

## **ILRA/USLRA Administrative Document**

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### **Introduction**

The National Roleo Association was founded in Washburn, WI in 1926. It became the International Roleo Association in 1957 and the International Log Rolling Association in 1964. The ILRA is the international governing body of the sports of log rolling, boom running, and speed rolling. It conducts the annual World Log Rolling and Boom Running Championships. The USLRA is the first nation member of the ILRA. It sanctions and promotes competitions, and adopts rule changes. The USLRA is a membership organization with a Board of Directors that oversees the business of the sport and bylaws that govern the Board's activities.

USLRA bylaws, rules and regulations are enacted by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may from time to time supplement, amend, or vary these rules. Members are encouraged to make contact with their Board of Directors regarding possible changes to USLRA's Official Rules after the publication of this document. Members are also encouraged to make use of the most current rules and membership information by visiting USLRA's website at [www.uslogrolling.org](http://www.uslogrolling.org).

The sports of log rolling, boom running, and speed rolling provides for its participants exercise, character development, self-discipline, self-confidence, structure, work ethic and friendships. The sport requires the participation of a number of people in addition to log rollers themselves: coaches, officials, administrators, and volunteers. Each person's role is important, and a log rolling/boom running event cannot proceed without all participants. Therefore, each person involved must embrace his/her position within the sport with integrity, recognizing the importance of all participants and carrying out his/her personal role with honesty and fairness. Knowledge of the Technical Rules are imperative in order to do one's best.

### **Administrative Rules**

- All USLRA competitions will be conducted in accordance with the USLRA rules.
- All competitors in USLRA sanctioned tournaments must be members in good standings of the Association.
- USLRA members have agreed to abide by all of the USLRA's official rules, regulations and policies.
- The USLRA is the custodian of the Rules of Log Rolling, Boom Running and Speed Rolling and is committed to:
  - Preserving the integrity of the sports.
  - Actively preserving the skills traditionally required to participate in the sports.
  - Encouraging improvements, while maintaining the challenge of the sports.
  - Ensuring fair competition.
  - Ensuring fair, consistent and expeditious review and hearings in relation to the Rules of Log Rolling.

### **Glossary of Terms**

- **Match.** A log rolling *match* is the best two out of three or three out of five falls.
  - **Bucking.** A *bucking match* is when contestants face opposite directions on the log, due to the fact that they both look over the same shoulder.
  - **Running.** A *running match* is when both rollers face the same direction on the log, due to the fact that they look over opposite shoulders.
- Fall.** A log rolling *fall* occurs when a roller falls in the water before his/her opponent. Judges determine what is and isn't a fall.

- **Draw.** A *draw* is when both rollers fall simultaneously.
- **Withdrawal** – A withdrawal occurs when a roller withdraws after the draw has been made, but before rolling the first match because of administrative error, injury, illness, or personal emergency.
- **Forfeit** - A forfeit occurs when a roller is unable to continue rolling a match or resume a suspended match because of injury, illness, or personal emergency.
- **Disqualification.** A penalty that causes a roller to lose placing in a tournament and to be ineligible for any subsequent heats in the tournament.
- **Incomplete Match.** An *incomplete match* refers to a match that was started but not completed. It is anticipated that the match will be completed.
- **Seed.** This term refers to a roller who is given a preferential position in the draw by virtue of the roller's record. The roller is positioned in the draw so that the roller usually will not roll another seeded roller in the first round. This roller is more likely to receive a bye than rollers who are not seeded.
- **Seeding.** Seeding refers to the process by which the athletes are placed in the draw based on the current USLRA ranking. These rollers are listed in order of their seed on the draw sheet and are separated from each other so that they do not meet in the early rounds.
- **Bye.** A *bye* is when there are not enough rollers to put one roller on each line; byes are placed on the open lines. A roller who receives a bye does not have a first round match. If a bye is needed in the bracket, it goes to the number one ranked competitor first. Followed by second ranked, third ranked, etc
- **Age Class.** An *age class* is the placement of rollers in relationship to their age, not ability.
- **Ability Class.** An *ability class* is a designation of ability within the age class and may determine eligibility in a higher age class.
- **Tournament Age.** A roller's *tournament age* shall be his or her age on January 1st of the current year.
- **Shall and Should.** Within the rules, the word "*shall*" is mandatory. The word "*should*" is permissive and generally implies a guideline to be followed whenever possible.

#### Sanctioned Tournaments

- **Meaning of sanctioning.** The USLRA sanctioning process is intended to aid the public, the roller, and the log rolling promoter. It helps to assure uniformity of the rules of roll; it permits the ranking of rollers on a basis of an accepted standard; it encourages an orderly schedule of tournaments which accommodates the reasonable needs of rollers, the promoters, and the sponsors of organized competition; and it fosters the aim of providing the public with log rolling competition of high caliber and ethical standards. Sanctioning indicates that a particular tournament is an official USLRA approved tournament, that the USLRA Rules and Regulations will be followed, that proper draws will be made and that the results of the tournament will be considered by the applicable USLRA ranking committees.
- **Use of USLRA name in reference to tournament.** To the extent determined by the USLRA, the sponsors of an USLRA sanctioned tournament may use the name, initials, and logo of the USLRA.
- **Use of certified officials recommended in sanctioned tournaments.** This recommendation shall be transmitted with every sanction application.
- **Sanction fees.** Sanction fees are charged for the award of sanctions. These vary according to the class, type, and size of the tournament. If more than one of these categories is applicable, the type requiring the larger sanction fee will apply.
  - **Intra-club tournaments.** A tournament conducted only for members of a log rolling club does not require a sanction. A sanction may be applied for, if it is desired that this be an official USLRA tournament to be considered for ranking purposes. Application is granted by the Executive Committee. The fee for this type of tournament is \$35.00 payable to the USLRA. Payment shall accompany the application. (If spectator admissions are charged, or roller expenses are paid, or prize money is offered, the above is not applicable, but the following paragraphs will apply.)
  - **Interscholastic and intercollegiate tournaments.** Interscholastic and intercollegiate matches and tournaments conducted by scholastic or collegiate officials and limited to students do not have to be sanctioned, but the same may be sanctioned with or without the payment of a sanction fee.
  - **City, Intercity, State, District, Sectional, and other tournaments where NO spectator admissions are charged (or, if charged, gross revenues are not anticipated to exceed \$5,000), no roller expenses are paid (or, if paid, are not anticipated to exceed \$5,000), and less than \$5,000 prize money is offered.** The fee for this type of tournament is \$35 payable to the USLRA. Payment shall accompany the application.

- ***City, Intercity, State, District, Sectional, and other tournaments where spectator admissions are charged and gross revenues are anticipated to exceed \$5,000 or roller expenses to be paid are anticipated to exceed \$5,000, but less than \$5,000 prize money is offered.*** The Executive Committee will issue the sanction certificate. The fee for this type of tournament is \$100, payable to the USLRA. Payment shall accompany the application. For junior tournaments, the entry fees, donations, and contributions shall not be counted in the gross revenues test.
  - ***Prize money tournaments over \$5,000.*** Application for sanction is made to the Executive Committee which will issue the sanction certificate. The sanction fee is payable to the USLRA. The total fee for this type of tournament shall be an amount equal to 1% of the prize money; however, such fee shall not exceed \$2,000, nor shall it be less than \$100 Not less than one-third of such sanction fee, or \$100, whichever is greater, must accompany the application. The remainder of the fee, if any, shall be paid within 30 days after the completion of the tournament.
  - ***Definition of gross revenues.*** Gross revenues means all monies received for:
    - entry fees charged in all tournaments;
    - the admissions to the grounds and/or stands after deduction of governmental and municipal taxes;
    - sales of advertising less direct expenses; and
    - contributions from whatever sources, including sponsors.
  - ***ILRA World Log Rolling Championships.***
    - ***Submission of Bids.*** Bids shall be submitted to the President of the USLRA/ or ??? chairperson of the competition committee on or before October 1st of the year before the championship. The bid shall contain a complete description of the applicant's facilities, proposed tournament organization, prize package, and such other information as may be pertinent in considering competing bids.
    - ***Final approval of bids for ILRA World Log Rolling Championships Sanctions shall be awarded as soon as possible after the bid deadline.*** All bids shall be considered. Sanctions for ILRA World and National Championships for the following year shall be awarded on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - ***Right of bidders to appear before the Executive Committee or other Committee responsible for the bid process.*** The chairperson of the competition committee shall inform all bidders of competing bids. Representatives of all bidders shall be permitted to appear and make presentations in support of their bid either in person or by conference call to be determined by competition committee chair
  - ***Chairperson of the competition committee shall notify the successful bidders.*** Upon award, the President of the USLRA shall send a sanction application to the successful bidder, who shall complete the application and return it and the sanction fee to the ILRA within 30 days.
- **Television, Film, and Radio Rights**
    - The television, film and radio rights for all sanctioned tournaments shall be reserved by the USLRA to facilitate the sale of such rights on a national or multi-event basis. In the event that television, radio, or film rights are relinquished by the USLRA and subsequently sold in connection to a USLRA sanctioned event, the proceeds from such television, radio, and media shall be negotiated.
  - **Compliance with Sanction Requirements**
    - ***Policy of USLRA to not assume financial responsibility for tournaments.*** It is the policy of the USLRA not to assume financial responsibility for any tournament. Tournaments shall be conducted wherever possible on a profitable basis. Any loss incurred shall be the sole responsibility of the sponsoring entity.
    - ***Applicant for sanction agrees not to discriminate.*** An applicant agrees that it will not discriminate against any competitor because of participant's race, creed, or color. A violation of this provision may result in a refusal by the USLRA to issue any further sanctions to such applicant.
    - ***Tournament may lose sanction if it does not comply with the terms of the sanction.*** The failure of a tournament to comply with any requirement of or any other condition imposed by the USLRA may result in forfeiture of the sanction.
  - **Protocol for sanctioning.**
    - A letter must be sent to the USLRA requesting sanctioning. A sanctioning tournament must abide by all USLRA rules and regulations. Any rules and regulations that cannot be followed must be put in writing along with the letter of request for sanctioning. A reason must be given why any rules or

regulations cannot be followed.

- **Application for Sanction and Appointment of Tournament Committee**
  - Before the start of a tournament, the Organizing Committee conducting the tournament shall apply for a sanction and shall appoint a Tournament Committee of at least three persons. The Tournament Chairperson, Tournament Director and the Chief of Competition shall be members of the Committee. Neither the Tournament Chairperson nor the Tournament Director may serve as or assume the responsibilities of the Head Judge.
  - **Tournament Committee.** The Tournament Committee shall:
    - supervise all administrative details of the tournament;
    - obtain any required USLRA sanction;
    - determine the extent to which USLRA certified officials will be used;
    - keep order on the grounds;
    - follow USLRA ranking
    - appoint a Tournament Protest Committee (3 or 5) to hear protests;
    - have broad discretionary powers in carrying out its functions in all cases not covered by USLRA Rules;
    - **Tournament Chairperson.** The Tournament Chairperson is the head of the Tournament Committee. This person is the official representative of the Tournament Committee to the USLRA. Normally the Organizing Committee submits its sanction application or tournament bid through its Tournament Chairperson.
    - **Tournament Director/Event Manager.** The Tournament Director serves as the chief executive officer for the Tournament Committee and is directly responsible for the administrative details of the tournament. The director shall ensure the following:
      - All contestants must be members of the USLRA.
      - The competition site must be safe. No polluted water, sharp objects, unsafe docks, or underwater obstructions of any kind, including rocks, concrete blocks, logs, etc. Event organizers must ensure this by having areas checked with scuba-divers, if necessary.
      - All logs must meet buoyancy standards each day.
      - Traction logs must be free of gaps at the seams.
      - Provide warm-up logs and a warm-up area.
      - The Tournament Director, determines whether matches will be 2 of 3 or 3 of 5 falls for youth rollers. All elite matches will be 3 of 5.
      - The Tournament Director and two committee members will conduct the draw at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the event. All brackets are available for viewing at check-in.
      - Results and schedules are posted within a reasonable time each day.
      - A copy of all brackets and results must be sent to the USLRA office at the conclusion of the contest.
    - **Judges.**
      - The Head Judge of each ILRA World Championship shall be a judge certified by the USLRA.
      - All Judges will attend the meeting held prior to the tournament for all competitors.
      - The judges must survey the site and be knowledgeable about changing water depths.
      - All Judges exercise general supervision over all aspects of matches including, but not limited to, the conduct and actions of competitors, coaches, parents, officials, and the administrative crew. Not following the USLRA Code of Conduct may result in a disqualification.

#### **Tournament Format**

- **Feed-in Championship(Double Elimination)**
  - This draw has a winner bracket and a consolation bracket. The winner will have lost no matches. The runner-up will have lost only to the winner. All other contestants who have lost one match may roll back through the back draw to third place only.
- **Round Robin.**

- *When authorized.* Round robin draws may be used in any tournament for which the entry form states that the tournament shall be rolled using a round robin format. Additionally, a round robin draw may be used in any division in any tournament in which there are four or fewer rollers entered.
- *Procedure.* Each roller in the round robin draw shall roll every other roller in the round robin draw.
- *Determining the order of finish.* The roller who wins the most matches is the winner. If two rollers are tied, then the winner of their head-to-head match is the winner. If three or more rollers are tied, the Referee shall use the following steps in the order listed to break all ties. The Referee shall break as many ties as possible using a given step before using the next step. These steps are:
  - the head-to-head win-loss record in matches involving just the tied rollers;
  - The roller with the highest percentage of falls won of all falls rolled;
- To the extent that the above methods eliminate rollers from consideration at any step, the head-to-head record between the *remaining* rollers should be considered before going on to the next step. If, at any point there become just two rollers left in a tie, then the head-to-head result (if rolled) between these two rollers takes immediate precedence and determines the winner.
- If a tie cannot be broken after all steps are employed, a random drawing between the remaining tied rollers should be used to determine the winner.
- A roller who receives a default, withdrawal, or retirement is credited with a win. However, for procedures to break a tie, only the results of retirements will be used in determining the number of sets and games won. Defaults and withdrawals will not be reckoned. If involved in a tie situation, a roller who does not complete the round robin forfeits any chance of being declared the winner.
- When there are six or more rollers entered, then the tournament may be divided into more than one round robin. Before the round robins begin, the tournament committee shall set forth in writing the exact procedure for determining who advances to the final round (winners only or winners and runners-up) and whether a round robin or single elimination format shall be used to determine the winner of the final round.
  - ***Preliminary Round Robins.*** Seeding shall be used to place the strongest rollers in different divisions. See seeding regulations.
  - ***Final Round.*** The overall winner shall be determined by rolling another round robin or a single elimination format tournament. The tournament may allow not only the winner of each round robin but also the runners-up to advance to the final round. If the tournament allows runners-up to advance to the final round, the runner-ups of each round robin shall roll the winner of another round robin. In the final round the placement of the prior winners and runners-up shall be determined by random drawing, but no first match shall pair a winner and a runner-up from the same round robin. If the tournament does not allow runners-up to roll in the final round, then random drawing shall make the final round pairings.
  - ***Single elimination.*** This draw has one bracket. If you lose before the semi-final round, you are eliminated from the tournament. The winner will have lost no matches. The runner-up will have lost only to the winner. The two losers in the semi-final round roll for third and fourth.

### Seeding

While there is no requirement that every tournament have seeding, most tournaments of the elimination type, as distinguished from round-robin competitions, use seeding to ensure that rollers of recognized outstanding ability do not confront each other in the early rounds.

- ***Seeding.*** The Tournament Committee shall determine the seedlings.
- ***Number of seeds.*** The Tournament Committee may seed rollers at a maximum ratio of one seed for every four rollers or major fraction thereof (i.e., two or three rollers more than an even multiple of four does justify an additional seed; one roller more does not). Notwithstanding the above, even the smallest tournament may have two seeds.
- ***Listing of seeds.*** The Referee shall list the seeded rollers on the draw sheet in numerical order to the extent that the Referee has information available to do so.
- ***Factors to consider in seeding.*** Seedlings merely represent the Committee's subjective ratings of the various rollers' chances of winning the tournament. These ratings may not be based on whim, caprice, or hunches, but instead shall be justified by a reasonable amount of factual evidence. The Committee shall consider all available evidence, including, but not limited to, rankings, current records, types of surface and

particularly head-to-head encounters.

- **Common errors in seeding.** Illustrative of some common errors in seeding are: “He’s ranked No. 1, so he must be seeded No. 1”; “She won the tournament last year so she must be seeded No. 1 this year”; “Since this is his first year as a senior and he has no record in senior roll, he can’t be seeded or he can’t be seeded any higher than five.”
- **Balancing the seeds.** The principle of drawing to position the seeds shall be applied so that, as nearly as possible, the same number of seeds will fall in each half of the draw, in each quarter of the draw, etc. For example, in a draw with six seeds, each half of the draw should contain three seeds, two of the quarters should contain two seeds, and the other two quarters should contain one seed.
- **Positioning seeds.** The first seed shall be positioned on the top line of the draw, and the second seed shall be positioned on the bottom line of the draw. The position of the remaining seeds shall be determined by lot using the procedure described below, with each seeded roller in the top half of the draw being positioned on the top line of the bracket for which that seed is drawn, and each seeded roller in the bottom half of the draw being positioned on the bottom line of the bracket for which that seed is drawn. Examples of the procedure for different size draws with the maximum number of seeds allowed are as follows:
  - **16 draw with 4 seeds.**
    - Seed 1                      Line 1
    - Seed 2                      Line 16
    - Seeds 3 & 4                Drawn at random
  - **32 draw with 8 seeds.**
    - Seed 1                      Line 1
    - Seed 2                      Line 32
    - Seeds 3 & 4                Drawn at random for line 9 or 24
    - Seeds 5-8                  Drawn at random for line 5, 13, 20, or 28

### Byes

- **Byes used to fill out draws.** When there are not enough rollers to put one roller on each line in the draw, Byes are added. This serves to bring to the second round a roller on each line so that there can be an orderly progression down to two finalists. For example, with 27 rollers, five of the lines on a 32- draw sheet would be marked Bye, and the five rollers drawn opposite those lines would move into the second round without rolling a match, to be joined there by the 11 winners of first round matches to make up an even 16.
- **Placement of the Byes.**
  - The Byes shall go to seeded rollers in descending order.
  - Remaining Byes shall be evenly distributed among the quarters and halves of the draw.
- **Filling in unseeded rollers.** Once the seeded rollers and the Byes have been written in, the rest of the draw shall be filled in by stating the competitors name followed by drawing a number for the line placement.