



*Bullriders
Of
America, Inc*



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The Bullriders of America, Inc., its officers, directors, contractors and committees are not responsible or liable for injury or damage to persons, property or stock of any owner, contestant or assistant. Each contestant by act of their entry, waive all claims against those parties for any and all injuries they or their property may acquire.

SPONSORING COMMITTEE

1. Sponsoring committee will furnish an attended first aid vehicle or ambulance to stand by during the performance and following each performance to properly take care of injured contestants. It is recommended, but not mandatory, that a doctor be on the rodeo grounds.
2. Sponsoring committee shall provide a minimum of \$1,500 added prize money.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

1. Every person, wishing to be considered for membership with the Bullriders of America, Inc., must submit, to the association secretary, a completed membership application and subsequent dues.
2. Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors and approved by the members.
3. Membership fees shall be \$100. Memberships will be withheld from earnings if check is at least \$300.
4. Members, Contractors and Personnel should carry the same card number each year. If a member doesn't pay his dues for the new year, the card number may be retired.
5. A card will be issued to a current BOA member who has never passed a bad check and will be allowed to write checks for entry fees.
6. A card will be issued to any new member and those members who have passed bad checks in the past. These members may be required to pay entry fees

CASH ONLY, or put up a \$100 bond when they buy their card. If the member puts up the \$100 bond and does not pass a bad check, the bond will be returned at the end of the year. If the bond is put up in the form of a check the member's actual check will be returned to them. In the event the member puts up a \$100 bond and passes a bad check the \$100 will go to the association and the member will be required to either pay cash or put up another \$ 100 bond until they go one year without passing a bad check.

7. When a member buys a BOA card they will be given a buddy pass. This pass will be honored unless published otherwise. To use the buddy pass, you must also show your card at the gate.
8. If a bull rider purchases his membership card at a BOA sanctioned event, the event secretary may take \$5 for their time.
9. All personnel who wish to be considered for the BOA finals must have their cards purchased by the date set by the Board of Directors.

ENTRY FEES

1. Entry fees will be \$70 minimum. Contractors are allowed a maximum of \$10 stock charge. A minimum of \$60 will go to prize money.
2. Fees must be paid 30 minutes prior to the start of the bull ride. (Otherwise the contractor/ event secretary must be notified).
3. Any contestant who fails to show up for a sanctioned event will have to pay a \$75 fine , and will not be allowed to compete until this fine is paid. The event secretary will be able to collect these fines, as the names will be listed on the Black List. \$ 50 goes to the contractor and \$ 25 goes to association.
4. Any money won while on the Black List will not count towards year end standings.

5. First year cardholders must pay CASH ONLY or post \$100 bond.
6. Second year cardholders may pay by cash or check. (Unless BLACKLISTED).
7. BOA secretary will notify contestants and stock contractors of current blacklist. This will be updated each month.

DRAWING FOR STOCK

1. A judge must draw all stock in contest.
2. Bulls must be drawn by a standard draw. If more than one contractor's bulls are to be drawn, all contractors bulls must be thrown together and drawn from a hat.
3. The judges will draw 2 bulls to be used for re-rides. The first reride will compete on the first reride bull drawn. The second reride will compete on the second re-ride bull drawn. Reride bulls will be drawn at the time of the official draw. The two reride bulls will be listed on the official judge's sheets only.

DRAWING OUT

1. There will be no drawing out after the stock has been drawn for the performance unless the contestant has a release from both judges.
2. If the contestant draws out after the stock has been drawn, he will be subject to a \$25 fine to be paid prior to the close of the performance. This fine will go to the association.
3. In a multiple head bull ride, if a rider does not compete on all bulls drawn, he will be ineligible to win money. The only exception being medically unable to compete. The medical exception will be determined by both judges.
4. Contestants may draw out of the bull ride until 48 hours after the books close. Once books close, there

will be no draw outs.

5. No stock will be given until entry fees are paid.
6. All no shows and turnouts will be required to pay a \$75 fine. \$ 50 goes to contractor and \$ 25 goes to association.
7. The event secretaries are to pull the names of contestants who fail to show and send the names to the BOA secretary, who will collect no show fees.
8. Contestants turning out due to injury or illness will not be responsible for fees with a certified doctor's excuse or approval from judges or stock contractor.
9. Contestants turning out due to injury will not be allowed to compete in a BOA sanctioned event for 48 hours after initial turn out.
10. Contestants must present a certified doctor's excuse to the BOA secretary to be kept as official record.

GENERAL BULL RIDING RULES

1. Stock must be ridden for 8 seconds.
2. Time will start when the bull breaks the plain of the chute.
3. Riding is to be done with one hand and a loose rope with or without a handhold.
4. Catching spurs in the rope, knots or hitches to prevent the rope from falling off the bull when the rider leaves him will not be permitted.
5. Rope must have a bell. No bell, no marking.
6. The bell must be under the belly of the bull. No more than two bells may be used and must be of the conventional type attached by a strap.
7. Point of attachment shall be within two inches of the rope.
8. At the rider's discretion, a hotshot will not be used on the bull while he is in the chute.
9. The hotshot will be used from the back of the bucking chute only.

10. If a bull does not perform up to his potential, the judge can opt for a re-ride.
11. If the flank comes off of the bull, the rider will be given the option of a re-ride and may be taken on the same bull if the contractor agrees.
12. The rider must complete a qualified ride before a re-ride will be offered.
13. The judge will award a re-ride option if it is deserved.
14. In the event of a re-ride option, the judges must inform the cowboy of his score and the re-ride animal.
15. The cowboy must inform the judge of his decision to take his score or take the re-ride no later than one bull ride after his initial ride.
16. Riders who are fouled at the chute or if the bull falls completely down will be entitled to a re-ride. If the bull stops, the rider will be given the option of a re-ride.
17. If the chute gate a rider leaves from bounces back into the arena and it interferes with the ride, the judge, at his discretion, may award a re-ride.
18. In the event a rider is fouled or a bull falls completely down, the rider must immediately declare himself and must not try to ride the stock unless otherwise instructed by the judges.
19. If a bull hips itself to the point his momentum stops, NOT changes direction, a re-ride option will be awarded at the judges discretion. The rider does NOT need to declare himself.
20. The judge may award a re-ride if a foreign object or rope horse substantially interferes with the cowboy or the stock's performance.
21. No re-rides will be given for failed equipment. Borrowed equipment is considered owned.
22. If a rider makes a qualified ride with any part of the

- rope in his riding hand, he is to be marked.
23. The rider must use 5 point straight rowels, one rowel per shank. No rowels will be locked or bent.
 24. No foreign objects may be attached to the bull rope.
 25. Horns should be tipped to the size of a half dollar when size allows.
 26. Horns not tipped to the size of a half dollar upon arrival at the Finals; the contractor shall be fined \$50 per animal, payable to the BOA.
 27. A contractor wishing to enter a BOA sanctioned event may do so only if the following applies:
 - ◆ He is not the only contractor with bulls at the event.
 - ◆ The bull he has been drawn is from another contractor's pen.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Being bucked off before the buzzer.
2. Touching stock with free hand or arm.
3. Riding with rowels too sharp in the judges' opinion.
4. Placing spurs or chaps under the rope when the rope is being tightened.
5. Intentionally putting spurs in knots.
6. Unprofessional conduct or obscene language.

GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT

1. There will be NO consumption of alcohol behind the bucking chutes at any BOA sanctioned event.
2. A fine of \$500 for any BOA Board member or personnel drinking alcohol 1 hour before or during an event for the 1st offense. Second offense would be banned from the association. A drinking violation must be witnessed by at least 2 people.
3. Any unprofessional behavior while at an event or on grounds will be subject to the same sanctions as above.
4. Standard western attire will be worn behind the

bucking chutes. This includes a cowboy hat and long sleeve western shirt. Anyone not complying will be fined \$25.

FINALS PERSONNEL

1. All personnel wishing to be eligible to work the finals must work 2 BOA sanctioned event to be eligible to work the BOA finals.
2. All personnel who wish to be considered for the BOA finals must have their cards purchased by the date set by the Board of Directors.

FINALS CONDUCT/PROCEDURES

1. Finals Bullfighter and Judge Ballots will be mailed to all contestants with money won as per the date set by the Board of Directors.
2. Signed Ballots must be returned to the secretary as per the date set by the Board of Directors.
3. All bull riders finishing in the top 25 will be responsible for calling in on the date and time set by the Secretary.
4. All finals contestants will be responsible for paying Finals Entry Fees as per the date and time set by the Secretary.
5. All finals contestants will be expected to sign in no later than 5 pm the first night of the finals.
6. Those contestants not checked in by 5 pm will be fined \$25.
7. Contestants not checked in by 6 pm will be replaced by the 1st alternate.
8. There will be a mandatory meeting prior to the first performance.
9. Those finalists not present will be fined \$25.
10. Contestants must compete at the Finals to collect year end awards. The only exception being a medical waiver.

11. Finals Award ties will be decided by highest rider score. If rider scores are the same, awards may be duplicated at discretion of the Board of Directors.
12. Bullfighters will be paid a minimum salary of \$500 at the Finals.
13. The bullfighters will also receive the Finals awards.
14. Bullfighters will not receive a compensatory membership card, for the next year, as a result of working the Finals.

CONTRACTORS / PRODUCERS

1. All contractors or producers wanting to be considered for membership must be voted on and approved by the Board of Directors.
2. All new contractors shall put up a \$500 Bond prior to receiving a membership card and putting on their first event. After an uneventful first year as a contractor, they will be given their \$500 bond back.
3. All contractors or producers must sell 20 memberships to the BOA.
4. All contractors or producers will allow BOA corporate sponsor banners to be hung up at all BOA sanctioned events.
5. All contractors or producers wishing to bring bulls to the BOA Finals must sanction at least 3 BOA first approved events and a minimum 3 outs.
6. All Finals bulls must buck at least once to be eligible for payment.
7. Finals bulls having an average score of 21 points or more will be awarded a \$25 per head bonus. Bonus money will be mailed to contractors after the completion of the finals and the judges scores are tallied.
8. Bulls must be at the BOA finals to be eligible for stock year end awards. If an animal selected for the finals and becomes injured, ill or unable to compete that bull may still be nominated for the Bull of the

- Year award with a certified veterinarianian release.
9. Contractors or producers will be responsible for taking 10% sanction fee from the total purse. This will be sent to the association secretary along with the results and judges sheets, which must be received within **14 days (postmarked)** of the event. A \$100 fine shall be assessed for non-compliance.
10. The sanction fee may be reduced to 7% if the event is only BOA sanctioned **AND** has \$5,000 or more in added money.
11. The 10% sanction fee will be waived if less than 7 cardholders compete in a sanctioned event. The 10% will be added back into the prize money and paid out to the riders. A copy of the judge's sheet must accompany results if the fee is to be waived.
12. Events not submitting sanction fees due to lack of 7 BOA cardholders will not count towards the event qualification for the Finals. Money won by a rider will still count towards final standings.
13. If after 2 years an event does not submit sanction fees, the event will not be sanctioned for the 3rd year.
14. All event contracts must be into the association office at least **45 days (postmarked)** prior to the event. A \$100 fine shall be assessed for non-compliance.
15. The Board of Directors must approve all event contracts before they will be printed in the newsletter.
16. Any BOA committee wishing to change contractors must do so by written request to the Board of Directors, stating reasons for the change request and must be approved by the Board of Directors.
17. At a BOA first approved event, at least one judge must be a BOA approved judge.
18. At a BOA first approved event, at least one bullfighter must be a BOA bullfighter.

PAYOUT

1. If the added money is less than \$5,000, with 20 or more contestants are entered six (6) places shall be paid.
2. Four (4) places shall be paid if 19 or fewer contestants are entered. The only exception is that sufficient qualified rides are made.

Pay off will be as follows:

Less than \$5,000 added Payout						
Place	6 rides	5 rides	4 rides	3 rides	2 rides	1 ride
1 ST	33%	33%	40%	50%	60%	100%
2 ND	25%	25%	30%	30%	40%	
3 RD	18%	19%	20%	20%		
4 TH	12%	13%	10%			
5 TH	7%	10%				
6 TH	5%					

3. If the added money is \$5,000 or more eight (8) places shall be paid. The only exception is that sufficient qualified rides are made. Pay off will be as follows:

\$5,000 or more added Payout								
Place	8 rides	7 rides	6 rides	5 rides	4 rides	3 rides	2 rides	1 ride
1 ST	30%	31.5%	33%	33%	40%	50%	60%	100%
2 ND	23%	24%	25%	25%	30%	30%	40%	
3 RD	17%	17.5%	18%	19%	20%	20%		
4 TH	11%	11.5%	12%	13%	10%			
5 TH	7%	7%	7%	10%				
6 TH	5%	5%	5%					
7 TH	4%	3.5%						
8 TH	3%							

4. If there is a mandatory long go short go, 6-10 riders will go back to the short go unless otherwise stated

in the newsletter.

5. If no qualified rides are made, entry fees, plus added money, less stock charge will be paid back to each contestant competing. Money will NOT count to towards year-end standings.

JUDGES

1. If the judge is a current cardholder in an active association, that judge will be immediately approved upon the purchase of a BOA card.
2. However, a photocopy of the card held in the other association must be filed with the membership application.
3. BOA judges must have their cards purchased by the date set by the Board of Directors to be eligible to judge the BOA finals.
4. The Finals Judges will use three 3 judges. Two (2) arena judges and one (1) back judge. Finals judges must rotate between all 3 positions.
5. The ½ point system may be used.
6. At a BOA first approved event, at least one judge must a BOA approved judge.
7. If judging a BOA sanctioned event, ALL bulls bucked MUST be MARKED whether ridden or not.
8. Judges must inspect stock 1 hour prior to events scheduled start time for horn regulations and visible injury.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The BOA is governed by a 10 member Board of Directors.
2. Term on the Board of Directors shall be 2 years.
3. Board Members are elected by the General Membership in alternating years as follows:
1st Year—President, Contract Director. and 2 Bull Riding Directors

2nd Year—Vice President, Contract Personnel Director, Marketing Director and 2 Bull Riding Directors.

4. Members of the Board of Directors shall promote the BOA in a positive and professional manner at all times.
5. There will be NO consumption of alcohol at any Board of Directors meeting or General Membership meeting held by the BOA.
6. Board shall meet every 60 days or at next scheduled event.
7. If member of the Board of Directors or his designee misses 2 meetings in concession, he or she will be removed from the board.
8. Board Members shall appoint their own designee to attend a Board of Directors meeting they are unable to attend.
9. Finals announcer and barrel man shall be chosen by the Board.

PRESIDENT

1. The President shall be elected by the general membership to 2 year term.
2. President shall schedule and preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.
3. The President shall assist in the selection of agenda items for meetings of the Board of Directors
4. The President shall not vote on issues presented of the Board of Directors except to break a tie vote.
5. The President shall not serve as a board member on any other bull riding association.

VICE-PRESIDENT

1. The Vice-President shall be elected by the general membership to 2 year term.
2. Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President during his absence.

3. The Vice-President shall vote on issues presented of the Board of Directors.
4. The Vice-President shall not serve as a board member on any other bull riding association.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

1. The secretary/treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
2. The treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received by the BOA and dispensed on their behalf.
3. The secretary shall keep accurate membership and standings records and minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors.
4. The secretary/treasurer shall present minutes and a financial accounting at each Board of Directors meeting.
5. The secretary/treasurer shall be paid \$300 each month from January through December.
6. The BOA shall pay the phone bill of the President and the Secretary. The Secretary will be responsible for keeping records of the phone bill.
7. All information for the newsletter should be in the office no later than the 10th day of each month.
8. The secretary shall compile a monthly newsletter which will be in the mail to all cardholders no later than the 20th day of each month.
9. If a member has not received their newsletter by the 5th day of the month, they should contact the Secretary immediately.
10. The secretary is not expected to track down the members who have moved and not left a forwarding address.
11. The secretary/treasurer shall vote on issues presented to the Board of Directors.
12. The Secretary/Treasurer shall not serve as a board

member on any other bull riding association.

BULL RIDING DIRECTORS

1. Four (4) Bull Riding Directors shall serve on the Board of Directors at all times
2. Each Bull Riding Director shall be elected by the general membership to 2 year term.
3. Two (2) Bull Riding Directors shall be elected each year. Bull Riding Directors shall be elected to a staggered two (2) year term.
4. Bull Riding Directors shall be the primary contact for issues related to riders .
5. Bull Riding Directors shall assist the Contract Director in the selection of stock for the Finals.
6. Bull Riding Directors shall vote on issues presented to the Board of Directors.

STOCK CONTRACTOR DIRECTOR

1. The Contract Director shall be elected by the general membership to 2 year term.
2. The Contract Director shall be the primary contact for issues related to stock contractors or producers.
3. The Contract Director shall vote on issues presented of the Board of Directors.
4. The Contract Director shall select the stock for the Finals. He shall solicit input from the bull riding directors

CONTRACT PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

1. The Contract Personnel Director shall be elected by the general membership to 2-year term.
2. The Contract Personnel Director shall be the contact for issues related to judges, bullfighters, barrel men and announcers or rule interpretation.
3. The Contract Personnel Director shall vote on issues presented to Board of Directors.

MARKETING DIRECTOR

1. The term of the Marketing Director shall be 2 years.
2. The Marketing Director shall solicit and negotiate sponsorship contracts on behalf the BOA.
3. The Marketing Director shall be paid a 24% commission on all sponsorship contracts signed unless otherwise stated.
4. Commission shall be paid by the treasurer when funds are deposited in the BOA account.
5. The Marketing Director shall not vote on issues presented to Board of Directors.
6. The President shall not serve as a board member on any other bull riding association.

2023 Board of Directors

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