



## NBHA IN 04 Lil Bullets Program Guidelines

Welcome NBHA 04 Families to the Lil Bullets Program! We hope to give all NBHA 04 kids the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of entering and competing in our sport. We are setting up the Lil Bullets 2023 program similar to how the youth/teen program is by splitting the ages. Here's what you need to know about the Lil Bullets Program!

1. **Age Groups-** We will have 2 age groups for kids to compete in. We will only run one Lil Bullets class per show, but kids' points will be divided into their respective age groups.
  - a. Please specify which age division your child wants to run in for the season. Any child 12 & under can compete as a Little Pistol (8 & under) or Big Gunner( 8-12).
  - b. Kids can do leadline in either age division and qualify for points.
  - c. Points will follow the normal NBHA guidelines (5pts-1pt per division).
  - d. There is a transitional age bracket for 8 year olds. They can run in either group for the season but not both groups at the same time. If your 8yr old child wants to move up an age bracket mid-season, they can keep half of their points from the 8 & under group.
  - e. If your child is over the age of 8 but wants to compete in the Little Pistols age group, they can! Those that choose this option cannot compete at a speed faster than a trot to get points ( they can still lope at the show for day \$ and prizes but will not receive any points). Please be honest! If you choose to move them to the Big Gunners mid-season, they can keep half their points.
  - f. Please use your best judgment when choosing which age split to place your child in. We divided the ages to allow for those leadliners and beginners to get the opportunity to earn points for awards without feeling the pressure to run with those kids that can outrun all of us adults! In the end, it's all about our little ones having fun and getting the opportunity to learn!
2. **Sibling Sidekicks-** We want to include all the 04 kids! Some families have kids that just aren't ready to compete, or don't ride horses. I see siblings at shows all the time! So, we want them to have a place to participate too!
  - a. This option is for non-competing kids age 14 & under. If they choose to compete at any point in the season, we can start tracking their competing points!
  - b. Lil Bullet siblings can turn in an entry card with the other pee wees and Lil Bullets to earn points for year end awards. **Parents- please mark sibling entry on the pee wee card.**
  - c. Show producers will collect these cards and turn in to the district so the siblings can get their points for awards!
3. **Spirit Award:** All program kids qualify to win this award. As the name implies this award is for one special little kid that shows the most NBHA IN 04 pep and spirit!
4. **Finals Shoot-out:** details to come!