BULLRIDERS OF AMERICA



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RULE BOOK

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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 the persons, property or stock of any owner, contestant or assistant. Each contestant, by act of their entry, waives all claims against those parties for any and all injuries they or their property may incur.

Sponsoring Committee

1. The sponsoring committee will furnish an attended first aid vehicle or ambulance to stand by during the performance and follow each performance to properly take care of injured contestants. It is recommended, but not mandatory, that a doctor be on the rodeo grounds.
2. The sponsoring committee shall provide a minimum of $3000 added prize money per night if multiple events.

Membership and Dues

1. Every person wishing to be considered for membership with 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 any prize money checks of $300 + at BOA sanctioned events.
4. Members, Contractors, Producers and Personnel will be given a physical membership card, and one physical buddy pass each season. If this buddy pass is lost, there will be a $25 charge for a replacement pass. This pass will be honored unless published otherwise. Buddy passes must be shown for entry. If a member does not 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 members who have passed a bad check in the past. These members will be required to pay entry fees CASH ONLY or put up a $100 bond when they buy their new card. If the member puts up the $100 bond and does not pass a bad check, the bond will be returned to them. If the bond is put up in the form of a check, the members' actual check will be returned to them. In the event the member puts up the $100 bond and passes a bad check, the $100 bond 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. All personnel who wish to be considered for the BOA Finals must have their cards purchased by August 1st.

Membership fees are as follows:

Associate Member - $25	Judge - $100
Announcer - $100	New Producer - $600
Bullfighter - $100	Producer - $100
Contestant - $100	New Stock Contractor - $600
Funnyman - $100	Stock Contractor - $100

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. Entry fees must be paid 1 hour 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, and the names will be listed on the Blacklist.
   $50 will go to the contractor and $25 will go to the association.
4. First year cardholders can pay cash only or post a $100 bond.
5. Second year cardholders may pay cash or check. If a rider is on the Blacklist, they must pay by cash.
6. The BOA secretary will notify contestants and stock contractors of the current Blacklist. This will be updated each month.

Drawing for Stock

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

Drawing Out During Season

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 exemption will be determined by both judges.
4. Contestants may draw out of the bull ride up to 48 hours before the start of the event.
5. No stock will be given until entry fees, and any fines are paid.
6. No shows and turnouts will be required to pay fees and a $75 fine. $50 goes to the contractor and $25 will go to the association.
7. The event secretaries are to pull the names of contestants who fail to show and send the names to the BOA secretary. The event and/or BOA Secretary will collect no-show fees and distribute the funds accordingly.
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 contractors.
9. Contestants turning out due to injury will not be allowed to compete in a BOA sanctioned event for 48 hours after the initial turnout or with judges' approval. If a rider decides to get on within the 48-hour window, they will be treated as a turnout and will owe the fee and $75 fine.
10. Contestants must present a certified doctor's excuse to the BOA secretary to be kept as official record.

Drawing out at Finals

1. Entry fees for finals are due by January 1st. Fees are non-refundable. If a rider draws out, their fee will go to the money added.
2. If a rider draws out a round during finals, they are ineligible to compete in the following round unless a doctor's note stating they are cleared to ride is provided. That rider would also be ineligible for the average.
3. If a rider draws out at finals and cannot return, an alternate rider may replace them after paying a $25 fee per round they would ride.

General Bull Riding Rules

1. Stock must be ridden for eight (8) seconds.
2. Time will start when the bull breaks the plane 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. The 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 the bull, the rider will be given the option of a re-ride and may be take on the same bull if the contractor agrees.
12. The rider must complete a qualified ride before a re-ride is 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 that the 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 or the bull falls completely down, the rider does NOT have to declare himself and will be given an option for a re-ride.
19. If a bull hips itself to the point his momentum stops, a re-ride option will be awarded at the judge's discretion.
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. Ther rider must use five (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.

***** The BOA will defer to the PRCA Rulebook if questions arise. *****

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 placing 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, personnel or contestant drinking alcohol 1 hour prior or during an event for the first offense. Second offense would be banned from the association. A drinking violation must be witnessed by at least two (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 at the Finals must work at two BOA sanctioned events to be eligible to work at 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' bullfighters and judges' ballots will be done through a finals group chat.
2. All bull riders finishing in the top 20 - 25 will be responsible for calling in on the date set by the secretary.
3. All Finals contestants will be responsible for paying Finals entry fees as per date and time set by the secretary.
4. The General Membership meeting will be held the Saturday of the Finals. Any Membership meeting will be fined $100.
5. All finals contestants are expected to be signed in by 5pm at Finals. Contestants who do not check in by 5pm will be fined $25.
6. Contestants who do not check in by 6pm will be replaced with the first alternate.
7. Contestants must compete at the Finals to collect year end awards. The only exception being a medical waiver.
8. Finals award ties will be decided by highest rider score. If rider scores are the same, awards may be duplicated at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Finals Voting Ballots

1. Bullriders will vote for the following at BOA Finals:
   - Event of the Year
   - New Event of the Year
   - Indoor Event of the Year
   - Producer of the Year
   - Stock Contractor of the Year
   - Bull of the Year
   - Most Improved Event of the Year
2. After Saturday Nights performance, Bullriders will vote for the following:
   - Bull of the Finals
   - Hard Luck Award

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 and Producers shall put up a $500 Bond prior to receiving a membership card and putting on their first event.
3. After an uneventful first year as a Contractor and or Producer, they will be given their $500 bond back.
4. All Contractors or Producers must sell 20 memberships to the BOA.
5. All Contractors or Producers will allow BOA corporate sponsor banners to be hung at all BOA sanctioned events.
6. All Contractors wishing to bring bulls to the BOA Finals must sanction at least three (3) BOA first approved events and a minimum three (3) outs. At the Board of Directors' discretion, and if at least three (3) Board members agree, this rule may be waived.
7. All Finals bulls must buck at least once to be eligible for payment.
8. Bulls must be at the BOA Finals to be eligible for stock year end awards. If an animal is 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 veterinarian release.
9. Contractors or Producers will be responsible for collecting/paying a 10% sanction fee for **less than** $5000 added from the total purse. This will be sent to the association Treasurer 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 $5000 or more added money. This will be sent to the association treasurer 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.

11. The 7% or 10% sanctioning fee will be applied no matter the number of riders.
12. All event contracts must be turned into the association office at least **45 days (postmarked) prior to the event.** A $100 fine shall be assessed for non-compliance.
13. The Board of Directors must approve all contracts before they are printed in the newsletter.
14. 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.
15. All BOA sanctioned events must have a minimum of two (2) judges.
16. At a BOA first approved event, at least one (1) judge must be a BOA approved judge.
17. At a BOA first approved event, at least one (1) bullfighter must be a BOA bullfighter.

Payout

1. Regardless of the added amount of money or number of contestants entered, six (6) places shall be paid as long as sufficient qualified rides are made.

Pay out as follows:

Place	6 rides	5 rides	4 rides	3 rides	2 rides	1 ride
1st	33%	33%	40%	50%	60%	100%
2nd	25%	25%	30%	30%	40%	
3rd	18%	19%	20%	20%		
4th	12%	13%	10%			
5th	7%	10%				
6th	5%					

2. If there is a mandatory long/ short go, 6-10 riders will go back to the short go unless otherwise stated in the newsletter.
3. If no qualified rides are made, entry fees, plus the added money, less the stock charge will be paid back to each contestant competing. Money will NOT count 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. However, a photocopy of the card held in the other association must be filed with the membership application.
2. BOA judges must have their cards purchased by the date set by the Board of Directors to be eligible to judge BOA Finals.
3. At Finals, 3 judges will be used. Two (2) arena judges and one (1) back judge. Judges will remain in their positions- no rotation.
4. The ½ point system may be used.

5. At a BOA first approved event, at least one judge must be a BOA approved judge.
6. If judging a BOA sanctioned event, **ALL** bulls bucked **MUST** be **MARKED** whether ridden or not.
7. 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 ten (10) member Board of Directors.
2. The term on the Board of Directors shall be two (2) years.
3. Board members are elected by the General Membership in alternating years as follows:
   1st year – President, Stock Contractor Director and two (2) Bull Riding Directors.
   2nd year – Vice President, Personnel Director and two (2) Bull Riding Directors.
4. Members of the Board of Directors shall always promote the BOA in a positive and professional manner.
5. There will be no consumption of alcohol at any Board of Directors meeting or General Membership meeting held by the BOA.
6. The Board of Directors shall meet every 60 days or at the next event scheduled.
7. If a member of the Board of Directors or his designee misses two (2) meetings in succession, he or she will be removed from the Board.
8. Board members shall appoint their own designee to attend a Board of Directors meeting if they are unable to attend.
9. Finals announcer and barrel man shall be chosen by the Board of Directors.

President

1. The President is responsible for maintenance of the organization's EIN documentation, maintaining an active EIN status as well as maintaining the Articles of Incorporation as such required by Nebraska State law.
2. The President shall be elected by the General Membership to a two (2) year term.
3. The President shall schedule and preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.
4. The President shall assist in the selection of agenda items for meetings of the Board of Directors.
5. The President shall NOT vote on issues presented to the Board of Directors except to break a tie vote.
6. The President shall not serve as a board member of any other bull riding association.

Vice-President

1. The Vice-President shall be elected by the General Membership to a two (2) year term.
2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President during his absence.
3. The Vice-President shall vote on issues presented to the Board of directors.

4. The Vice-President shall not serve as a board member of any other bull riding association.

Secretary

1. The Secretary shall be elected by the General Membership to a two (2) year term.
2. The Secretary shall be responsible for creating and distributing meeting minutes at each board meeting.
3. The Secretary shall keep accurate membership and event records.
4. The Secretary is responsible for creating and distributing the monthly BOA newsletter to the membership and social media platforms.
5. The Secretary shall maintain all social media as well as website.
6. The Secretary shall assist in the production of the Finals program.
7. The Secretary shall assist with maintaining and updating the rule book.
8. The Secretary shall be paid a wage of up to $3600 annually. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, this wage may be waived if funds are unavailable.
9. The Secretary shall vote on issues presented to the Board of Directors.
10. The Secretary shall not serve as a board member of any other bull riding association.

Treasurer

1. The Treasurer shall be elected by the General Membership to a two (2) year term.
2. The Treasurer shall provide financials at each Board of Directors meeting.
3. Upon request from any member of the Board, a treasury report and /or bank statements must be provided to the requester within 30 days. Failure to provide financials upon request will result in immediate removal from the Board of Directors. If removed, all financial and tax documents (i.e. Tax returns, account passwords, checkbook(s), debit card(s), monies, etc.) will be surrendered back to the Board of Directors within 30 days of said removal.
4. All financial and/or investment accounts (i.e. Checking, savings, CD's etc.) must have two (2) Board member signatures on the account.
5. The Treasurer is responsible for collecting, preparing, providing and/or filing any required State or Federal tax documents (i.e. Tax returns, 1099's etc.).
6. The Treasurer shall be paid a wage of up to $2400 annually. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, this wage may be waived if funds are unavailable.
7. The Treasurer shall vote on issues presented to the Board of Directors.
8. The Treasurer shall not serve as a board member of any other bull riding association.

Bull Riding Directors

1. Four (4) Bull Riding Directors shall serve on the Board of Directors.
2. Each Bull Riding Director shall be elected by the General Membership to a two (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 Contractor Director shall be elected by the General Membership to a two (2) year term.
2. The Contractor Director shall be the primary contact for issues related to stock contractors or producers.
3. The Contractor Director shall vote on issues presented to the Board of Directors.
4. The Contractor Director shall select the stock for the Finals. The Contractor director shall solicit input from the Bull Riding Directors.

Personnel Director

1. The Personnel Director shall be elected by the General Membership to a two (2) year term.
2. The Personnel Director shall be the contact for issues related to judges, bullfighters, barrel men and announcers or rule interpretation.
3. The Personnel Director shall vote on issues presented to the Board of Directors.

2026 Board of Directors

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