



WSBBA Announces Changes for 2018 Season

WSBBA continually reviews every aspect of our event system with the goal of providing the very best events, from both a fair and financial standpoint. After an organizational review, including feedback from our member base, a decision has been made to make changes for the 2018 season. These changes are listed below.

Website- we have released our new website. Be sure to check it out, many of the changes we have made were based on suggestions that you the members have made over the years. As part of the changes, you will now be able to register your bulls on-line (Excluding the 2018 Mesquite event which is a pay-in) rather than dealing with the USPS. For those who still want to send a check, that is still an option and the appropriate paperwork can be found on the website. We have also introduced standard schedules for events, and results postings.

Event:

- Event information (i.e.- Hotel, etc.) will be posted 6 weeks prior to the scheduled event.
- Books for Bull Registration will open 4 weeks prior to the scheduled event.
- Books will close 2 weeks prior to the scheduled event.
***Any contractor that wants to register a bull after the close of books must submit a request to the WSBBA Event Director (Don Hothem 702.236.4540) for Board Review. Decisions will be made within 72 hours of the request, all decisions will be final.

Results/Standings:

- The event Results, and updated standings, will be posted on the website no later than 7 days from the completion of the event.

Drug Testing – Prior to the beginning of each season the WSBBA will perform a random draw with each event included in the draw. A minimum of one event will be selected each year for bull drug testing. Prior to that event taking place, a second draw will be performed and 5 bulls will be randomly selected from the draw with a least one bull in each division being represented. Stock contractors, owning the representative bull(s), will be notified at the time of their bull check-in that their bull(s) will be tested. All testing will be performed by an independent veterinarian/lab that is not directly associated with the WSBBA. Any contractor having a bull test positive will be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from the WSBBA as outlined in the WSBBA Rule Book under section 'Drug Policy & Disciplinary Rules and Guidelines'.

Note: At the WSBBA's discretion, additional drug testing may occur at any time during the year.

Futurity/Yearling Bulls – Dummy bulls will buck for 5 seconds rather than the 6 seconds that the WSBBA has been using in the past.

Judging – The WSBBA is actively searching for an individual to become our Judging Director. Besides the obvious prerequisite knowledge of bucking bulls, the candidate must not be directly involved with the WSBBA as a stock contractor, bull owner, or have partnership rights with any bull involved in the WSBBA.

Event Fees – Event fees will be increased, for all divisions, by \$25.00. That money, in part, may be used for website management, a new Judging Director position, maintenance of bucking dummies or the purchase of new dummies, and for drug testing.

******In addition to the WSBBA changes, the ABBI has announced co-sanctioning changes for the 2018 season. Event fees will now be \$100.00 rather than the \$50.00 in the past, with 100% of the money going into the ABBI Finals payout. In addition, a bull will now have to compete in 6 ABBI sanctioned, or co-sanctioned events, in order to qualify for the ABBI Finals. And with regards to Futurity Bulls, the top two bulls in the WSBBA year-end standings will now be automatically qualified into the ABBI Finals, as long as they have attended the previously mentioned 6 ABBI Events (Note: WSBBA Finals points will be included in the year-end standings).***

Further, please be aware that the ABBI has changed their system for determining the year-end Futurity and Classic World Champions. The Futurity champion will be crowned based on their top six scores during the season being averaged together with their two round scores at the ABBI Finals. The Classic champion will count their top 6 scores from the season as well, and add their 2 PBR Outs at the Finals.

***For additional information regarding the ABBI please visit
<http://www.americanbuckingbull.com/news/abbi-announces-changes-for-2018-season/>***

Please feel free to reach out to the WSBBA Event Director (Don Hothem 702.236.4540) with any question you may have. Thanks again, and we look forward to seeing you at the next event.