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PBBA Rules and Regulations

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GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. MISCONDUCT & CHEATING:

In the opinion of a PBBA Official or Judge event a participant becomes verbally or physically abusive to any official, judge, employee or other participant, the PBBA reserves the right to disqualify that person and retain 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 membership suspension and / or fine. A second offense will result in suspensions from entering PBBA events for the balance of the year, and a \$1,000 fine. A third offense will result in a lifetime suspension from entering any PBBA events.

2. BAD CHECKS:

In the event a participant pays his or her fees with a check that is returned for any reason, the first offense will result in a \$25 fine and replacement with cash or a cashier check. Upon a second offense, payment of all fees will be on a cash, cashier's check, or money

order only basis. Thirty days will be given to reconcile your account or you will become ineligible to enter any PBBA events until your debt with the PBBA has been settled. The PBBA reserves the right to turn over any returned checks to collection.

3. PENALTIES:

In the event a participant competes with an ineligible PBBA bull or bring the bull that was not entered, the bull will be disqualified and the contractor will forfeit all winnings and entry fees. The second offense is punishable by disqualification and a one year suspension of the owner from participation.

4. APPEAL PROCEDURE:

Appeal of any disciplinary decision may be made in writing within 30 days of the incident to the PBBA. The appeal will then be reviewed by the Board, the judges present at the event and the Director of Judges. Each case appealed will be reviewed on its own merits and the ultimate decision of the Board will be final.

5. RIGHT OF REFUSAL:

While every effort to accommodate each participant and event producer will be made, it is important to note that Professional Bucking Bull Association, LLC is a private company with obligations to its shareholders. If in the opinion of the Board of Directors or the management 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, the PBBA reserves the right to elect not to conduct business with whomever it chooses.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK:

By entering an animal and/or attending a PBBA produced or sanctioned event participants assume the risk inherent in any bovine/rodeo type activity and hold harmless the Professional Bucking Bull Association, LLC. Plus, its shareholders, directors, employees, or contractors shall not be responsible for any injury, death, or loss of any animal entered or present for any other reason at any PBBA produced or sanctioned event. Nor will PBBA be responsible for the injury or death of any person attending any PBBA produced or sanctioned event.

PBBA RULES & GUIDELINES

1. MEMBERSHIP:

PBBA membership is \$100 per calendar year. Membership fees will not be prorated based upon the time a membership application is submitted. Membership is not required to enter a bull or bulls in a PBBA event however non-Members agree to be bound to these rules and guidelines as if they were a full PBBA Member. Additionally, non-Members' entries fees are \$35 more per entry than a Member's entry fees. Non-

Members can only enter a total of three (3) bulls per calendar year without buying a PBBA Membership. A Membership card must be purchased before entering that fourth bull. All PBBA Producers must be a PBBA member.

A separate PBBA Membership card must be purchased by any partnerships. For example a single contractor must buy a Membership card in his name and/or ranch name. If he is partners with someone else and a bull is entered in that partnership name such as Porter & Treadway a separate Membership card is required for that partnership. Cards purchased under a ranch or legal entity name apply to all bulls owned by and entered by that entity.

2. AGE REQUIREMENTS:

No age requirement for PBBA Open events. However, the bull must old/big enough to carry a rider without harming or risking harm to itself. Prior to the start of the PBBA competition a PBBA judge may disqualify a bull from an event if he feels a bull is too small or too young to compete. The participant will forfeit their entry fees if a judge pulls a bull from the competition.

3. ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION:

Bulls must be branded or ear-tagged with a permanent ID number. Bulls not identified as mentioned herein may be disqualified from any PBBA sanctioned event and may forfeit any and all fees and expenses paid.

4. ENTRIES:

A. Entries will be taken through the PBBA offices for any PBBA event. Entry open date will be event specific and posted prior to each event's opening date. Methods of entry: Members & non-Members: emailed with payment mailed over-night; Fax, with payment mailed or over-nighted; or US Mail or overnight delivery with personal checks, cashier's check, money order, or credit card. All payments must be received in the PBBA office no later than the entry close date. Only PBBA Members may call-in their entries to the PBBA office when the books for an event opens and pay their fees prior to prior to tagging their bull at the PBBA event. Non-Members cannot call-in their entries.

B. Entry open date will be three (3) weeks prior to each event's opening date, unless otherwise noted.

C. Entry close dates will be one (1) week prior to the event, unless otherwise noted.

Entries and entry fees **MUST BE IN THE PBBA OFFICE** by 9:00 pm (Eastern Time) on "entries closed" date (not postmarked by entry closed date).

D. In order for a bull to be considered entered in any PBBA sanctioned event the following must be received in accordance with the entry deadlines listed above:

i. Members Only: Entry may be called-in, mailed in or faxed in no later than 9:00 pm (Eastern Time) to the PBBA office with payment due at the event.

ii. Non-Members: If entering by mail or by fax, a completed and signed entry form and all applicable fees. All fees must be paid in full and received by 9:00 pm (Eastern Time) on “entries closed” date. Acceptable forms of payment include: personal checks, cashier’s check, money order, and Master Card or Visa credit cards.

F. Entries will be taken on a first come first serve basis until the entry close date with PBBA Member entries having priority over non-Members. If more entries are received than the number of entries being taken for that particular event the excess entries will be placed in a random draw by contractor and will be drawn randomly for alternate positions. The event producer decides on the number of entries accepted based on the number of bull riders taken.

G. If positions are available, late entries will be taken, until 9:00 PM EST on the Monday prior to the event. Following the entry close date, the PBBA will make notice if there are any positions available. Late entries will be taken on a first come first served basis.

Bulls that have been to the PBR Finals (excluding ABBI Classic Competition Bulls), or the NFR are not eligible to compete in PBBA events. Bulls that competed in a PBBA event and in the same year go to a Finals mentioned above are eligible to compete in PBBA and the PBBA Finals in that same year. However, they will ineligible in the following years.

5. ENTRY FEES:

At all PBBA sanctioned events the entry fees will be \$400 for Open bulls \$300 for 3 year old derby bulls and \$175 for 2 year futurity bulls, unless posted otherwise on the PBBA website.

6. ENTRY LIMITS:

At all PBBA sanctioned competitions, the number of entries accepted will be event specific based on the number of expected bull riders and will be posted prior to the entry open date. For each of the levels of competition a minimum of 15 entries is required unless all contractors competing in that level agree otherwise.

7. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

All bulls competing at a PBBA event will be required to have the necessary health papers required of rodeo livestock to enter the state of the competition. A copy of these health papers may be required at check in or later upon state inspection. 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, which must be approved by the PBBA and will be posted as ground rules in the event information.

8. PAYOUT:

At all PBBA sanctioned events payout will be as follows:

A. The PBBA will withhold either \$1,200 (3 PBBA judges) or \$1,600 (4 PBBA judges) of the entry fees to pay the PBBA judges used for each event.

B. \$25/entry will be withheld for the PBBA World Finals purse.

C. \$50/entry will be withheld for pen fees and paid to the event Producer as a Producer's fee.

D. \$30/entry for will go to the PBBA for office fees.

E. After all deductions the payout will be as follows. The number of entries for each separate class of competition will be used to determine the payout & holes paid.

- 9-11 entries:
 1. 60% of the entry money after all deductions and 60% of any added money.
 2. 40% of the entry money after all deductions and 40% of any added money
- 12-15 entries:
 1. 50% of the entry money after all deductions and 50% of any added money
 2. 30% of the entry money after all deductions and 30% of any added money
 3. 20% of the entry money after all deductions and 20% of any added money
- 16-19 entries:
 1. 40% of the entry money after all deductions and 40% of any added money
 2. 30% of the entry money after all deductions and 30% of any added money
 3. 20% of the entry money after all deductions and 20% of any added money
 4. 10% of the entry money after all deductions and 10% of any added money
- 20-23 entries:
 1. 30% of the entry money after all deductions and 30% of any added money
 2. 25% of the entry money after all deductions and 25% of any added money
 3. 20% of the entry money after all deductions and 20% of any added money
 4. 15% of the entry money after all deductions and 15% of any added money
 5. 10% of the entry money after all deductions and 10% of any added money
- 24-27 entries:
 1. 27% of the entry money after all deductions and 27% of any added money
 2. 23% of the entry money after all deductions and 23% of any added money
 3. 18% of the entry money after all deductions and 18% of any added money
 4. 15% of the entry money after all deductions and 15% of any added money
 5. 10% of the entry money after all deductions and 10% of any added money
 6. 7% of the entry money after all deductions and 7% of any added money

- 28-31 entries:
 1. 25% of the entry money after all deductions and 25% of any added money
 2. 20% of the entry money after all deductions and 20% of any added money
 3. 18% of the entry money after all deductions and 18% of any added money
 4. 15% of the entry money after all deductions and 15% of any added money
 5. 10% of the entry money after all deductions and 10% of any added money
 6. 7% of the entry money after all deductions and 7% of any added money
 7. 5% of the entry money after all deductions and 5% of any added money

- 32-35 entries:
 1. 24% of the entry money after all deductions and 24% of any added money
 2. 19% of the entry money after all deductions and 19% of any added money
 3. 16% of the entry money after all deductions and 16% of any added money
 4. 14% of the entry money after all deductions and 14% of any added money
 5. 9% of the entry money after all deductions and 9% of any added money
 6. 7% of the entry money after all deductions and 7% of any added money
 7. 6% of the entry money after all deductions and 6% of any added money
 8. 5% of the entry money after all deductions and 5% of any added money

- 36 or more entries:
 1. 23% of the entry money after all deductions and 23% of any added money
 2. 18% of the entry money after all deductions and 18% of any added money
 3. 15% of the entry money after all deductions and 15% of any added money
 4. 13% of the entry money after all deductions and 13% of any added money
 5. 9% of the entry money after all deductions and 9% of any added money
 6. 7% of the entry money after all deductions and 7% of any added money
 7. 6% of the entry money after all deductions and 6% of any added money
 8. 5% of the entry money after all deductions and 5% of any added money
 9. 4% of the entry money after all deductions and 4% of any added money

9. CONTESTANTS:

Bulls will be mounted by bull riders attempting an eight (8) second bull ride. The full card carrying members of the sanctioning bull riding association are given priority over permit holders and inexperienced riders. For a two day event the PBBA bulls should not be mounted by the same rider both nights.

10. COMPETITION FORMAT:

The event format:

PBBA sanctioned events may consist of one of the following:

- a. One (1) Long Round for a one day event, bulls are bucked once.
- b. Two (2) Long Rounds for a two day event, bulls are bucked twice, once during the first round and once during the second round.

- A. At the discretion of the Producer a one day may be a bring your own rider event.
- B. If a contractor wishes to change the delivery of a bull he must let a PBBA official and back pen boss know three (3) hours before the start of the event.
- C. The bull fighters are not allowed to catch the bulls or in any way affect the bulls' performance.
- D. All bulls must arrive by the 3:00 pm check-in time (or any other time stated on the PBBA schedule) the first day of an event or a \$50 per animal fine may be imposed. All fines money collected will be added to the "EVENT" purse.

10. JUDGES:

- a. The Director of Judges will approve all judges for a PBBA event.
- b. The PBBA uses either a six (6) judge or five (5) judge format. Dropping the highest score and the lowest score. The sum of the four (4) remaining scores will be the score for that performance. For a two day event the scores from both performances will be added together.
- c. If a five (5) judge format is used the PBBA stock contractor or flank man, as designated by the bull owner/contractor, will score their own bull, making them the sixth judge. The contractor must give his score immediately to the person designated by the PBBA to collect contractors' scores. That person will wear a judge's vest and will repeat the score, mark it on his judge's sheet & show it to the contractor.
- d. One of the PBBA judges at an event will be designated as the Head judge at that event.
- e. Two (2) of the judges will judge the bull and the bull riders. The event producer will pay those two judges.
- f. Four (4), or three (3) if the contractor is the sixth judge, of the judges will judge the bulls only. The PBBA will pay the four or three PBBA judges hired by the PBBA.
- g. Each bull will be scored from 0 to 25 points.
- h. The judges will only judge the bull's performance while they are mounted by a bull rider.
- i. The judges will be positioned as follows:
 - 1. Two on the back of the chutes, one on the left hand delivery side and one on the right hand delivery side.
 - 2. Four on the arena floor, two on each side. One on each side will have a stop watch to time the bull ride.
 - 3. The lath side judge's time is the official time.
- j. The judges' decisions are final on all matters.

11. RE-BUCKS:

In PBBA sanctioned events, re-bucks will be allowed only if in the opinion of any judge, the animal had no chance to perform due to situations outside the control of the animal itself or its flank man.

- A. A PBBA judge may disqualify the bull for non-cooperation in the bucking chute and award the bull rider a re-ride if after three (3) valid attempts the bull rider cannot get out on the bull. Entry fees will not be refunded.
- B. A PBBA judge may disqualify the bull rider for a non-valid attempt in the bucking chute and award the owner a re-buck. In which case it is the responsibility of the Contractor to find a rider to mount his bull. Or the bull can be the first re-ride bull.
- C. All re-bucks awarded by a judge must be called for before the end of the long round for the performance and bucked in that long round if possible or before the short round.

12. ELECTRICAL DEVICES, FOREIGN OBJECTS, SHARP OBJECTS, DRUGS:

- A. Any and all electrical devices or sharp objects of any type used to stimulate the animal will not be allowed for use inside the bucking chute. "Heating up" (repeatedly stimulating with any type of electrical device) a bull while in the loading alley or back pens is prohibited. This rule applies before, after or during a PBBA while on the same grounds as the event.
- B. Electrical devices can only be used when absolutely necessary to move a bull while in the loading alley or back pens.
- C. Foreign objects in flanks will not be allowed.
- D. It is not allowed to repeatedly rub or see-saw a bull's flanks with the flank prior to flanking the bull.
- E. The use of any type of performance enhancing drug is prohibited. The PBBA reserves the right to hire an independent testing agency to randomly test bulls prior to and/or after competition.
- F. Any owner or flank man not adhering to these rules 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.

13. HORNS:

All competing bulls must have their horns tipped to the size of a half dollar (broken or loose horns are excluded from this rule). At the discretion of a judge, if an un-tipped or inadequately tipped animal arrives at any PBBA produced or sanctioned event, the bull must be tipped and a \$50 penalty may be imposed. Failure to comply may result in forfeit or loss of any and or all fees and related expenses to the owner. All penalty money collected will be added to the "EVENT" purse.

14. DRAW/CHUTE POSITION:

Option One: Bucking order will be determined by random draw of owner and chute delivery. The order of the draw will be bucked first to last in the draw order in one a round format. In a two round format bulls will be drawn again the second night.

Option Two: Bucking order will be determined by the order loaded by the arena director and the PBBA Vice President of Operations based upon delivery the requirements of the bull riding event and the Producers. In a two round format bulls will be loaded in a different random order for the second performance.

15. TIE BREAKERS:

There will be no tie breakers employed at PBBA sanctioned events. If bulls are tied after scores are audited, a straight split will be used.

16. TAGGING:

Each bull will be identified for the event and a hip number will be placed on each bull using a safe adhesive. The bull owners MUST be present when their bull is tagged.

17. DAMAGE:

A contractor could be held liable for damage to panels and equipment if the bull entered is uncontrollable and fights or tears up panels or pens excessively. Any payment for equipment repairs will be paid to the Producer.

18. WITHDRAWAL:

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 PBBA Office, entry fees will be refunded, but the bull will be ineligible for entry for 30-days from released event.

Any PBBA Member that calls-in an entry and does not show up at the event entered and pay his entry fees will loose their PBBA Membership call-in privileges. They will not be able to enter any additional PBBA events until they have paid a \$500 fine. All of their subsequent entries must be sent into the PBBA office & prepaid.

19. ALTERNATES:

Alternates will be defined as bulls entered but not taken due to unavailable positions. If a bull is withdrawn after entry closing, the first alternate will be substituted. If no alternates are available, owners may substitute an alternate animal of like ownership provided all requirements are met, and the original animal is withdrawn with notification of substitution, prior to the draw for the first round of competition.

20. PERSONNEL:

At all PBBA produced or sanctioned events, gate men, bull fighters, arena help and production labor will be provided by the producer. Only these designated individuals will be permitted to conduct their specific tasks. The same gate men will be used both nights, of a two performance event, unless an injury or sickness prevents them from performing their duties.

21. POINTS:

At all PBBA sanctioned Open events, points qualify toward the PBBA World Finals. They will be awarded on the basis of one point for every bull beaten in each competition plus the cumulative scores from each event plus the aggregate money won.

22. FINALS QUALIFICATION:

To be eligible to compete in the PBBA World Open Finals a bull must have competed in at least four (4) of the PBBA events for the season prior to and excluding the PBBA Finals.

Up to the top 40 point earning bulls will be accepted to the PBBA World Open Finals. Any remaining positions available may be filled by additional point earning bulls, in descending order, until all positions are filled or entries close, as long as the event rule in the above paragraph is met.

23. AWARDS:

To qualify as the High Point Bull of the Year the bull of the year; the bull must be entered in and compete in the Finals.

The PBBA Contractor of the Year buckle and use of the PBBA Trailer for one year will be awarded to the PBBA contractor that has entered the most bulls in the most PBBA events. A PBBA contractor is defined as the name or names on a single PBBA Membership card. In the event of a tie, the Contractor whose bulls have the highest cumulative points, prior to the Finals, will be awarded the Stock Contractor of the Year buckle.

The PBBA Contractor of the Finals buckle will be awarded to the PBBA contractor that has the most bulls entered in and competing in the PBBA Finals. A PBBA contractor is defined as the name or names on a single PBBA Membership card. In the event of a tie, the Contractor whose bulls have the highest cumulative money won during the PBBA Finals will be awarded the Contractor of the Finals buckle.

The PBBA Producer of the Year Buckle will be awarded to the Producer that produces the most PBBA events during a PBBA Season. In the event of a tie, the buckle will be given to the Producer that had the most cumulative added money paid at their event.

24. EVENT GROUND RULES:

Specific ground rules may exist for a PBBA produced event. Failure to adhere to posted ground rules may result in disqualification and / or fine.

25. PBBA SANCTIONED EVENT:

The Professional Bucking Bull Association, LLC., 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. 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 PBBA Sanctioned event.

PBBA APPROVED AND SANCTIONED EVENTS

1. JUDGES:

At any PBBA approved event there must be at least five (5) or six (6) judges selected or approved by the Director of Judges. Judges must conduct themselves in accordance with standard PBBA judging procedures and be knowledgeable of the PBBA Rules.

2. ADDED MONEY:

At PBBA approved events, the added money is optional and at the discretion of the promoter. There is a minimum, \$500 added money at all PBBA Open events, which is paid by the Producer.

3. POINTS:

Points awarded will count toward the PBBA World Finals.

4. RULES OF PARTICIPATION:

PBBA rules or participation will apply and be adhered to in conducting the events.

5. CO-SANCTION:

No event will be considered PBBA approved that is also sanctioned, endorsed, or produced by any other bull competition organization or association.

6. DISCLAIMER:

PBBA, its shareholders, directors or employees will not be responsible for any injury, loss or death of any animal or person, accidental or otherwise at or during the production of any PBBA approved event.

7. HOLD HARMLESS:

The promoters, participants and spectators at bovine/rodeo type activity realize the risk inherent in such activities and hold harmless the PBBA and anyone connected with the PBBA for any injury or death of any person or animal involved in any PBBA approved activity.

8. SUBJECT TO CHANGE:

The rules, regulations and guidelines are subject to change and modification. Any changes will be published immediately on the PBBA website and will also be communicated at PBBA events during the contractors' meeting.

PBBA SANCTIONED EVENTS

Any of several types of events sanctioned by the PBBA may be conducted by other entities, in the form of PBBA Sanctioned Events. The requirements for the sanctioning of these events by the PBBA are as follows:

1. Strict adherence to the published rules and regulations as to the production of the PBBA.
2. A Sanctioning Agreement between the producer and the PBBA must be signed and returned to the PBBA office forty five (45) days prior to the event.
3. A minimum \$500 added prize money at all PBBA Open events, paid by the Producer.
4. Event pay-outs will be in accordance with PBBA rules and will be determined by the PBBA office.
5. Immediate report of results, including payout and points distribution to PBBA office.