



**American Bucking Bull Inc.**

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**RULEBOOK**

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

- Record and preserve the pedigrees of the world's premier bucking bull livestock while maintaining the integrity and enhancing the value of the breed.
- Provide beneficial services for ABBI members that enhance and encourage "best practices" in bucking bull ownership, breeding, training and welfare.
- Generate interest and growth in ABBI through registered cattle ownership, membership, education, sponsorship and involvement through marketing, promotion, advertising and publicity of the bucking bull breed and ABBI benefits, services and events.
- Develop diverse and comprehensive programs and events that will educate and familiarize owners, members and the general public in the unique heritage and qualities of bucking bull livestock.

## **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

### **1. MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS:**

ABBI membership is a privilege. ABBI may choose, in its sole and unfettered discretion, not to do business with any person or organization, including but not limited to choosing to deny and/or revoke membership to any person for any reason or no reason at all. To protect the integrity of the organization, ABBI may publicly disclose and/or publish the identity of any person or organization with whom it has chosen not to do business or to whom it has denied or revoked membership.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the ABBI Board of Directors may, in its sole and unfettered discretion, increase and/or enhance the sanction imposed upon any member who violates these Rules in the event it determines that doing so is in the best interest of the organization and/or its members.

### **2. MISCONDUCT & CHEATING:**

In the event a participant becomes verbally or physically abusive to any official, judge, employee or other participant, ABBI reserves the right to disqualify that person and their entries from that event and / or revoke their participation rights in future events. Any winnings or entry fees will be forfeited. Misconduct and / or Cheating or attempting to cheat shall result in major disciplinary action, including, but not limited to suspension and / or fine. A second offense will result in suspensions from entering ABBI events for a minimum of a calendar year, and a \$10,000 fine. A third offense will result in a lifetime suspension from entering any ABBI events or registering cattle with ABBI.

### **3. BAD CHECKS:**

In the event a participant pays his or her fees with a check that is returned, the first offense will result in a \$100 fine and replacement with another check. The second offense will result in a \$1000 fine, forfeiture of any winnings and replacement with a cashier's check or money order. After a second offense, payment of all fees will be a cashier's check, or money order only basis. Thirty days will be given after the second offense to reconcile your account or your breeder account will be suspended for one year from the date of the bad check. You may become eligible after the one year penalty upon receipt of your balance due plus any incurred penalties.

### **4. PENALTIES:**

In the event a participant competes with an ineligible animal resulting in disqualification, the first offense penalty is disqualification of that animal from that and future events of that age classification and forfeiture of winnings and entry fees only. The second offense is punishable by disqualification of that animal from that and future events, forfeiture of all winnings and entry fees, as well as \$10,000 fine and one year suspension of the owner from participation.

### **5. APPEAL PROCEDURE:**

Appeal of any disciplinary decision may be made in writing within 30 days of the incident to the ABBI Office. The appeal letter and a \$500 fee should be submitted to the ABBI Office and the appeal will be reviewed by the ABBI Appeal's Committee and the ABBI Executive Director. Each case appealed will be reviewed on its own merits and the ultimate decision will be final. If the decision is over turned, the \$500 and the penalty fee will be refunded.

## **6. RIGHT OF REFUSAL:**

While every effort to accommodate each due-paying breeder will be made, it is important to note that American Bucking Bull Inc. is a private company with obligations to its shareholders. If in the opinion of the Board of Directors or the Executive Director of the company it is determined that doing so would compromise the integrity, or in any way be detrimental to the best interests of the company, ABBI reserves the right to elect not to conduct business with whomever it chooses.

## **7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK:**

By entering an animal and/or attending an ABBI produced or sanctioned event participants assume the risk inherent in any bovine/rodeo type activity and hold harmless the ABBI. American Bucking Bull Inc., nor its shareholders, directors, employees, or contractors shall be responsible for any injury, death, or loss of any animal entered or present for any other reason at any ABBI produced or sanctioned event. Nor will ABBI be responsible for the injury or death of any person attending any ABBI produced or sanctioned event.

## **8. ACKNOWLEDEMENT OF AUTHORITY:**

By payment of event entry fees, participants and/or their agents, agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in this document, and to be subject to the provisions of the same.

## **9. DUPLICATION:**

Any attempt to copy or duplicate this program is strictly prohibited.

## **10. DISCLAIMER:**

While ABBI and its officers and employees strive to be accurate in every aspect of the registration and DNA processing procedure, event entry and payout procedure, breeder, account processing, etc. Errors or omissions in these areas, whether due to application errors or office errors, do not constitute additional liability on the part of the ABBI. Once submitted, all DNA samples become the property of the registry.

## **ABBI EVENTS**

### **Rules and Regulations:**

#### **PARTICIPATION:**

All participants entering bulls in an ABBI produced or sanctioned event must be current breeders in good standing with the ABBI.

#### **EVENT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

All bulls competing in an ABBI produced or sanctioned event must be registered with the ABBI prior to entry.

All bulls must have a DNA verified sire AND dam prior to entry closing time or be subject to penalty.

Bulls may be entered with parent verification pending. Prior to entering, the bull must be submitted for registration and assigned an ABBI registration number. A \$500 (\$250 per parent) penalty will be added to the entry. All bulls must be age verified and EID tagged before competition.

Bulls must be in the Owner/Partnership inventory of those entering the animal or under an ABBI competition agreement. The agreement can be found on the website. [www.aabinow.com/forms](http://www.aabinow.com/forms).

### **AGE VERIFICATION:**

Bulls must FIRST be ABBI Registered, have a legible permanent brand (fire or freeze) ID number and an original Certificate of Registration prior to age verification. Bulls must be ABBI age verified, no sooner than 18 months old and no later than 34 months old from the date of birth in the registry. Bulls must be verified by an ABBI approved licensed veterinarian according to the ABBI approved mouth chart (L. Man Cropsey, DVM Golden, Colorado), be EID tagged and be verified to be 34 months or less. EID tags should not be placed in animals that are determined to be too old.

**(ABBI RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AGE VERIFY AND / OR DISQUALIFY ANY BULL ENTERED AT ANY ABBI PRODUCED OR SANCTIONED EVENT.)**

A copy of an age verification report should be retained by the owner for their records. Remember to ask the Vet for a copy. Copies can be requested from the ABBI office. The fee is \$15.

### **ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION:**

Bulls must be branded (fire or freeze) with a permanent legible ID number and have an EID tag in place. Bulls not branded as mentioned herein may be disqualified from any ABBI produced or sanctioned futurity and may forfeit any/all fees and expenses paid.

In the event ABBI questions the legitimacy of any animal's permanent identification markings, ABBI reserves the right to take a DNA sample on any entered animal in order to compare DNA samples, without notice to or consent from the animal owner.

### **ENTRIES:**

Entries will be taken through the ABBI office or website for any ABBI event. Entry open date will be event specific and posted prior to each event's opening date. Methods of entry: Online, with credit card payment; Fax, with credit card payment, an administrative fee of 2% will be charged for credit cards. There is now a 2% discount for using the E-Check option.

**No entries will be accepted without payment.**

Entry open date will be event specific and posted prior to each event's opening date. Entry close dates will be 1 week prior to the event, unless otherwise noted. Entries and entry fees **MUST BE IN THE ABBI OFFICE by 12:00 pm** (Mountain Time) on "entries closed" date (not postmarked by entry closed date).



In order for a bull to be considered entered in any ABBI produced or sanctioned event the following must be received in accordance with the entry deadlines listed above: If entering by mail or by fax, a **completed and signed** entry form containing the ABBI #, the herd number and bull's name and a copy of the age verification must be included. The entering owner's name must appear on the registration certificate as the owner of the bull being entered. If the bull is owned by a partnership, that partnership must have an ABBI competition agreement and, at least one of the partners listed as the owner on the registration certificate. If a partnership or lease agreement exists which does not allow for the owner's name to appear on the registration certificate, entries may still be made, but **ONLY** if the parties provide the ABBI office with a valid copy of the lease. The entered bull's name must appear as it appears on the registration certificate or the bull's registered name will be changed in the registry to match the entry by the ABBI.

If entering on-line, on-line entry must be submitted and payment received in the ABBI office by **12:00 pm** (Mountain Time) on entries closed date.

**All fees must be paid in full or received by 12:00 pm (Mountain Time) on "entries closed" date. Acceptable forms of payment include: personal checks, cashier's check, money order, and Master Card, Visa, AMEX or Discover credit cards.** A wire transfer of funds is an acceptable form of payment. A service fee will be assessed for all wire transfers.

#### **ENTRY FEES:**

At all ABBI produced or sanctioned events, entry fees will be event specific and will be posted prior to entry open date.

#### **ENTRY LIMITS:**

At all ABBI produced or sanctioned events the number of entries accepted may be event specific, and will be posted prior to the entry open date. An animal cannot be dual entered at any single ABBI event unless otherwise approved by ABBI Administration, if animals are approved for dual entry that animal will only be allowed to buck once. An event will require a minimum of 12 entries unless otherwise approved by ABBI Administration.

#### **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:**

All bulls competing at an event will be required to have record of a negative TB test and a negative Brucellosis test within one (1) year from the date of the test, and prior to the competition date, unless otherwise approved through the ABBI office. (Please check individual state animal health rules to ensure you are compliant with state animal health laws.) A copy of these tests and a Veterinary Health Inspection will be required. Specific requirements for individual states may differ, so be sure to check with your Vet to verify requirements. These tests and inspections must be presented at check-in time. Bulls that do not meet these requirements will not be allowed to unload or compete and will forfeit entry fees. A producer may request additional requirements that must be approved by the ABBI and will be posted as ground rules in entry information. The ABBI Lead Judge may request a VET RELEASE on-site for an injury prior to the event.



## **BULL TESTING:**

### **BULL TESTING & BANNED SUBSTANCE POLICY:**

ABBI and its membership agree and acknowledge that it is of the utmost importance and in the best interest of the sport to ensure and maintain the integrity of competition and health of those bull athletes participating in sanctioned ABBI events. As such, ABBI has elected to institute a zero tolerance policy with respect to the use of Banned Substances in bucking bulls.

A "Banned Substance" shall be defined as: any and all anabolic steroids; any illegal substances; and/or any other substances prohibited from use in bovine as determined by the Federal Drug Administration. Accordingly, ABBI shall test certain and various bulls competing in ABBI sanctioned or otherwise related events, and/or any bull, owned in whole or in part by a ABBI member Stock Contractor, for Banned Substances. Any and all Stock Contractors who own a bull(s), in whole or in part, found to have been subjected to or treated with any Banned Substance shall be deemed to be in violation of ABBI Official Rules and subject to the disciplinary sanctions described below.

### **Procedure:**

Testing may be conducted on a random and/or specific basis. The Bull Testing Committee shall have the unfettered authority to collect blood and/or urine and/or hair samples from any bull owned, in whole or in part, by a ABBI member Stock Contractor, at any time and at any location and from any bull(s), as they may determine to be reasonable and necessary in their sole discretion.

All samples will be collected by a licensed veterinarian or a trained technician of ABBI's choosing.

Following collection, the veterinarian or technician will divide each sample into A and B containers and seal containers thereafter.

Container A will be sent to the laboratory for analysis. Container B will be stored either by ABBI or by ABBI's authorized agent, including but not limited to the aforementioned testing laboratory.

All Samples (both containers, A and B) will be documented, stored, and shipped in a secure manner consistent with guidelines and instructions as provided by the testing laboratory. Following ABBI's receipt of test results from the laboratory, all positive test results will be reported to the Conduct Committee. All B containers whose corresponding A container have tested positive will be preserved for any possible appeals as detailed further in The Bull Testing & Banned Substance Policy: Discipline Section below. All B containers whose corresponding A containers have tested negative will be disposed of in accordance with all applicable state and federal law.

## **DISCIPLINE:**

### **Positive Results:**

A Stock Contractor whose bull is found to have tested positive for a Banned Substance shall be subject to a fine in an amount of no less than \$5,000. For the avoidance of doubt, fines imposed in connection with violations of this policy shall have no maximum limit and as such shall be determined and imposed in any amount the Bull Testing Committee deems appropriate in its sole and unfettered discretion. Further, such Stock Contractor shall be subject to multiple and random testing of any bull(s) that have tested positive for a Banned Substance and/or any other bulls owned or registered in his/her name, at the Stock Contractor's sole expense and as required by the PBR Bull Testing Committee in their sole discretion.

ABBI reserves the right to require the aforementioned testing to be conducted at a university laboratory or its functional equivalent, the costs of which, including but not limited to bull transportation, shall be borne solely by the Stock Contractor. Additionally, Stock Contractor shall remain subject to any further action as decided and deemed necessary by the Bull Testing Committee which may or may not include, but shall not be limited to, ABBI membership revocation.

### **Prize Money:**

Any Stock Contractor whose bull has been found to have tested positive for a Banned Substance shall automatically forfeit any and all prize money won by such bull competing in an event where such positive sample was collected.

### **Refusal to Submit to Testing:**

Any Stock Contractor who refuses to allow testing samples to be collected from his/her bull(s) shall forfeit any prize monies won by Stock Contractor at the event where collection was requested/attempted (if applicable) and such Stock Contractor shall be disallowed from entering or competing in any ABBI sanctioned event until such time as sample collection from the bull(s) in question is allowed.

### **Bonus Eligibility:**

Any Stock Contractor whose bull(s) has been found to have been subjected to or treated with a Banned Substance(s) shall be ineligible to receive any year-end bonuses for him/her and/or any of his/her bulls for any season during which a Banned Substance was found in any of Stock Contractor's bulls.

### **Suspension from Competition:**

The Bull Testing Committee expressly reserves the right to disallow any bull found to have been subjected to or treated with a Banned Substance(s) from competing and/or otherwise participating in any sanctioned ABBI event for the remainder of such season during which test results in violation of this policy were collected or beyond and/or until such bull has

conclusively and satisfactorily demonstrated to the Committee that Banned Substances are no longer present in said bull.

Any disciplinary sanctions imposed hereunder shall be at the sole discretion of the Bull Testing Committee. The Bull Testing Committee reserves the right to suspend, delay, and/or make contingent upon further testing, the imposition of any such sanctions. The Bull Testing Committee also reserves expressly the right to make public or hold confidential any testing results, in whole or in part, it may obtain in connection with this policy. Further, the Bull Testing Committee and ABBI reserve the right to report the results of any testing conducted hereunder to the applicable state and federal authorities, including but not limited to the United States Department of Agriculture, the Federal Drug Administration, and/or the Drug Enforcement Agency.

#### **Appeals:**

A Stock Contractor found to be in violation of the policy hereunder shall have the right to appeal the laboratory's findings as follows:

Upon the written request of the Stock Contractor, received by ABBI within fifteen (15) days of Stock Contractor's receipt of notice of a positive test result and at Stock Contractor's sole expense, ABBI shall arrange to have the B container of the Sample tested at and by the same laboratory which conducted the test of the Sample contained in the A container. The test results of the Sample contained in the B container shall be deemed conclusive and not subject to further appeal or re-test by Stock Contractor or ABBI.

For the avoidance of doubt, test results may only be appealed in the manner outlined above and all appeals shall be strictly subject to those procedures detailed therein.

For the further avoidance of doubt, only test results may be appealed. No disciplinary action imposed hereunder and/or otherwise shall be subject to appeal of any kind.

#### **Stock Contractor Responsibility Rule:**

Stock Contractors shall be bound by a "Stock Contractor Responsibility Rule." The aforementioned rule shall be deemed to conclusively establish Stock Contractor's sole and exclusive responsibility for any and all substances found to be present in his/her bull, thus negating any defense or appeal to a positive test result which contends that another person introduced a Banned Substance into their bull's body without knowledge and/or consent of Stock Contractor.

#### **Medical Use:**

In the event that a bull is being treated by a licensed veterinarian for a legitimate medical purposes and said treatment involves a legally prescribed Banned Substances, such bull may not compete in or at any sanctioned PBR event until such time as such Banned Substance is no longer present in the bull

The ABBI reserves the right to collect samples including, but not limited to tissue and/or fluids, from bulls for any reason deemed necessary, specific or otherwise.

**PAYOUT:**

After all deductions positions will be paid on the basis of one (1) position for every four (4) bulls up to 20 positions. Payouts are made after all results have been audited at the ABBI office.

**DUMMIES:**

All bulls competing in an ABBI produced or sanctioned event will be bucked using an ABBI approved dummy. Dummy will be applied by designated contract labor.

**COMPETITION FORMAT:**

At all ABBI produced or sanctioned dummy events, bulls will be bucked for four (4) seconds unless otherwise noted through the individual and/or co sanctioned event parameters.

**SANCTIONED AND/ OR CO- SANCTIONED EVENT PARTICIPATION:**

ABBI Members that choose to participate in the additional opportunities that are offered at sanctioned / co-sanctioned events are responsible for familiarizing themselves with each individual organization event rules prior to participation. Although we co-sanction events for our members that pay the additional ABBI fee (ABBI fee is nonrefundable), so that scores and money members win may carry over to ABBI standings, each member is solely responsible for understanding and competing under the other organizations rules and guidelines. By entering their events, paying their fees and competing, you are agreeing to these terms.

**JUDGING GUIDELINES:****(ALL JUDGES MUST CARRY AND USE A STOPWATCH DURING THE FUTURITY EVENTS)**

Event will use five (5) judges, unless otherwise approved by ABBI Administration. ABBI has the right to refuse any judge hired for an ABBI event or sanctioned event. Unless there is a variance of 1 point or more when looking at the high score and low score from the consensus then that score will not count and the average system will be based off of the remaining 4 scores.

**EXAMPLE:**

~~20~~, 21.25, 21.5, 21.5, 21.75

In this case, the 20 would be dropped. The four remaining scores are totaled to get the total score of 86.

In the event that a judge is unable to score a bull (passes out, hit by a dummy, etc.) that particular out from that judge will be a zero and the other scores totaled for that marking. Each instance will be dealt with accordingly.

**Arena:****GROUND PREPARATION:**

The arena ground preparation must be approved by an Event judge or an ABBI representative. The arena ground must be flat and not too deep. Sandy ground must be watered and packed.

**CHUTES:**

The chutes must have support for feet and signs must not impair the contestants ability to place feet in chute slats. A platform in back must extend the full length of the chutes.

**LOAD LANES:**

The Load up lanes must be sheeted (lined) for the safety of the animals. If they are not lined, all efforts must be made to do so or with the approval of an Event Judge or an ABBI representative.

**UNSAFE ARENA CONDITIONS.**

An Event Judge or an ABBI representative can stop an event until an unsafe condition is corrected

**ELECTRICAL DEVICES & FOREIGN OBJECTS:**

Any and all electrical devices used to stimulate the animal will not be allowed for use inside the bucking chute. Foreign objects in flank will not be allowed. Any owner not adhering to this rule is subject to disqualification of the animal involved in the particular incident, and/or total disqualification from the competition in its entirety and forfeiture of entry fees. In addition, failure to adhere to this rule could result in suspension and/or fine as outlined in MISCONDUCT & CHEATING.

**HORNS:**

All competing bulls must have their horns tipped (broken or loose horns are excluded from this rule) prior to arriving at check in for the event, and be determined to be the size of a 50 cent piece. All Yearling bulls must have their horns tipped (broken or loose horns are excluded from this rule) prior to arriving at check in for the event, and be determined to be the size of a 25 cent piece. (Or Reasonable efforts made on these young bulls). At the discretion of a judge or ABBI event representative, if an un-tipped or inadequately tipped animal arrives at any ABBI produced or sanctioned event, the bull will be sent to be tipped off site and you will also receive a penalty. Failure to comply may result in forfeit or loss of any and or all fees and related expenses to the owner.

**DRAW/CHUTE POSITION:**

Bucking order will be determined by random draw. You may not change the delivery of the animal, once the bull has been checked in without being assessed a \$250.00 penalty. If delivery is changed prior to check in, but after the draw, positioning may be changed at the discretion of production.

**TIE BREAKERS:**

There will be no tie breakers employed at ABBI produced or sanctioned events unless specified in the ground rules, prior to the event entries opening.

**WITHDRAWAL/ REPLACEMENT:**

Prior to entries closing a bull may be withdrawn without penalty or forfeit of entry fees. After entry closing, owners may withdraw animals from competition for any reason. However, doing so will forfeit all entry fees, unless a Vet release is obtained. In the event a Vet release is provided to the ABBI Office, entry fees will be refunded, and the bull will be ineligible for entry for 15 days from the Vet release date.

The 15-day Vet release rule applies to the Classic entries only; all other classes can withdraw after entries close but will pay a \$150 turn out penalty only unless otherwise approved by ABBI Administration.

If a bull is injured (with a valid vet release) and owner has a replacement, the replacement has to be done by Tuesday at 5pm the week of the event as it pertains to Futurity events. Any time after that it must be approved by ABBI Administration. Derby/Classic/Maturity replacements must be done before the draw has been posted and by Tuesday at 5pm the week of the event. In the event of a BFTS, bull replacements must be approved by PBR's Livestock Director.

**PERSONNEL:**

At all ABBI produced or sanctioned events, only designated individuals will be permitted to conduct their specific tasks. Certificate of Insurance by the promoter must be submitted and accepted by the ABBI office, prior to the event.

**EVENT GROUND RULES:**

Specific ground rules may exist for an ABBI produced or sanctioned events and will be posted prior to event entries opening. Failure to adhere to posted ground rules will result in disqualification and / or fine. Ground rules will be posted prior to event entry date.

**EARLY ARRIVAL EVENT CHECK-IN**

If you are traveling from a distance and plan to arrive prior to check in, you must contact the on-site ABBI representative or the ABBI office at least 24 hours prior to arrival to ensure pen space is secure and available. Animals will then need to be checked in with ABBI officials during the designated check in time. Failure to contact ABBI in advance could subject you to fine. Check in will be 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. See event ground rules for event specific check-in.

**ABBI YEARLING EVENTS****AGE REQUIREMENTS:**

To be eligible to compete in any ABBI produced or sanctioned yearling event, bulls must be born on or between January 1 and December 31 of the year specified on the entry form. One year prior to the year of competition.

**EXAMPLE:**

2018 calves (calves born on or between January 1 and December 31, 2018) are eligible to compete in 2019 yearling events.

**FINALS QUALIFICATION:**

The Yearling Finals Event will be open to all current registered Yearlings.

**DUMMIES:**

All bulls competing in an ABBI produced or sanctioned futurity event will be bucked using an ABBI approved dummy. Dummy will be applied by designated contract labor.

**HORNS:**

All Yearling bulls must have their horns tipped (broken or loose horns are excluded from this rule) prior to arriving at check in for the event, and be determined to be the size of a 25 cent piece. (Or Reasonable efforts made on these young bulls).

**ABBI FUTURITY EVENTS****AGE REQUIREMENT:**

To be eligible to compete in any ABBI produced or sanctioned Futurity event, bulls must be born on or between January 1 and December 31 of the year specified on the entry form. Two years prior to the year of competition.

**FINALS QUALIFICATION:**

Futurity Finals bulls will be qualified by money won through ABBI and or ABBI Sanctioned events.

**DUMMIES:**

All bulls competing in an ABBI produced or sanctioned futurity will be bucked using an ABBI approved dummy. Dummy will be applied by designated contract labor. If a dummy falls off at any time under: 03 that animal will have the option to be re-bucked due to dummy malfunction.

**ABBI JUNIOR FUTURITY EVENTS****Participation:**

All participants entering bulls in an ABBI produced or sanctioned Junior Futurity must be a Junior breeder, and between the age of 9-18 years old, in good standing with the ABBI. A Junior Breeder must be no older than 18 years old, on January 1st of the year in which the ABBI Junior breeder account is paid. Participants must be 9 years old the day of competition or in third grade.

Junior Breeders are required to be present at Junior Futurity in which their bull is entered. If a Junior breeder is entered and not available, another Junior breeder can flank their bull. Junior breeder must be accompanied by an Adult at all times while behind the



bucking chutes or in the arena. The Junior participant is required to flank bull, but can be assisted by an adult up to the bull entering the chute. Special circumstances will be considered, in the event a Junior breeder cannot flank bull (i.e. a handicapped Junior Breeder).

#### **EVENT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

Bulls must be registered in the competing Junior Breeder's name, the Junior Breeder's family name or Junior Breeder's family ranch name.

All bulls competing in an ABBI produced or sanctioned JUNIOR futurity will follow guidelines as outlined by the Junior committee of ABBI for eligibility to compete. If a Junior Futurity animal subsequently competes in an open Futurity competition, the animal cannot enter another Junior Futurity competition. If a bull is leased to a Junior member, the lease must be on file at the ABBI office and that bull must remain in Junior breeder's name until end of the competition year.

American Heritage Junior Futurity will be held in conjunction with the American Heritage Futurity. All Junior owned animals will be in the American Heritage draw. If an animal is registered in the competing Junior Breeder's name, the Junior Breeder's family name or the Junior Breeder's family ranch name, AND the animal is appropriately entered in the American Heritage, the Junior Breeder can compete with the animal in the American Heritage with no loss of privileges when competing in other Junior events.

#### **ENTRY FEES:**

At all ABBI produced or sanctioned JUNIOR futurities entry fees will be event specific and will be posted prior to entry open date.

#### **ENTRY LIMITS:**

At all ABBI produced or sanctioned JUNIOR futurities, the number of entries accepted will be event specific, and will be posted prior to the entry open date. Entries will be limited to one (1) bull per Junior breeder unless the JUNIOR futurity does not fill available positions. All Junior will be allowed to compete in at least one event.

#### **PAYOUT:**

After all deductions positions will be paid on the basis of one (1) position for every three (3) bulls up to 20 positions. Payouts are made after all results have been audited at the ABBI office. Event minimums will be determined prior to opening of entries.

#### **JUNIOR FUTURITY CHAMPION:**

Junior Futurity Champion will be determined from the highest average score based on 5 outs including the Junior Finals. Any 4 outs at any ABBI or ABBI sanctioned event PLUS the out at the Junior Finals will be the ABBI Junior Champion.

**All bulls entered in Junior futurity must meet all other ABBI Futurity Rules & Guidelines (see Futurity Rules & Guidelines)!**

## **ABBI WOMEN'S FUTURITY EVENTS**

### **Participation:**

All participants entering bulls in an ABBI produced or sanctioned Women's Futurity must be female, and in good standing with the ABBI. The participant must have an account established with ABBI.

The participants are required to be present at the Women's Futurity in which their bull is entered. The participant IS required to flank bull, but can be assisted by another female participant.

### **EVENT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

Bulls must be registered in the competing participant's name or membership account.

### **ENTRY FEES:**

At all ABBI produced or sanctioned Women's Futurity events, entry fees will be event specific and will be posted prior to entry open date.

### **ENTRY LIMITS:**

At all ABBI produced or sanctioned Women's Futurity event, the number of entries accepted will be event specific, and will be posted prior to the entry open date.

### **PAYOUT:**

After all deductions positions will be paid on the basis of one (1) position for every three (3) bulls up to 20 positions. Payouts are made after all results have been audited at the ABBI office. Event minimums will be determined prior to opening of entries.

### **COWGIRLS FUTURITY CHAMPION:**

Cowgirls Futurity Champion will be determined from the highest average score based on 5 outs including the Cowgirls Finals. Any 4 outs at any ABBI or ABBI sanctioned event PLUS the out at the Cowgirls Finals will be the ABBI Cowgirls Champion.

### **ABBI DERBY/CLASSIC/MATURITY EVENTS SCOPE OF COMPETITION:**

The ABBI Derby/Classic/Maturity events are normally sanctioned and to be conducted in conjunction with the following Professional Bull Riders (PBR) events:

PBR Premier Series (PBR)

Velocity Tour Events (VT)

Touring Pro Division (TPD)

Any other non-PBR ABBI-specified events that the ABBI Administration believes, in its sole discretion, promotes and enhances the development of ABBI, its programs and mission ("ABBI-Specified Events").

ABBI Derby/Classic/Maturity Events are governed by this ABBI Official Rulebook and the current year's PBR Official Rulebook, and in the event of any conflict, the PBR Official Rulebook shall control, unless otherwise stated and or approved by ABBI.

**AGE REQUIREMENT:**

To be eligible to compete in any ABBI produced or sanctioned Classic event, bulls must be at least three years of age but no older than four years of age.

Only three-year-old bulls are eligible to compete in any ABBI produced or sanctioned Derby event.

**TPD/Velocity/ABBI Derby/Classic Event Entry Priorities**

1. Total money won (bulls will be placed in order of money standings)
2. Min. of 5 Random draw until full

\*\*\*Any bull may be taken out of competition for any reason at any PBR event that ABBI members are competing at in the PBR Livestock Director's discretion and or under the PBR Rules and guidelines. By entering and paying your entry fees you agree to these terms. The decision by PBR's Livestock Director is non-appealable. \*\*\*

**PBR Premier Derby / Classic Events Entry Priorities**

1. Total money won (bulls will be placed in order of money standings)
2. Then random draw to fill if not already full by money won (excluding bulls cut from BFTS events)

\*\*\*Any bull may be taken out of competition for any reason at any PBR event that ABBI members are competing at in the PBR Livestock Director's discretion and or under the PBR Rules and Guidelines. By entering and paying your entry fees you agree to these terms. The decision by PBR's Livestock Director is non-appealable. \*\*\*

**Maturity Event Entry Priorities:**

Random Draw unless otherwise stated

\*\*\*Any bull may be taken out of competition for any reason at any PBR event that ABBI members are competing at in the PBR Livestock Director's discretion and or under the PBR Rules and Guidelines. By entering and paying your entry fees you agree to these terms. The decision by PBR's Livestock Director is non-appealable. \*\*\*

**AGE REQUIREMENT:**

Bulls that are 5 years of age or older may compete in ABBI produced or sanctioned Maturity events. Bulls that are younger than 5 years of age may also compete IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO BE AGE VERIFIED.

*Specific ground rules may apply for special Maturity events as set forth by ABBI Administration.*

**ABBI SANCTIONED SALE / EVENT:**

American Bucking Bull, Inc., its agents, its shareholders, directors, employees or representatives do not warrant, expressed or implied, information provided by the producing parties and/or participants in sanctioned events and/or authenticity of the animals registered, competing or sold in ABBI Sanctioned sale / event. The above stated parties and/or their agents, employees or representatives are not responsible or liable for any accident or injury to any owner, participant, livestock, or any person involved in the ABBI Sanctioned event.

**SANCTIONING FEE:**

A sanctioning fee deposit of \$500 will be paid to the ABBI office at the time of application. Logo use and content will be approved through the ABBI office in advance. Discounted prices on the catalog production will be available to the producer of a sanctioned sale, as well as an ABBI mailing list will be available to the mail house providing the mailing of the sanctioned sale catalog. Sale information will also be posted on the ABBI website and included in an email blast to breeders, prior to the sale. Transfer fees for a sanctioned sale will be \$20. A feature story will be available in The American Bucking Bull Magazine, after the conclusion of the sale. Should your sale not be approved, your deposit will be returned.

**NON-SANCTIONED SALE:**

Sales that are not sanctioned through ABBI will be charged the standard \$30 transfer fee for animals within the sale. Transfers to non-ABBI breeders from any sale, will be held in the ABBI office until which time the new owner becomes an ABBI breeder. The ABBI mailing list will not be available to these sales.

**CANCELLATION:**

Notified cancellation of an approved sale must be 60 days prior to the event date, in order to receive a refund of the \$1500 fee. The \$500 deposit will not be refunded.

**ABBI Conduct and Disciplinary Action****Discipline:**

All members / breeders / participants may be subject to reprimands, fines, suspension, or expulsion for the violation of the ABBI Rules. ABBI's Board of Directors, and/or ABBI's Executive Director, will determine whether disciplinary action is warranted and what discipline will be imposed.

**Accounts Receivable List:**

Members / breeders / participants may not compete until all financial obligations to ABBI have been paid.

**Dress Code:**

All contestants competing in the Event must wear a long sleeve western shirt, cowboy hat, and cowboy boots at any ABBI Event. Anyone assisting that is visible on or behind the bucking chutes or in the arena must adhere to the dress code, including cowboy hat. ABBI administration will set fines for non-cooperation. All fine's set forth will go directly to the ABBI Junior program.

**Horseplay and Fighting:**

Horseplay and fighting in the arena will result in a fine, disqualification, and/or expulsion. The ABBI Officials at the Event will determine the appropriate discipline.

**Fraud:**

Presenting or verbalizing any fraudulent information to the ABBI and/or Event representatives shall result in major disciplinary action.

**Alcohol:**

Being under the influence of or consuming alcoholic beverages and/or drugs in the arena of an ABBI Event shall result in major disciplinary action.

**Striking:**

Striking or protesting of any kind may result in major disciplinary action.

**Arrest:**

Arrest or conviction of a major crime constitutes grounds for revoking or suspending ABBI membership.

**Conduct:**

ABBI reserves the absolute right to discipline individuals whose:

Honesty, integrity and professionalism do not reflect the image expected of Members of the ABBI.

Personal conduct reflects badly upon ABBI, its Members or shareholders, and/or the sport.

This provision is not restricted to ABBI venues and events, but also encompasses personal and business conduct in society in general.

The ABBI's Board of Directors, and/or ABBI's Executive Director shall, in its sole discretion, determine whether, when and what discipline will be imposed and may include fines, suspensions, and denial or withdrawal of membership.

Without limiting the foregoing, the ABBI's Board of Directors, and/or ABBI's Executive Director may, in its discretion, impose a fine for a first violation which may double with each subsequent or additional violation, and require the preparation and submission of a personal letter of apology from the offending individual.

## **1. ABBI Registration Rules and Guidelines**

The following is the list of requirements that will need to be met in order to register cattle with American Bucking Bull, Inc. (ABBI). Please pay close attention to each requirement, if one or more steps are omitted the registration process cannot continue and may be returned to the breeder for completion.

### **1.1. Breeders**

1.1.1. All breeders (including business entities) of livestock competing in ABBI events must be in good standing. Every breeder is issued a breeder card with an ID#. This number must be used in all official communication with ABBI. Renewals and new breeders' applications can be processed online at [www.abbinow.com](http://www.abbinow.com) or by calling the office at 719-247-2747. It is the responsibility of the breeders to be aware of and abide by all the rules and regulations set forth in this Handbook. Any person or entity in violation of ABBI rules may be subject to, but not limited to, fines, forfeitures, probation and/or disciplinary procedures.

1.1.2. Breeder's Accounts benefits including the American Bucking Bull Magazine commence when the application is processed. Accounts are retroactive. The American Bucking Bull Magazine plus The American Bucking Bull Newsletter

1.1.3. Definitions of Breeder Categories:

1.1.3.1. Junior Breeder – any person between the ages of 9 to 18 years and has access to personal inventory.

1.1.3.2. Standard Breeder - has online access to personal inventory.

1.1.3.3. Premium Breeder- has online access to the entire ABBI Inventory.

1.1.3.4. Lifetime Breeder- has online access to the entire ABBI Inventory and does not have to pay yearly dues.

1.1.3.5. New Breeder- is defined as a person that has not applied for an ABBI breeder's account nor had a breeder's account with ABBI. Anyone identified as abusing this account may be assessed a fine and reprimanded.

1.1.4. A Breeder Application can be obtained at [www.abbinow.com](http://www.abbinow.com) or by calling the office at 719-242-2747

### **1.2. ABBI Forms**

1.2.1. ABBI New Breeder Application

1.2.2. ABBI Work Order

1.2.3. Application for Registration

1.2.4. Application for Cataloging

1.2.5. Additional DNA Request

1.2.6. Profile Creation Request

1.2.7. Authorization to Register Offspring

1.2.8. Form Requirements:

All registration requests and paperwork must be sent in on the current year forms. These forms are available at [www.abbinow.com](http://www.abbinow.com) or by calling the office at 719-242-2747. Paperwork that is submitted on any previous years' forms may be returned. Any information or instructions submitted on documents other than official office forms will not be considered official requests. American Bucking Bull, Inc. assumes no responsibility or obligation to any instructions or information on any unofficial forms or documents. Furthermore, by submitting an official form, the member or prospective member agrees not to hold American Bucking Bull, Inc. liable for any clerical mistakes or oversights that may occur during the registration process.

### **1.3. Registration**

1.3.1. Registration Categories: (Fees are online at [www.abbinow.com](http://www.abbinow.com) or call 719-242-2747)

1.3.1.1. Birth year registration before December 31st .

1.3.1.2. Birth year registration online before December 31st.

1.3.1.3. Yearling age cattle and older registration.

1.3.1.4. 2007 & older cattle.

New Breeder Discount (includes DNA testing): A new breeder can register any amount of cattle of any age for a one time set fee during his / her first 12 months of their ABBI Breeder's account.

Registration Requirements All paper work, application for Registering, Work Order, DNA Cards, and Applicable Fees, must be received in the office by December 31<sup>st</sup> of current year.

#### **1.3.2. Application for Registration**

The following information must be filled in to the appropriate sections of the registration application in order to process registration:

- Breeder Information – Name, ABBI Number, Address, Phone Number
- DOB –Date of Birth
- Sire Information – Sire Name and ABBI Registration Number
- Dam Information – Dam Name and ABBI Registration Number
- Animal (calf) Information – Animal Name, Herd ID Number, Color, Horn Type (P –Polled, H- Horned and D –Dehorned), sex (B –Bull, C- Cow) and how the animal was conceived (N –Natural, AI –Artificial Insemination and ET –Embryo Transfer)
- Original Breeder ABBI Number

1.3.3. Work Order – outlines the fees associated with each service and product.

#### **1.3.4. DNA Cards**

1.3.4.1. DNA Kits (includes blood card, needle and instructions) can be ordered by calling the office or mailing an ABBI work order in with payment or ordering online.

1.3.4.2. DNA Cards should be labeled with the following:

1.3.4.2.1. Breeder's Name, Animal ID #, Sex, Date of Birth

1.3.4.2.2. Applicable fees – refer to work order for current prices

### **1.4. Online Registration available at [www.abbinow.com](http://www.abbinow.com).**

1.4.1. Application for Registration Form has all the information required to complete online registration.

1.4.2. A credit card is required to pay for the online registrations. Once the online registrations are paid for the following needs to be submitted to the office within the two (2) weeks of the online submittal date:

1.4.2.1. Blood Cards or Tail hair kits- see DNA Kits for proper labeling instructions

1.4.2.2. Registration Receipt – Provided when a credit card is used to pay for registrations.

### **1.5. Cataloging (does not include DNA testing)**

1.5.1. Cataloging will be defined as submitting animals, before December 31st of their birth year, for future registration. A Catalog fee reserves a position for active registration providing breeders an alternative to registering young calves. This Catalog position guarantees a total of two (2) years (Birth year, 1st year, 2 years of age) to identify the



performance and/or breeding potential at a reduced rate. All submissions must be received in the office by December 31st of the birth year accompanied by and including a DNA card, ABBI Work Order, and Application for Cataloging with applicable fees. This applies to bulls and heifers. This information will be “cataloged” and filed with the member / breeders file.

1.5.1.1. Example of Cataloging Fees:

- Birth year animals Cataloged before Dec 31st: \$25.00
- Registering Birth year Catalog Animal in current year (additional) \$60.00

1.5.1.2. Example of Registration Fees for Cataloged Animals:

- Registering 2011 Cataloged Animals in 2012(additional) \$60.00

## **1.6. Duplicating DNA**

Effective January 1st, 2007 any duplication of existing DNA will result in a \$500 fine. The duplication fine is defined as but not limited to, knowingly re-bleeding and submitting an animal that is already registered. Please contact the office if you are unsure if an animal you are about to submit for registration has already been registered.

## **1.7. Transfers refer to current work order for pricing (regardless of date of sale)**

1.7.1. Bulls:

1.7.2. Heifer/Cow:

## **1.8. Other Services refer to current work order for pricing**

1.8.1. Duplicate or Corrected Certificates:

1.8.2. Profile Creation

1.8.3. Additional DNA Research

1.8.4. Voluntary Resubmit

1.8.5. RUSH registration

1.8.6. Extra Markers:

1.8.7. Inventory Cleanup

1.8.8. All international orders will have additional charges call office for pricing.

1.8.9. Misc.:

1.8.9.1. All other services and prices not listed above may be found on the Work Order form.

1.8.9.2. Make checks payable to American Bucking Bull, Inc. (ABBI).

1.8.9.3. Phone research will be charged at the time of service

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