



The Western States Bucking Bull Association (WSBBA) is proud to announce the following sponsors for the 2022 season. In addition, we are working diligently to complete other sponsorship agreements and will advise you of those sponsorships once they have been finalized.

**Pro Genetic Livestock**

Junior Futurity Class Sponsor. Pro Genetic Livestock will be providing \$500.00 of added money to each event along with an event champion buckle. In addition, they will be sponsoring year-end buckles for the champion and reserve-champion along with paying entry fees for the champion and reserve-champion if they would like to participate in the ABBI World Finals held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**US Bucking Bull Association (USBBA)/ US Open Yearling Event**

Yearling Class Sponsor. USBBA will be providing \$500.00 of added money to each event along with an event champion buckle.

**Bex Sunglasses**

Event product.

**IncrediBull Bucking Bull Supplements**

Event product and year-end money for the Futurity, Derby, and Classic classes.

Additionally, as per the 2022 WSBBA Rule Book. Please see below regarding changes to the bull rider age requirement.

**Event Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines**

Bull Rider Age Considerations for Inclusion in WSBBA Sanctioned Events:

Unless otherwise stated, all bull riders must be eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the WSBBA sanctioned event to compete.

In some cases eligibility of a specific under-age bull rider (hereby defined as a bull rider not eighteen years of age as of the WSBBA event date) will be considered when 1) a specific Event Producer, at their own discretion, approves of under-age bull riders 2) The under-age bull rider is at least sixteen (16) years of age at the time of the WSBBA sanctioned event and 3) there is compelling evidence (video, ability references, etc.) to sufficiently justify

allowing the under-age bull rider to compete in WSBBA sanctioned events. The fundamental purpose of the review is to confirm in a reasonable fashion that the under-age bull rider is qualified in all aspects of bull riding to compete at a WSBBA sanctioned event. An under-aged bull rider is approved to ride in WSBBA sanctioned events only when the WSBBA BODs approves of the under-age bull rider's qualifications. Approval is at the sole discretion of the WSBBA BOD's. All decisions are final.

#### **How to apply for under-age approval?**

The stock contractor and/or under-age bull rider must contact the WSBBA Bull Rider Director (Shawn Proctor) and request approval for riding in WSBBA sanctioned events. As stated, prior, the contractor and/or bull rider should be prepared to provide compelling evidence (video, ability references, etc.) showing that the under-aged bull rider is sufficiently qualified to compete in WSBBA sanctioned events.

#### **What happens next?**

Upon completion of the WSBBA BOD's review, the contractor and/or bull rider will be notified as to whether the under-aged bull rider will be permitted to participate in WSBBA sanctioned events. Please note, approval can be denied, withdrawn, or suspended by the WSBBA BODs for any reason deemed detrimental to the best interest of the WSBBA at any time, and for any reason.

#### **Assumption of Risk**

An approved under-age bull rider must have a written Parental Permission Consent Form, for each WSBBA sanctioned event, on file with the WSBBA office one week prior to the WSBBA sanctioned event, and must be accompanied by the consenting guardian at the WSBBA sanctioned event.

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have. We will be happy to discuss your questions in further detail. Thank you.

**WSBBA Board of Directors**