rope for your points. If you rope with the same person more than one time you will forfeit your points at that time for the remainder of the runs / night. For example: If you rope with the same person on your second steer you will receive 1 point for the first steer run and placement if it is a qualified run. You will not receive points for the remaining steers or times toward your average that night.
- **The Flagger shall be a member selected by the Roping Directors from eligible members in Class A or B.** The decision of the flagger stands and any challenge to the roping must be made to the flagger at the time.
- + 5 Barrier.....Ropers take steers to the stripping chute.
- A malfunction of the clock will allow a roper to one (1) chance for another qualified time
- Awards will be given according to total points through the top six places per class as designated by the team roping director.
- Any heeler fifty-five (55) years or older may tie on regardless of class. **All lady heelers may tie on. All girl heelers, twelve (12) years or older may tie on at the discretion and evaluation of the Board of Directors.**

Section 3: Rules for Participation:

- Must be a member to be allowed to ride for points.
- A non-member may ride with a temporary membership permit. **A rider on a Temporary Membership shall ride at the end of their designated class or rope in exhibition class and receive no points.**
- The rider must ride the same horse (except exhibition) in all games on any single night in order to qualify for ride night points. If a horse is injured, the rider may change horses, but must be approved by arena director or officer and announcer must be notified by the director or officer at the time to be able to document on time sheets for points secretaries.
- Members will not be tied onto horses (excluding Velcro).
- **DRESS CODE:** This club is a family oriented association that promotes Western Attire. In promoting Western Attire, we ask that you use discretion and good judgement when choosing your riding attire. Anyone riding in clothing that is deemed “Non-Appropriate” (too revealing) will be asked to change or his/her ride will be disqualified. (This is at the discretion of the executive committee). Riders must be properly dressed in long pants and western boots (or equine shoes) and ride a fully equipped western saddle with free hanging stirrups. *(Bare midriff, tube tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, shorts and sports bras are examples of inappropriate attire.)
- No riding double during club rides or a sponsored event.
- If a roper is a law enforcement officer, firefighter or paramedic who is on duty on roping night they, under the discretion of the directors in charge, shall be allowed to rope all four steers before the break.
- If a roper is a participating member in the High School or Junior Rodeo Association, who needs to travel to the rodeo early, they shall be allowed to rope their four steers before the break at the discretion of the directors in charge.
- **All members** will be on a team and **required** to work when it is the team member’s event (Rodeo, Team Roping Speed Events, NBHA, etc) or night to work. **If a member participates in his/her event but does not work, the member will forfeit points for that**

night unless the member opts for the \$350 work buy-out program. The buy-out fee does not exempt members from selling 50/50 raffle tickets or working at added events at the arena including the annual rodeo in September. Working the Roping Event *does not* include flagging unless one has been appointed as the designated flagger by the director in charge.

- It is the members responsibility to seek out the Points Manager *before* their assigned event starts to check in and confirm they are present. Failure to do so may result in the forfeit of their points for the night.
- If the child is under the age of 10 a parent/guardian must work and be responsible during their work time.

Section 4: Time of Events:

- Team roping starts at 8 pm on the 1st and 3rd weekends. The weekends will be determined by the 1st Saturday of the month.
- Each participant will receive 4 steers to rope for a fee set by the Board of Directors in their sole discretion.
- Speed Events will be every 1st and 3rd Saturday Night starting at 6:00p.m. The order of events will be Poles, Texas Barrels, Clover Leaf. The Board of Directors shall have the discretion to change the order and number of events at any time. The fee to be set by the Board of Directors.
- A post will be put on FaceBook in the event of a cancellation as soon as the decision has been made.
- The 5th weekend will be used for make ups, at the discretion of the board and availability of the arena.

ARTICLE V (DISQUALIFICATIONS)

Section 1: Disqualifications:

- A rider will be disqualified if not attempting to ride when their name is called. A rider is subject to disqualification after their name has been called three (3) times to ride and there is no attempt being made to ride. The rider is given three (3) minutes to enter the arena and start their run.
- The following shall result in disqualification of a rider.
 - A rider will be disqualified for dismounting in the arena before completing the event.
 - If a pole or barrel falls to the ground due to an action of the rider or horse, even if it falls after the finish line has been crossed, that rider will receive a no time.
 - If a rider rides and makes a qualified run and the clock malfunctions, then the rider will receive one (1) more attempt to make a qualified run.
 - Rider's faulty tack equipment shall not entitle a person to re-ride.
 - Anyone engaging in obnoxious treatment of horses will be disqualified.

ARTICLE VI (POINTS)

Section 1: Speed Games:

- 1st Place – 7 points
- 2nd Place – 6 points
- 3rd Place – 5 points
- 4th Place – 4 points
- 5th Place – 3 points
- 6th Place – 2 points

- All riders who disqualify or do not place 1st through 6th will receive one (1) point per event.
- If there is a tie on speed event night, both participants receive the place points added together then divided by 2.
- At the end of the year, if there is a tie for first place in Speed Events there will be a run off using the same 3 events used during the year in the same order of events. **If all parties are not present the tie will be broken by an average of the previous times for the year.**
- Time sheets will be kept by the club secretary to be transferred to a master sheet and kept until the end of the point tally period.
- The rider will be called and given three (3) minutes to enter the arena and start their run.
- The official time clock will be maintained in the bird house.
- Only the announcer has the authority to call off a run.

Steers:

- All ropers who run their steer but do not place one (1) through six (6) will receive one (1) point for each steer.
- At the end of each roping night, after combining all runs for an average time, each roper who places in categories one (1) through six (6) will receive four (4) points or one point per steer, plus the following additional points:
- - 1st Place – 6 points
 - 2nd Place – 5 points
 - 3rd Place – 4 points
 - 4th Place – 3 points
 - 5th Place – 2 points
 - 6th Place – 1 point
- In a tie situation for first place at the end of the year in Team Roping, four (4) steers will be run with the same partners for the best average to break the tie or other tie-breaker decision with the consent of the members involved. **If all parties are not present the tie will be broken by an average of the previous times for the year.**

Section 2: Ribbons:

- Ribbons shall be given first through sixth place in the Beginners through the Junior class at each event.

Section 3: Awards:

- *You must ride or pay to ghost ride 75% of the remaining season after membership is paid to be eligible for Year-End Awards unless changed by the Board of Directors at their sole discretion.*
- Contestants must be eligible to win an award at the end of the tally period.
- If a member has a major medical condition and misses more than 5 rides they may still be eligible for year end awards. This will be determined on a case to case basis at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors and must be a major life threatening event.

ARTICLE VII (PATTERN FOR GAMES)

Section 1: Holding Pen:

- All riders must be in the arena in the holding pen before each event; bring their horse to a stop before or while in the alley; and then exit to the right at a walk in the exit pen.

Poles:

- The rider may start on the right or left side passing the poles running in a straight line to the last pole and there turning the pole and facing the line of poles, pass the successive poles on alternating sides until the first pole is reached, turn around the first pole and return to the last pole in the same manner.
- Upon reaching the last pole, turn it and return to the finish line in a straight line on the opposite side from which you entered.

Texas Barrels:

- The rider may start on the right or left side passing the first barrel and passing the second barrel on the alternate side, then returning to the returning in the same manner to the finish line.

Cloverleaf:

- The rider turns the first barrel to the right or left, the rider turns the second barrel and then the third and returns across the finish line.

THE FOLLOWING THREE GAMES ARE SET UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ARENA: POLES, TEXAS BARRELS AND CLOVERLEAF.

