



# American Bucking Bull Inc. 2021 Rule Book

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## **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 President. Each case appealed will be reviewed on its own merits and the ultimate decision will be final. If the decision is overturned, 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 at the ABBI's sole discretion.

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

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

Prior to entering, the bull must be submitted for registration and assigned an ABBI registration number. All bulls must have a DNA verified sire AND dam prior to entry closing time or be subject to penalty at ABBI's sole discretion. Bulls may be entered with parent verification pending. A five hundred dollar (\$500.00) penalty, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per parent will be added to the entry. All bulls must be age verified and electronic identification (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 ABBI website, <https://www.americanbuckingbull.com/registration/forms/>.

#### **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 of age or less. EID tags should not be placed in animals that are determined to be too old. Bulls must FIRST be ABBI registered, have a legible permanent brand (fire or freeze) identification ("ID") number and an original Certificate of Registration prior to age verification.

#### **(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 indicated herein may be disqualified from any ABBI produced or sanctioned event or futurity and may be required to forfeit any and all fees and expenses paid.

In the event that the 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 or consent from the animal owner.

#### **ENTRIES:**

Entry close dates will be one (1) week prior to the event, unless otherwise noted for the event. Entry open date will be event specific and will be posted on the ABBI website prior to each event's opening date. Entries and entry fees MUST BE IN THE ABBI OFFICE by 12:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) on the entry close date (not postmarked by the entry close date). Entries may be submitted through the mail or via fax to the ABBI office or via the ABBI website for any ABBI event. Acceptable forms of payment include: personal checks, electronic check, cashier's check, money order, Master Card, Visa, American Express or Discover credit cards, and wire

transfer. No entries will be accepted without payment. Fees paid by credit card will include an administrative fee of two percent (2%). A service fee will be assessed for all wire transfers. There is a two percent (2%) discount for use of e-check.

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 outlined above, and those entry deadlines specific to the associated event:

- If entry is submitted by mail or by fax, a completed and signed entry form containing the ABBI number, the herd number, and the 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 must have at least one of the partners listed on the registration certificate as the owner. If a partnership or lease agreement exists which does not permit the owner's name to appear on the registration certificate, entries will only be accepted if accompanied by a valid, fully executed copy of the associated partnership agreement or lease. The entered bull's name must appear as it appears on the registration certificate or the bull's entry name will be changed in the event by the ABBI to match the registration certificate.

#### **ENTRY FEES:**

Entry fees are event specific for all ABBI produced or sanctioned events, and will be posted on the ABBI website prior to entry open date.

#### **ENTRY LIMITS:**

The number of entries accepted may be event specific for each ABBI produced or sanctioned event and will be posted on the ABBI website prior to the entry open date. An animal may not be dual entered at any single ABBI event unless otherwise approved by ABBI administration. If an animal is approved for dual entry, that animal will only be allowed to buck once. There is a minimum of twelve (12) entries for all ABBI events, unless otherwise specified or approved by ABBI.

#### **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:**

All bulls competing at an event will be required to have a record of a negative tuberculosis ("TB") test and a negative brucellosis test within one (1) year prior to the registration date, and prior to the competition date, unless otherwise approved through by the ABBI. Please also confirm individual state animal health rules to ensure that you are compliant. A copy of the negative TB and brucellosis tests and a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, as defined by the American Veterinary Medical Association (<https://www.avma.org/Advocacy/StateAndLocal/Pages/certificates-veterinary-inspection.aspx>) will be required. These documents must be presented at check-in time for the event. Bulls that do not meet these requirements will not be permitted to unload or to compete and will forfeit any entry fees. An event producer may provide additional requirements that must be approved by the ABBI and will be posted on the ABBI website as ground rules in event entry information. The ABBI lead judge may request a veterinary medical release form on-site for any injuries incurred prior to the event.

### **BULL AND POLYGRAPH TESTING AND 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 ABBI produced and sanctioned events. As such, ABBI has elected to institute a zero tolerance policy with respect to the use of Banned Substances (as defined below) in bucking bulls.

Banned Substances shall be defined as any and all anabolic steroids; any illegal substances; and/or any other substances prohibited from use in, or administration to, bovine as determined by the Federal Drug Administration ("Banned Substances"). Accordingly, at ABBI's sole discretion, ABBI shall test certain and various bulls competing in ABBI produced, sanctioned, or otherwise related events, and/or any bull owned in whole or in part by an 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 Substances shall be deemed to be in violation of these ABBI Event Rules and Regulations, and subject to the disciplinary sanctions described below.

### **BULL TESTING PROCEDURE:**

Testing may be conducted on a random and/or specific basis, with or without prior notice. The ABBI reserves the right to collect Samples as defined below for any reason deemed necessary at the sole discretion of the ABBI. The ABBI bull testing committee ("Testing Committee") shall have the unfettered authority to collect blood, urine, tissue and/or hair samples from any bull owned, in whole or in part, by an ABBI member stock contractor at any time, at any location, and from any bull(s) as they may determine to be reasonable and necessary at ABBI's sole discretion ("Samples"). 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 containers marked as "A" and "B" and seal containers thereafter. Container A will be sent to an ABBI selected testing laboratory for analysis. Container B will be stored by ABBI or by ABBI's authorized agent, including, but not limited to, the aforementioned testing laboratory.

All Samples 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 testing laboratory, all positive tests will be reported to the Testing Committee. All B containers whose corresponding A container tested positive will be preserved for any possible appeals as detailed further in the "Bull and Polygraph Testing and Banned Substance Policy: Discipline" section below. All B containers whose corresponding A containers have tested negative will be disposed in accordance with all applicable local, state, and Federal law.

### **POLYGRAPH TESTING PROCEDURE:**

All stock contractors, stock contractors' crew, handlers and riders may be required, at the sole discretion of the ABBI, to submit to a polygraph examination prior participation in any ABBI event and/or prior to the distribution of any ABBI event prize money. ABBI may, at their discretion, also request additional polygraph examinations following any initial polygraph examination, including, but not limited

to, an inconclusive result from the initial polygraph examination. Polygraph examinations will be administered and reported by an Accredited Member of the American Polygraph Association (“APA”) in good standing, as defined by the APA, <https://www.polygraph.org/>, selected at the sole discretion of ABBI (“Examiner”).

The polygraph examination will be conducted by the Examiner in a validated format with the application of a three (3) position hand scoring system to render the professional opinion of the Examiner (“Report”). The Objective Scoring System (“OSS”) and the Empirical Scoring System (“ESS”) as each defined by the APA, <https://www.polygraph.org/>, shall be prohibited. The Report will provide equal weighting of the three (3) part testing matrix, with no additional weighting used for any individual portion of the three (3) part testing matrix. For additional information regarding polygraph testing, owners, stock contractors, stock contractors’ crew, and handlers may refer to the APA website, <https://www.polygraph.org/>.

ABBI will notify the stock contractor, stock contractor’s crew member, handler, and/or rider the time and location of the polygraph examination. If the stock contractor, stock contractor’s crew member, handler, and/or rider is unable to take the polygraph examination at the scheduled time, ABBI reserves the right, at ABBI’s sole discretion, to prevent participation in any ABBI event, and to reschedule the examination at the stock contractor’s, handler’s or rider’s expense.

**DISCIPLINE FOR POSITIVE RESULTS FROM TESTING FOR BANNED SUBSTANCES:**

A stock contractor whose bull is found to have tested positive for a Banned Substance as a result of the Sample testing and/or polygraph examination pursuant to this Section 9, BULL AND POLYGRAPH TESTING AND BANNED SUBSTANCE POLICY (“Policy”), shall be subject to a minimum fine in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). Fines imposed in connection with such violations of this Policy shall have no maximum limit and, as such, shall be determined and imposed in any amount the Testing Committee deems appropriate in its sole and absolute 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 Testing Committee in their sole discretion.

ABBI reserves the right to require the Policy 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, the stock contractor shall remain subject to any further action as determined by the Testing Committee, which may or may not include, but shall not be limited to, ABBI membership revocations.

**PRIZE MONEY:**

Any stock contractor whose bull has tested positive for, been found to have been subjected to, or treated with, a Banned Substance(s) shall automatically forfeit any and all prize money won by such bull competing in an event for which such Sample was collected.

**BONUS ELIGIBILITY:**

Any stock contractor whose bull(s) has tested positive for, been found to have been subjected to, or treated with, a Banned Substance(s) shall be ineligible to receive any year-end bonuses for the stock contractor or the stock contractor's bull(s) for any season during which a Banned Substance was found in any of the stock contractor's bulls.

**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 and all prize money won by the stock contractor at the event where collection was requested/attempted (if applicable) and denied by such stock contractor. Any stock contractor's crew member, handler, and/or rider who refuses to submit to a polygraph test at the time requested by the ABBI shall forfeit any and all prize money won by the stock contractor at the event where the polygraph test was requested. At the sole discretion of the ABBI, such stock contractor, stock contractor's crew member, handler, and/or rider will be disallowed from entering or competing in any ABBI produced or sanctioned event until such time as Sample collection from the bull(s) in question is allowed or the polygraph testing is completed.

**SUSPENSION FROM COMPETITION:**

The Testing Committee expressly reserves the right to disallow any bull which has tested positive for, been found to have been subjected to, or treated with, a Banned Substance(s), through Sample testing or polygraph examination, from competing and/or otherwise participating in any ABBI produced or sanctioned event for the remainder of such season during which test results in violation of this Policy were collected, or beyond such season, until subsequent testing has conclusively and satisfactorily demonstrated to the Testing Committee that the bull is no longer in violation of the Policy. ABBI reserves the right to require any such subsequent testing requested by the stock contractor 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.

Any disciplinary sanctions imposed hereunder shall be at the sole discretion of the Testing Committee. The Testing Committee reserves the right to suspend, delay, and/or make contingent upon further testing, the imposition of any such sanctions. The Testing Committee also reserves the right to make public or hold confidential any testing results, in whole or in part, which it may obtain in connection with this Policy. Further, the Testing Committee reserves the right to report the results of any testing conducted hereunder pursuant to this Policy to the applicable local, 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.

**BULL TESTING APPEALS:**

A stock contractor found to be in violation of the Policy herein shall have the right to appeal the laboratory's findings as follows:

1. Upon the written request of the stock contractor, received by the ABBI within fifteen (15) days of the stock contractor's receipt of notice of a positive test

result pursuant to this Policy, and at the stock contractor's sole expense, ABBI shall arrange to have the B container of the Sample tested at, and by, the same testing laboratory which conducted the test of the Sample contained in the A container.

2. The test results of the Sample contained in the B container shall be deemed to be conclusive, and not subject to further appeal or re-test by the stock contractor or ABBI.
3. Sample test results may only be appealed in the manner outlined herein, and all appeals shall be strictly subject to those procedures detailed herein.
4. Only Sample test results may be appealed. No disciplinary action imposed hereunder and/or otherwise by ABBI shall be subject to appeal of any kind.

#### **POLYGRAPH TESTING APPEALS:**

If a stock contractor, stock contractor's crew member, handler, and/or rider wishes to dispute an unfavorable or inconclusive polygraph test result, the stock contractor, stock contractor's crew member, handler, and/or rider may, at the stock contractor, stock contractor's crew member, handler, and/or rider's sole expense, submit to an additional polygraph examination conducted within thirty (30) days and administered and reported by an Examiner selected at the sole discretion of ABBI.

The ABBI, at its sole discretion, will decide, based on the polygraph examination(s), whether the stock contractor, stock contractor's crew member, handler, and/or rider is eligible for the prize money. The decision of the ABBI is final.

#### **STOCK CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY RULE:**

Stock contractors shall be bound by the "Stock Contractor Responsibility Rule" as defined herein. The Stock Contractor Responsibility Rule is defined as follows: Any and all substances found to be present in the stock contractor's bull(s) is the sole and exclusive responsibility of such stock contractor ("Stock Contractor Responsibility Rule"). As such, the Stock Contractor Responsibility Rule will negate any possible attempted defense or appeal by the stock contractor to a positive Sample test result claim that another person introduced a Banned Substance into the subject bull's body without the knowledge and/or consent of the stock contractor.

In the event that a bull is being treated by a licensed veterinarian for a legitimate medical purpose and said treatment involves a legally prescribed Banned Substance, a letter verifying same from such licensed veterinarian must be provided, and such bull will not be eligible to compete in, or at, any ABBI produced or sanctioned event until such time as such Banned Substance is no longer present in the bull. ABBI reserves the right to require any such subsequent testing requested by the stock contractor 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.

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION:**

In the event of a dispute, disagreement, or question(s) regarding interpretation of the Event Rules and Regulations included herein, such dispute, disagreement, or question(s) regarding interpretation shall be submitted for resolution to the JAMS group for mediation/arbitration, or any other arbitrator selected at the sole discretion of ABBI, except that ABBI may, at its option, also seek injunctive relief in any court of competent jurisdiction with respect to any alleged violation of the Event Rules and Regulations identified in these Event Rules and Regulations. ABBI may initiate an arbitration proceeding at any time by giving notice to the participant in accordance with the rules of JAMS. The arbitrator(s) shall not be bound by the rules of evidence and procedure of the courts of the State of Colorado but shall be bound by the substantive law applicable to this agreement. The decision of the arbitrator(s), absent fraud, duress, incompetence or gross and obvious error of fact, shall be final and binding upon the Parties and shall be enforceable in courts of proper jurisdiction. Following written notice of a request for arbitration, ABBI and the participant shall be entitled to an injunction restraining all further proceedings in any pending or subsequently filed litigation concerning this agreement, except as otherwise provided herein. **THE PARTIES HEREBY WAIVE THEIR RIGHTS TO TRIAL BY JURY WITH RESPECT TO ANY COURT ACTION RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT.**

**INDEMNIFICATION:**

All members, participants and stock contractors shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless American Bucking Bull Incorporated, and its respective members, consultants, employees, owners, agents and affiliates, from and against any and all loss, damage, liability, claims, demands, actions, suits, judgments, and all costs of whatever nature, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and all other amounts related to, arising out of, or are in any way connected to participant's, member's, and/or stock contractor's membership with, or participation in, American Bucking Bull Incorporated or its associated events.

**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 GUIDELNES:**

#### **(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 contestant's 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:**

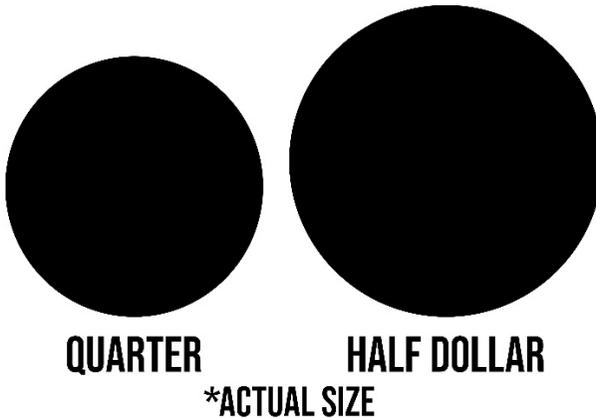
An Event Judge or an ABBI representative can stop an event until an unsafe condition is corrected.

### **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 and Cheating.

### **HORNS:**

All competing animals must have their horns tipped prior to arriving at check in for the event (loose, turned down horns are excluded from this rule). All **Yearling AND Futurity** bulls must have their horns tipped to the **preferred** size of a **25-cent piece**. All **Derby AND Classic** bulls must have their horns tipped to the size of a **50-cent piece**. At the **discretion** of an ABBI representative, if an un-tipped or inadequately tipped animal arrives at any ABBI produced or sanctioned event, the animal will be sent off site to be tipped, failure to comply will result in a DQ resulting in forfeiture of entry fees. (Inadequately tipped examples are sharp edges, uneven edges creating a sharp point, splinters).



### **NOSE RINGS AND HALTERS:**

Nose rings (metal OR rope) and tying bulls by the nose will not be allowed at ABBI competitions. No metal chain rings will be allowed around the bulls horns. Bulls who arrive onsite with nose rings or metal chain rings around the horns will not be allowed to compete until they have been removed. The only approved bull head ware will be nylon horn rings or nylon halters.

### **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. 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:**

2020 calves (calves born on or between January 1 and December 31, 2020) are eligible to compete in 2021 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.

**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 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 may be limited to one (1) bull per Junior breeder unless the Junior futurity does not fill available positions.

**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:**

The Junior Futurity Champion will be determined from the highest average score based on their **4** outs from ABBI or ABBI Sanctioned events **PLUS** their out at the Junior Finals.

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

## **ABBI COWGIRL'S FUTURITY EVENTS**

### **PARTICIPATION**

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

The participant is required to be present at the Cowgirl's Futurity in which their bull is entered. If the participant is not available for an event, another Cowgirl's Futurity participant may flank their bull following the same rules for competition.

All Cowgirl's Futurity participants are required to flank their own bull. The participant may be assisted by another woman and/or the "dummy" men.

**No other men** will be allowed behind the bucking chutes during the Cowgirl's Futurity event.

### **EVENT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

**Bulls must be registered in the competing participant's name or membership account. If the bull is registered under another membership account, an ABBI Competition Agreement, between the participant and the owner, must be on file in the ABBI office.**

Bulls may be entered in a Cowgirl's Futurity event **OR** any other type of futurity event but double entries will not be allowed at a single event. If a bull is eligible for any of the Heritage events, the participant may enter the bull in the Heritage Futurity **AND** the Cowgirl's Futurity. Only Cowgirl's Futurity event scores will be counted toward the average for the Cowgirl's Futurity Champion.

### **ENTRY FEES**

At all ABBI produced or sanctioned Cowgirl's Futurity events, entry fees will be event specific and will be posted prior to the entry open date. For events participating in the Leveling System for payouts, one entry fee will be paid regardless of level eligibility.

### **ENTRY LIMITS**

At all ABBI produced or sanctioned Cowgirl's Futurity events, the number of entries accepted will be event specific. Due to the low number of entries at Cowgirl's Futurity events, there will not be a minimum entry requirement for an event. However, the event producer has the option to require a minimum number of entries for the Cowgirls Futurity event and will make that requirement known prior to the entry open date.

### **PAYOUT**

For a standard Cowgirls event, after all deductions, positions will be paid on the basis of one (1) position for every three (3) bulls.

Payouts for events participating in the Leveling System will be based on the following:

## **COWGIRL'S FUTURITY FINALS QUALIFICATION**

To qualify for the Cowgirl's Futurity Finals, a bull must enter (and pay the additional ABBI fee) at least four (4) ABBI produced or sanctioned Cowgirl's Futurity events during the regular season. If a Cowgirl's futurity bull qualifies for the Futurity Finals as well as the Cowgirl's Futurity, you must choose, you will not be allowed to compete in both.

## **COWGIRL'S FUTURITY CHAMPION**

The Cowgirl's Futurity Champion will be determined from the highest average score based on their 4 outs from ABBI or ABBI Sanctioned events **PLUS** their out at the Cowgirl Finals.

## **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 UBT (UBT)

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 one 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 UBT 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 UBT 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. Top 30 PBR bulls are ineligible for entry.

**\*\*\*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 President 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 President 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

1.1.3.1. 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 paperwork, application for Registering, Work Order, DNA Cards, and Applicable Fees, must be received in the office by December 31st of current year.

1.3.2. Application for Registration

The following information must be filled into 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. Miscellaneous:

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.