



2017 Rule Book and Membership Information

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General Bylaws

1.1. Membership Requirements

Any and all individuals that wish to become a member of the WSBBA will be required to pay an annual membership fee of \$115.00 which includes the following:

- 1 year membership (January 1, each year – December 31, each year) and eligibility to enter any sanctioned WSBBA event.

As a condition to membership, members must sign and agree to become familiar with and be bound by the rules of the Western States Bucking Bull Association (WSBBA). Members of the WSBBA expressly agree to have all disputes related to compliance with, or violation of, these rules resolved by the procedures provided in the rules.

Any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or organization may apply to become a member of the WSBBA by ****filling out a membership form**** and paying the required fee. Any membership submitted as a firm, partnership, corporation or organization, must individually name all members associated with the membership. Memberships may be cancelled or denied by the Board of Directors for any cause they deem detrimental to the interest of the WSBBA.

To be eligible for any WSBBA year-end or finals awards or prizes, bull owners must be current WSBBA members in good standing. If a bull is entered under multiple owners, each individual name to be listed as an owner/participant for that bull must be a current WSBBA member.

1.2. Acknowledgement of Risk and Liability

All members agree to attend and participate in WSBBA-sanctioned events at applicant's own risk. Members agree that by his/her signature on membership application, he/she releases the WSBBA and its directors, officers, representatives, employees, event producers and agents from any and all liability, loss, claims and damages, including negligence. Upon the purchase of membership, the undersigned voluntarily chooses to participate in WSBBA-sanctioned events and abide by all WSBBA Standing Rules and Bylaws. By entering an animal and/or attending a WSBBA produced or sanctioned event participants assume the risk inherent in any bovine/rodeo-type activity and hold harmless the WSBBA. The WSBBA, nor its president, board members, directors, employees, contractors, or event producers shall be responsible for any injury, death, or loss of any animal

entered or present for any other reason at any WSBBA produced or sanctioned event. Nor will the WSBBA be responsible for the injury or death of any person attending any WSBBA produced or sanctioned event.

By payment of annual membership dues, member agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in this document, and to be subject to the provisions of the same.

1.3. Misconduct and Cheating

In the event a participant becomes verbally or physically abusive to any official, judge, employee, producer, animal, or other participant, the WSBBA reserves the right to disqualify that person and their entries from that event and/or revoke their participation rights in future WSBBA events. Misconduct and /or cheating or attempting to cheat shall result in major disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension and /or a fine. A second offense will result in suspension from entering all future WSBBA events. Any fines assessed must be paid in full before competing. Any member refusing to pay unpaid fines will be disqualified and any and all entry fees or membership fees will be forfeited.

1.4. Drug Testing

The WSBBA or Event Producer reserves the right to test any participating bulls for any reason at any time. Biological samples may be collected including blood, tissue and / or fluids, from any bull or bulls for any reason at any time. In addition, samples from feed and/or hay and/or water may also be collected and tested for any reason at any time.

Participants at a WSBBA sanctioned event will NOT be allowed to administer any medication or injection for any reason to a bucking bull(s) while on site at an event location prior to competing. A participant found administering any medication or injection for any reason to a bucking bull(s) while on site at an event location prior to competing will be subject to a fine (monetary penalty) and/or possible disqualification of bucking bull(s) entered at the event (forfeiting entry fees) and possible suspension from competition for such a period of time as determined appropriate.

If an animal becomes sick, lame or injured on site at an event and must receive veterinary care or be administered medication on site at the event prior to competing, animal will become ineligible to compete and entry fee will be forfeited. If an animal becomes sick, lame or injured on site at an event after

competing, medication can be administered by a veterinarian and/or WSBBA member. WSBBA management MUST be notified prior to administering medication to any animal for any reason at any time while on site at a WSBBA event.

Any participants or persons found to have tampered with or attempted to tamper with and/or administer or introduce any drug or agent to enhance or sedate any bucking bull(s) at an event will be subject to these same rules and disciplinary action.

DRUG POLICY & DISCIPLINARY RULES AND GUIDELINES

The WSBBA will maintain a zero tolerance for the use of anabolic steroids, beta agonists, growth factors and antipsychotics that may chemically enhance the performance of a bucking bull(s) including Clenbuterol and the extra-label use of feed additives* (see below) are inherently forbidden in the use of a bucking bull(s) performing at WSBBA competitions. The WSBBA reserves the right to test for these medications or agents in any bucking bull(s) at any time for any reason. Any WSBBA member and/or owner or partner or agent of a bucking bull(s) testing positive for anabolic steroids and/or other medications or agents as listed in the WSBBA rule book that are believed to be used to chemically enhance the performance of a bucking bull(s), will be subject to suspension from competition and/or forfeiture of any prize money and accumulated points and/or fine (monetary penalty) and possible expulsion from the WSBBA for such a period of time as determined appropriate. In addition, drug use in food animals is regulated by the FDA and any member and/or owner or partner or agent of a bucking bull(s) may be subject to penalties from the FDA. The owner/partner and/or agent are absolutely responsible for a bucking bull(s) condition, and are presumed to know all rules and regulations of the WSBBA and the penalty provisions of all rules. Their voluntary action in presenting a bucking bull(s) at an event location for competition, makes them all eligible for disciplinary sanctions, whether or not they had actual knowledge of the presence of a forbidden drug, directly participated in the administration thereof, innocently miscalculated its retention time in a bucking bull(s) system, or any other reason for its presence is established.

(*All medicated feed additives are to be used in accordance with the FDA approved label. Extra-label use of medicated feed additives is strictly prohibited by Federal Law and no one has the authority to adjust the dose as labeled, including veterinarians. Drug use in food animals is regulated by the FDA and any member and/or owner or partner or agent of a bucking bull(s) may be subject to penalties from the FDA.)

Drugs included in the above mentioned categories are listed below. WSBBA reserves the right to update or add drugs or agents to this list at any time.

Anabolic Steroids

Androstenediol	Androstenedione	Bolandiol
Bolasterone	Boldenone	Boldione
Calusterone	Clostebol	Danazol
Dehydrochloromethyltestosterone	Dehydrochlorotestosterone	
Desoxymethyltestosterone	Dromostanolone	Drostanolone
Epiternbolone	Estranediol	Ethylestrenol
Fluoxymesterone	Formebolone	Furazabol
Gestrinone	Hydroxytestosterone	Mestanolone
Mesterolone	Methandienone	Methandriol
Methandrostenolone	Methasterone	Methenolone
Methyldienolone	Methylnortestosterone	Methyltestosterone
Methyltrienolone	Mibolerone Nandrolone	(Nortestosterone)
Norandrostenediol	Norandrostenedione	Norbolethone
Norclostebol	Norethandrolone	Normethandrolone
Nortestosterone (Nandrolone)	Oxabolone	Oxandrolone
Oxymesterone	Oxymetholone	Paramethadione
Prostanozol	Quinbolone	Stanozolol
Stenbolone	Testosterone	Tetrahydrogestrinone (THG)
THG (Tetrahydrogestrinone)	Tibolone	Trenbolone
Zeranol		

B agonists/Repartitioning Agents

Dopexamine	Isoetharine	Bunitrolol
Procaterol	Cimaterol	Mabuterol
Ractopamine	Zilpaterol	

Growth Factors/Hormones

Growth Factors	Growth Hormone (GH) - or analogues
Aldosterone	Medroxyprogesterone

Antipsychotic

Fluphenazine

1.5. Event Sanctioning

Any person or person(s) may request to sanction an event with the WSBBA. The Board of directors are responsible for approving events as they deem in the best interest of the WSBBA and its members. Approval shall be based on the schedule of other approved WSBBA events, other events in the region, and adequacy of the facility where the proposed event will be held. All events approved to be sanctioned by the WSBBA must comply with all association rules. The WSBBA reserves the right to deny sanctioning at any time or cancel the sanctioning of an event which it deems not to be in the best interest of the WSBBA.

1.6. Bull Check-In/Pens

All bulls competing in WSBBA-sanctioned events must be housed in the pens provided at the event and must be checked in by the time and date specified by the event's producer. Failure to comply with the check-in date and time specified may result in fines and/or disqualification and forfeiture of the fees.

Event producers must provide enough individual pen space for all bulls entered. Exceptions will be made for yearling events or specific cases agreed on previously by the affected stock contractor and producers. Event producers must have all pens assembled before the designated check in time for bulls to arrive. Only bulls entered in a WSBBA event may be unloaded at an event unless otherwise agreed upon by the WSBBA and event producer. All events require bulls be checked in at least the day before the event. All pens will be a minimum of 100 sq/ft (10'x10'). Any bull can be penned with another bull with the approval of the producer and the owner, although bulls may be required to be moved to their own pen prior to start of event.

1.7. Event Judges/Judging

All judges for WSBBA sanctioned events must be named by event producers at least fifteen (15) days prior to the closing date of entries and be approved by the the Board. The number of judges for WSBBA-sanctioned events may not be less than four (4) approved judges. Events must use official judge sheets, which shall be forwarded to the WSBBA office along with the completed result within five (5) days of conclusion of the event. An event may choose to use six (6) judges for scoring the competing animals. For events using six (6) judges the high and low score will be eliminated unless otherwise approved by the board. Event bulls will be scored by a standard 100-point scoring system. The judges will be required to score a bull from 1 to 25 using quarter points. All judges sheets will be signed by judges and results will be posted at the conclusion of any WSBBA sanctioned event on-line within seven (7) days of the event.

For the Classic and Derby divisions, rider judges will be in addition to judges for the competing bulls. Riders will receive a unique score using the standard 100-point scoring system. All judge's sheets will be signed by judges and results will be announced at the conclusion of any WSBBA sanctioned event and posted online within seven (7) days of the event. Judges for the WSBBA Finals will be selected from judges used at WSBBA-sanctioned events during that competition year.

1.8. Point System/Division Standings

Points shall be awarded at WSBBA-sanctioned events in the following manner: Points will be given out to 20 places, or however many bulls are entered into that division. First place will receive 20 points (or points equal to the number of bulls entered in that division), second will receive 19 (or one less than the number of bulls entered in that division), third will receive 18 (or two less than the number of bulls entered in that division), etc. Points will be issued to all bulls placing through twentieth or the total number of bulls if less than twenty entries.

Points awarded at WSBBA-sanctioned events will accumulate to determine year-end awards. Bull of the Year will be awarded to the bull in each division who has accumulated the most points throughout that competition year.

Points will accumulate throughout the competition year to determine year-end awards for WSBBA Contractor of the Year.

All year-end awards will be presented at the WSBBA Finals.

1.9. WSBBA Finals

Any bull that has competed in at least one WSBBA-sanctioned event is eligible to enter the WSBBA Finals as long as the member is in good standing with the association.

In addition to accumulated year-end awards (ie. Bull of the Year), awards will be given for Bull of the Finals and other awards in each class based solely on the competing animals performance at the Finals.

1.10. Entry Fees/Returned Checks

All events will have an entry fee, which will be due in the office fifteen (15) days prior to opening day of the event. In the event a participant pays his or her fees or membership with a check that is returned, a \$50.00 fine will be incurred on the first offense. A second offense will result in a \$100 fine. After a second offense, participant must pay in money order or cashier's check only, for a minimum of one year. No participant will compete without entry fees paid in full.

1.11. Appeal Procedure

Appeal of any disciplinary decision may be made in writing within ten (10) calendar days of the incident to the WSBBA Board. To initiate an appeal, the

appeal letter and a required \$100 fee must be submitted to the WSBBA for the appeal to be reviewed by the Board of Directors. Each case appealed will be reviewed on its own merits, and the decision of the Board will be final. If the disciplinary decision is overturned, the \$100 appeal fee and any associated penalty fees will be refunded.

2017 WSBBA FUTURITY RULES & GUIDELINES

**Note: If an event chooses to include a yearling class, all Futurity Rules and Guidelines will apply to that division, as well.*

2.1. PARTICIPATION

All participants entering bulls in a WSBBA produced or sanctioned futurity must be a current member in good standing with the WSBBA (see Section 1.1).

2.2. AGE REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to compete in any WSBBA produced or sanctioned futurity, bulls must be born between January 1 and December 31 of the year, two years prior to the year of competition. EXAMPLE: 2015 calves (calves born between January 1 and December 31, 2015) are eligible to compete in 2017 futurities. Yearling bulls must be born one year prior to the competition year.

2.3. AGE VERIFICATION

Bulls may be chosen for age verification if there is concern from a producer, participant or board member. Bulls that have been age verified through another association, with proper authorized signature, will not be mouthed as long as proper paper work is presented. Bulls that are mouthed by the veterinarian on location and are deemed older than allowed will be disqualified. Veterinarian decisions will stand. Contractor will forfeit all winnings and entry fees.

2.4. ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

Bulls must be branded with a hot iron ID number. Bulls not branded as mentioned herein may be disqualified from any WSBBA produced or sanctioned event.

2.5. ENTRIES

2.5.a. Entries will be submitted to the WSBBA office unless it is a co-sanctioned event. Notification of any changes will be posted on the

WSBBA website. Entry open dates will be event-specific and posted on the WSBBA website thirty (30) days prior to each event's opening date unless otherwise approved by the Board.

2.5.b. Entry close dates will be fifteen (15) days prior to the event, unless otherwise noted. Entries and entry fees **must be postmarked by the entries closing date.**

2.6. ENTRY FEES

At WSBBA events futurity fees will be no less than \$300.00 per bull but may be more if approved by the Board of Directors. In addition to the \$300.00 fee stated above, a secretary fee and drug testing fee will also be included for each entry. Fees may be higher at an event if approved by the Board of Directors. Fees will be posted on the WSBBA website before entry opening date.

2.7. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All bulls competing at a WSBBA event will be required to have record of a **negative TB test and a negative Brucellosis test within the current year of competition.** A copy of these tests and a Veterinary Health Inspection will be required. Specific requirements for individual states may differ and will be posted as ground rules in entry information. These tests and inspections must be presented at check-in time. Bulls that do not have proper paperwork will not be allowed to unload or compete and will forfeit entry fees.

2.8. BRAND INSPECTIONS

All western states require brand inspections. It is the participant's responsibility to have required brand inspection papers. There may be Brand Inspectors at each event.

2.9. PAYOUT

At all WSBBA produced or sanctioned futurities payout will be as followed.

A: 20% of total entry fees collected taken out for the producer.

B: 10% of total entry fees collected taken out for WSBBA finals.

1: Any ‘added money’ will be added to the payout totals after those deductions have been made. No deductions will be taken from added money.

2: One (1) place will be paid out for every five (5) entries up to five (5) places. Thereafter, additional places will be at the discretion of the Board. In the case where additional places are not paid the payout for the places paid will be increased.

PAYOUT % PER NUMBER OF PLACES PAID										
1 PLACE	100%									
2 PLACES	60%	40%								
3 PLACES	50%	30%	20%							
4 PLACES	40%	30%	20%	10%						
5 PLACES	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%					
6 PLACES	28%	22%	18%	14%	10%	8%				
7 PLACES	26%	20%	15%	12%	10%	9%	8%			
8 PLACES	24%	18%	15%	12%	10%	8%	7%	6%		
9 PLACES	22%	16%	14%	12%	10%	8%	7%	6%	5%	
10 PLACES	20%	15%	13%	11%	10%	8%	6.5%	6%	5.5%	5%

2.10. COMPETITION FORMAT

At all WSBBA-sanctioned events, futurity bulls will be judged for six (6) seconds after leaving the chute.

2.11. DUMMIES

All bulls competing at a WSBBA-sanctioned futurity will be bucked using a WSBBA approved dummy. Board approved personnel will attach the dummy to each bull and run the remote to release the dummy.

2.12. HORNS

All competing futurity bulls must have their horns tipped to the size of a quarter prior to arriving at check-in for the event. Broken or loose horns are excluded from this rule.

2.13. REBUCKS

At WSBBA events, rebucks will be allowed only if in the opinion of at least one judge or Board member, the animal had no chance to perform due to situations outside the control of the animal itself or its flank man. It is the flank man's responsibility to make sure the bull is properly flanked and dummy is satisfactorily attached before calling for the release of the bull.

2.14. ELECTRICAL DEVICES & FOREIGN OBJECTS

Electrical devices used to stimulate the animal will not be allowed for use inside the bucking chute (including Hot Shots, hand helds, etc.). Foreign objects in the flank will not be allowed with the exception of flank rings used expressly for attachment. Any owner found disregarding these rules is subject to disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees.

2.15. DRAW/CHUTE POSITION

Bucking order will be determined by random draw of owner. The draw will be posted on the WSBBA website at least four (4) days prior to the opening day of the event.

Owners entering multiple bulls that are required to be penned together their animals will be bucked in pairs. If animals are penned separately they will be drawn separately. All yearlings from each contractor will be bucked together regardless of the number entered.

2.16. WITHDRAWAL

Prior to close of entries, a bull may be withdrawn for any reason without penalty or forfeiture of entry fees. After close of entries, owners may withdraw animals from competition for any reason. However, doing so will forfeit all entry fees, unless a Veterinarian Release is obtained. In the event a Veterinarian Release is provided to the WSBBA Office, entry fees, excluding the secretary and drug testing fees, will be refunded.

2.17. EVENT GROUND RULES

Specific ground rules may exist for any individual WSBBA-produced or sanctioned futurity. Those rules will be posted on the WSBBA website prior to the event closing date. Failure to adhere to posted ground rules may result in disqualification and/or a fine.

2017 CLASSIC/DERBY RULES AND GUIDELINES

**Note: If an event chooses to include a Maturity class, all Classic/Derby Rules and Guidelines will apply to that division, as well.*

3.1. PARTICIPATION

All participants entering bulls in a WSBBA produced or sanctioned futurity must be a current member in good standing with the WSBBA (see Section 1.1).

3.2. AGE REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to compete in a 2017 WSBBA event, Classic bulls must be born between January 1 2013 and December 31 2013.

Derby bulls must be born between January 1 2014 and December 31 2014.

3.3. AGE VERIFICATION

Bulls may be chosen for age verification if there is concern from a producer, participant, board member, or president. Bulls that have been age verified through another association, with proper authorized signature, will not be mouthed as long as proper paper work is presented. Bulls that are mouthed by the veterinarian on location and are deemed older than allowed will be disqualified. Veterinarian decisions will stand. Contractor will forfeit all winnings and entry fees.

3.4. ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

Bulls must be branded with a hot iron ID number. Bulls not branded as mentioned herein may be disqualified from any WSBBA produced or sanctioned event.

3.5. ENTRIES

2.5.a. Entries will be submitted to the WSBBA office unless it is a co-sanctioned event. Notification of any changes will be posted on the WSBBA website. Entry open dates will be event-specific and posted on the WSBBA website thirty (30) days prior to each event's opening date unless otherwise approved by the Board.

2.5.b. Entry close dates will be fifteen (15) days prior to the event, unless otherwise noted. Entries and entry fees **must be postmarked by the entries closing date.**

3.6. ENTRY FEES

At WSBBA events, entry fees for Derby bulls will be no less than \$400.00 and Classic bulls will be no less than \$500.00. Contractor is responsible for an additional fee of no less than \$100.00, which will be applied toward bull rider fees. In addition to the \$600.00 fees stated above, a secretary fee and drug testing fee will also be included for each entry. Fees may be higher at an event if approved by the Board of Directors. Fees will be posted on the WSBBA website before entry opening date.

3.7. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All bulls competing at a WSBBA event will be required to have record of a **negative TB test and a negative Brucellosis test within the current year of competition.** A copy of these tests and a Veterinary Health Inspection will be required. Specific requirements for individual states may differ and will be posted as ground rules in entry information. These tests and inspections must be presented at check-in time. Bulls that do not have proper paperwork will not be allowed to unload or compete and will forfeit entry fees.

3.8. BRAND INSPECTIONS

All western states require brand inspections. It is the participant's responsibility to have required brand inspection papers. There may be Brand Inspectors at each event.

3.9. PAYOUT

At all WSBBA produced or sanctioned futurities payout will be as followed.

A: 20% of total entry fees collected taken out for the producer.

B: 10% of total entry fees collected taken out for WSBBA finals.

1: Any ‘added money’ will be added to the payout totals after those deductions have been made. No deductions will be taken from added money.

2: One (1) place will be paid out for every five (5) entries up to five (5) places. Thereafter, additional places will be at the discretion of the Board. In the case where additional places are not paid the payout for the places paid will be increased.

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3.10. RIDERS

Stock Contractors at WSBBA events will be responsible for providing their own rider for all bulls entered. Riders will be allowed to get on more than one bull. Each event producer will have extra bull riders at their event for unforeseen circumstances. If contractors have identified a rider who gets injured, they will be allowed to select another rider at the event. If no rider has been listed for the bull seven (7) days prior to the event, the WSBBA will assign riders at random. Bull rider fees will be \$50.00 in addition to the \$100 fee from the contractor. All \$50.00 will

go in the bull rider payout pot. Added money for bull riders may be added at the discretion of the event producer. All rider fees will be paid in cash to the event secretary prior to the event starting time.

3.11. COMPETITION FORMAT

At all WSBBA events, bulls will be judged for 8 seconds after leaving the chute, or until the cowboy is bucked off.

3.12. HORNS

All competing Classic/Derby bulls must have their horns tipped to the size of a 50-cent piece prior to arriving at check-in for the event. Broken or loose horns are excluded from this rule.

3.13. REBUCKS

At WSBBA events, rebucks will be allowed only if in the opinion of at least one judge or one board member, the animal had no chance to perform due to situations outside the control of the animal itself or its flank man. It is the flank man's responsibility to make sure the bull is properly flanked and the dummy is situated satisfactorily before bull rider calls for the release of the bull.

3.14. ELECTRICAL DEVICES & FOREIGN OBJECTS

Electrical devices used to stimulate the animal will not be allowed for use inside the bucking chute (including Hot Shots, hand helds, etc.). Foreign objects in the flank will not be allowed **with the exception of flank rings used expressly for attachment**. Any owner found disregarding these rules is subject to disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees.

3.15. DRAW/CHUTE POSITION

Bucking order will be determined by random draw of bulls.

3.16. WITHDRAWAL

Prior to close of entries, a bull may be withdrawn for any reason without penalty or forfeiture of entry fees. After close of entries, owners may

withdraw animals from competition for any reason. However, doing so will forfeit all entry fees, unless a Veterinarian Release is obtained. In the event a Veterinarian Release is provided to the WSBBA Office, entry fees will be refunded.

3.17. EVENT GROUND RULES

Specific ground rules may exist for any individual WSBBA-produced or sanctioned futurity. Those rules will be posted on the WSBBA website prior to the event closing date. Failure to adhere to posted ground rules may result in disqualification and/or a fine.

Any special request by the Contractor to the event producer will be requested in writing to the event producer for their consideration at least 15 days prior to the event. Each request will be reviewed by the event producer and board, if necessary. Contractor will be notified of request determination to request within 5 days of the event producer receiving the request.