

WESTERN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, LLC
2020/2021 ALL-BREED BULL TEST AND SALE
Rules and Regulations

1. Breeders **MUST** submit a **PRELIMINARY ENTRY FORM** for the WBA All-Breed Bull Test and sale by **July 31, 2020**, so the Bull Test Management can get an indication of pen and feed needs. Send all entries to the Western Breeders Association, % Julie Himmelberger, PO Box 195, Prescott WA 99348.
2. Deadline for all **FINAL ENTRIES** to the bull test and “Conditions of Consignment Acceptance Form” is **September 18, 2020**. ***Entry forms received after this deadline will be charged an additional \$75.00 per bull.*** Entry forms received after October 1, 2020 will not be accepted. A consignor may substitute bulls or drop bulls up to this date.
3. The total feed, yardage and pre-sale cost is \$ 825 per bull. This fee must be paid by **September 18, 2020**. **DO NOT MISS THIS DEADLINE!** Bulls will not be accepted at the test site if this fee has not been paid in full. ALL entry forms must be fully completed – NO EXCEPTIONS. This fee is refundable until **October 1, 2020**.
4. Consignors will be provided a “Volunteer sign-up sheet” with the final entry form. We greatly appreciate your willingness to help for ONE of several choices, for the bull test.
5. A maximum of 150 bulls will be tested. Each WBA member may consign up to five (5) bulls. Additional bulls may be accepted in case less than 120 bulls have been entered by **September 18, 2020**. If entries exceed capacity, space will be allocated based upon:
 - a. Date entry received
 - b. Previous test participation
 - c. Number of entries in each breed
6. The test is open to bulls of all recognized beef breeds. Each breed must have a minimum of five bulls to participate in the test. No awards will be granted to breeds with less than ten bulls entered in the test.
7. Composites must be at least 25% Angus, must be product of registered parents, and must be registered with a breed association. Examples include: Chiangus, Simangus, Balancer, Lim-flex, Brangus and non 1A Red Angus.
8. Bulls must be born between **January 1, 2020 and March 31, 2020**.
9. All breeds must be registered as purebred except Simmental bulls which must be at least 7/8 Simmental.
10. Red Angus must be a category 1A to sell “Red Angus” all other Red Angus will be tested and sold as Angus Composites.
11. Signed registration papers and adjusted 205-day weaning weights calculated by each respective breed association must be received by Secretary, Julie Himmelberger no later than November 2, 2020. Any corrections of information or missing information is also due by November 2, 2020. Bulls missing EPDs and/or 205-day weights will not be catalogued and will be removed as outs. Consignors that do not have registration papers signed and received by November 2, 2020 may be required to take their bulls’ home without further refunds.
12. Bulls must be delivered to the Beus test facility from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, **October 9, 2020**. All bulls must weigh a minimum of **650 pounds** off the truck at the feed yard. Bulls will not be accepted unless they have met ALL the conditions of entry. Washington bulls need a C.O.P. (Certificate of Permit or Haul Slip). All out of state bulls need Health Certificate and Brand Inspection Papers. After a warm-up period, the 120-day bull test will begin on **October 23, 2020** and finish on **February 20, 2021**. Beginning and ending weights will be a one-day weight. Mid-test weight will be taken at about 60 days. Progress reports will be emailed to consignors and available to view on website: www.wballc.org
13. All bulls must be **LEGIBLY TATTOOED** and the tattoo must match the registration papers.

14. **All bulls will be checked on-delivery for obvious disease or sickness, warts or ringworm.** All bulls exhibiting such characteristics will not be accepted for the test. Bulls deemed to be unmanageable and/or dangerous by the Bull Test Management may be returned to the consignor at any time, at the consignor's expense.
15. No bull may be removed from the test facilities without approval from Bull Test Management. Bulls may be removed from the test only for injury or chronic illness and at the discretion of the Bull Test Management.
16. All consignors are required to produce proof of a negative BVD-PI test prior to October 1, 2020. If proof is not provided, bulls will not be allowed to test.
17. All Bulls must have two rounds of vaccination prior to weaning with the following.
 - Bovishield Gold 5 or equivalent + Manneheimia Haemolytica
 - Ultrabac 8 or equivalent
 - De-wormed: injectable required
 - Recommend injectable mineral be given. Multimin or a similar product Requires a vet prescription
 - BVD test sample taken and send sample in
 - Testicle inspection
18. Bulls must receive booster shots approximately four weeks prior to arrival at the test facilities. Bulls will be given another set of booster shots and dewormed at the test facility. Tassels on the sheath should be trimmed prior to delivery to lesson infections. **NOTE** – Documentation “Conditions of Consignment Acceptance” included in entry packet for vaccinations must be completed.
19. Bulls must be weaned at least 45 days prior to arrival at the test facility and it is recommended bulls are weaned for at least 60 days prior to arrival at the test facility.
20. Bulls delivered to the test facility will remain the property of the consignor. The Western Breeders Association will assume no responsibility for loss due to sickness, injury, or death. Insurance on the bulls is optional and the owner's responsibility. In the event of a bull's death, the owner will be notified as soon as possible. Should the owner wish to have a necropsy exam, such an exam will be at the owner's expense. Consignors will be charged individually for treatment of sick bulls.
21. Consignors are encourage to view their animals while on test during the test facility's regular business hours from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Any business matters or complaints should be directed to Mike Wright at 509-961-0603.
22. All bulls will be given a breeding soundness evaluation at the conclusion of the test, and will also be evaluated for structural soundness by a sifting committee. Sifting can take place any time up to the sale (e.g. an animal could be in the sale but develop lameness and not respond to treatment so the next qualifying animal would be placed in the sale order according to their test index)
23. Bulls will be indexed on a within-breed basis. Final test index will be based 50 percent on test gain and 50 percent on adjusted yearling weight.
24. To qualify for the sale, a bull:
 - a. Must achieve a rating of satisfactory on a breeding soundness exam (BSE)
 - b. Must have an adjusted 365-day scrotal circumference of at least 32 cm
 - c. Must be structurally sound as determined by the sifting committee
 - d. Must index 85 or above on final station index,
 - e. Must be in the top 75% (based on the number of bulls of that breed starting the test) of their breed in final index. If all bulls within a breed qualify on BSE and structural soundness, and index 95 or above, then all bulls of that breed will sell. The sifting process will be used to determine which bulls below an index of 95 will qualify for the sale as part of the top 75%. Sifting will start at the 85 index and work upward until the poorest 25% have been eliminated from each breed.
25. If the Angus breed has 50 bulls or more, it may be divided into a growth division and a birth weight division. Calving ease Angus bulls must have an actual birth weight of 80 pounds or less, a birth EPD of +2.0 or lower,

a CED of 8+ and, in addition, both the sire and dam must have a birth EPD of +2.0 or less based on the updated EPD information available **February 1, 2021**, to qualify for the low birth weight EPD division. These bulls will be indexed within their respective divisions. In the event the bulls in the low birth weight EPD division have a group average ADG greater than the bulls in the growth division, the gain index for both divisions in the breed will be based on the overall ADG for that breed.

26. If the Hereford Breed has 24 or more bulls with 6 or more of the bulls entered meeting the low birth EPD requirements, the Hereford bulls may be divided into low birth and growth divisions. Calving ease Hereford bulls must have an actual birth weight of 80 pounds or less, a birth EPD of 2.0 or less and a CED of 2.0 or greater and, in addition, both the sire and dam must have a birth EPD of 3.5 or less based on the updated EPD information on **February 1, 2021**, to qualify for the low birth EPD division.
27. Twins and embryo transfer calves are not eligible in either the Angus or Hereford breeds to qualify as calving ease bulls.
28. Private treaty sales will not be allowed prior to the sale. No signs, sales materials, or ranch promotion is allowed in parking areas or on the sale grounds except for those provided by Western Breeders Assoc. or placed on the Sale Pens by the consignor to promote bulls going through the sale. Bulls entered in the test, except those disqualified for poor performance, breeding soundness, structural soundness, or injury, will be required to sell through the bull test sale.
29. Sales expenses, including 4% for the sale manager, 1% for the auctioneer, and other expenses prorated on a percentage basis, will be subtracted from the sale proceeds on the final statement. Sale proceeds will be distributed within 30 days of the sale. This allows time for all sale expense bills to be received by the sale manager and completion of a thorough and accurate accounting of prorated sale expenses.
30. Management will have discretion in selecting the first few bulls to sell in each breed. Subsequent sale order will be based on final station index.
31. Most current EPD's provided directly by the breed association will be the only EPD's reproduced on test reports or printed in the sale catalog.
32. Bulls must go through the sale to be eligible for performance awards.
33. Bulls being DNA tested (enhanced EPDs) must have DNA results reported to Bull Test Management by October 1, 2020. Consignors are required to include the results of enhanced EPDs on all bulls that have enhanced EPDs in all materials published relating to the Bull Test and Sale. We strongly encourage you to provide sire verification on all AI'd bulls.