



High Desert Bucking Bull Assn.

## 2022 HIGH DESERT BUCKING BULL ASSOCIATION (HDBBA) RULES AND GUIDELINES

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## **General Rules and Regulations**

### **1: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AUTHORITY**

By payment of annual dues participants agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in this document by the HDBBA and will always be subject to the same rules and regulations in conjunction with the HDBBA produced, sanctioned or co-sanctioned events. These rules are subject to change or modify, only if those changes are deemed necessary to better conduct HDBBA events, members, and participants.

### **2: MEMBERSHIP**

The annual fee;

- a. Regular Membership \$150
- b. Women's Membership \$100
- c. Junior Membership \$50

Said fee becomes due on January 1 of each year. A membership application provided by the HDBBA & W9 shall be filled out and sent along with payment of the full membership fee to the HDBBA office.

Memberships may be cancelled or denied by the Board of Directors for any cause detrimental to the best interest of the HDBBA.

Any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or organization may become a member of the HDBBA by applying to the HDBBA and pay the required fees. To be eligible for any HDBBA awards or prizes, bull owners must be current HDBBA members in good standings. Any membership submitted as a firm, partnership, corporation, or organization, must individually name all members associated with the membership. Any bull entered in a HDBBA sanctioned event as a partnership, the partnership must have a current HDBBA membership, unless all members of the partnership are current HDBBA member in good standings. Each individual name to be listed as an owner/participant for a competing bull will need to have filled out a separate membership form and paid a separate membership fee.

An Annual HDBBA memberships is required for ABBI co-sanctioned entries.

### **3: BAD CHECKS**

If a participant pays his/her fees or membership with a check that is returned, this will result in a \$100 fine and a \$30 return check fee. In the event of this happening HDBBA member must pay in the form of a money order, credit card or cashier's check ONLY until the HDBBA Board of Directors approves it is unnecessary.

### **4: EVENT SANCTIONING**

Any person or person(s) may request to sanction an event with the HDBBA. The President and Board of Directors will have final approval of all proposed sanctioning events. Approval shall be based on;

- a. other approved HDBBA events
- b. other events in the region
- c. adequacy of the facility where the proposed event will be held

An event that is approved by the HDBBA must comply with all association rules. The HDBBA reserves the right to deny sanctioning or cancel the sanctioning of an event which it deems not to be in the best interest of the HDBBA.

## **5: EVENT JUDGES/JUDGING**

All judges for HDBBA sanctioned events must be named by event management fifteen (15) days prior to the closing date of entries and be approved by the President and the Board of Directors. The number of judges for HDBBA approved events may not be less than four (4) approved judges. It is the responsibility of the producer to compensate all payments due to judges and personnel. An event may choose to use six (6) judges for scoring the competing animals. For events using six (6) judges the high and low score will be eliminated. Event bulls will be scored by a maximum of 25 points scoring system. The judges will be required to score a bull from zero to twenty five (0-25) points using quarter points based on the bulls ability in all of the five categories; buck, kick, spin, degree of difficulty, and intensity.

## **6: PERSONNEL**

Judges, gate men, arena help, and production labor will be provided by the event producer. Only these designated individuals will be permitted to conduct their specific task. Producer is responsible for all and any costs associated with the event they are producing. **HDBBA WILL NOT be responsible for any costs accrued for a producer's events.**

## **7: ANIMAL PENS AND CHECK-IN**

All bulls competing in HDBBA sanctioned events must be housed in the pens provided by the event and must be checked in by the time and date specified by the event. Bulls can be penned together, but they must be put back in assigned pen no less than one (1) hour before the event starts. This is the contractor's responsibility. A member's failure to comply with the check-in date and time specified may result in disqualification and forfeiture of the fees. Events must provide enough individual pen space for all bulls entered. Events must have all pens assembled before the designated check in time for bulls to arrive. Only bulls entered in a HDBBA event may be unloaded at an event.

Check-in times will be event specific. Participant MUST contact the event producer 48 hrs. in advance to plan for early arrival outside designated check-in times. Late arrivals may be subject to

a \$100 per bull late arrival penalty. Habitual late arrivals may be subject to higher penalty and/or disqualification according to the HDBBA Board of Directors discretion.

## **8: POINTS**

Points shall be awarded at all HDBBA sanctioned events that will accumulate for year-end awards. Points shall be awarded at HDBBA sanctioned events in the following manner;

- Points will be based on the bulls score at each event. For example, a bull that scores 85.5 points will have that added to the year-end total.

## **9: PAYOUTS**

HDBBA sanctioned Futurity; Derby & Classic events will be as follows;

- a. Up to 20% of entry fee may be deducted by the producer
- b. 10% will be deducted for Year End Finals
- c. \$20 will be charged for entry processing (HDBBA office charge)
- d. \$5 will be charged Dummy Maintenance fee (dummy classes only)

## **10: HDBBA FINALS**

Any Bull that has competed at one (1) HDBBA sanctioned events is eligible to enter the HDBBA Finals as long as the member is in good standing with the association. Awards for the Finals will be based on the competing animals placing at the finals for each class.

## **11: MISCONDUCT AND CHEATING**

In the event a participant becomes verbally or physically abusive to any official to any official, judge, employee, event producer, or other participant, the HDBBA reserves the right to disqualify that person from competing and any entry fees and/or winnings forfeited and may be suspended from participation for such a period of time as determined appropriate. Misconduct and/or cheating or attempting to cheat shall result in disciplinary action and may include suspension and/or fine. Second offense WILL result in mandatory suspension from entering all future HDBBA events.

## **12: DRESS CODE**

ALL participants at the HDBBA sanctioned events, during the Derby/Classic/Maturity event who are behind the bucking chutes, in the arena, and in the back pens, will be required to adhere to a western dress code and wear (jeans, long sleeve shirt with collar and western cowboy hat). A short sleeve, button shirt with a collar and western cowboy hat will be accepted during futurity competition. Those not adhering to this rule may be asked to leave the area behind the bucking chutes, arena and back pens.

### **13: APPEALS PROCEDURE**

Appeals of a disciplinary decision taken by the HDBBA must be submitted within writing 30 days after the incident. Appeals will be reviewed, and the decision WILL be final.

Any HDBBA member has the right to appeal any disciplinary action and/or file a grievance or complaint against another HDBBA member or HDBBA official for any reason. An appeal or grievance must be submitted to the HDBBA office, in writing, within 30 days of the incident. An appeal or grievance letter and a \$300 fee must be submitted to the HDBBA office within 30 days. The appeal or grievance will be reviewed by HDBBA Board of Directors and/or legal counsel. If a disciplinary action is overturned on appeal or a grievance is found to have merit and a member is disciplined pursuant to a filed grievance, the \$300 fee will be refunded. If a disciplinary action is upheld on appeal or a grievance is found to have no merit and a member is not disciplined pursuant to a filed grievance, the \$300 fee will be forfeited and retained by the HDBBA.

### **14: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK**

By entering an animal and/or attending a HDBBA produced or sanctioned event, participants assume the risk inherent in any bovine/rodeo type activity and hold harmless the HDBBA. The High Desert Bucking Bull Association, its president, board members, 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 HDBBA produced, sanctioned or co-sanctioned event. HDBBA shall NOT be responsible for the injury or death of any person attending any HDBBA produced, sanctioned or co-sanctioned event.

### **15: RODEO GROUND**

Let's be good stewards of the land. If you bring it in, take it out. If you create trash, throw it away. Let's leave the rodeo grounds more presentable when we leave than when we arrived.

## **Futurity Rules and Guidelines**

### **1: EVENT ENTRY/AGE REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible to compete in any HDBBA sanctioned futurity, bulls must be born on or between January 1 and December 31 of the year specified on the form, two years prior to the year of competition for the 2-yr. old's and one year prior on the yearling futurities. EXAMPLE FOR 2 yr. old's: 2018 calves (calves born on or between January 1 and December 31, 2018) are eligible to compete in 2020 two yr. old futurities. EXAMPLE FOR 1 yr. old's: 2019 calves (calves born on or between January 1 and December 31, 2019) are eligible to compete in 2020 yearling futurities.

### **2: AGE VERIFICATION**

Bulls do not have to be registered, but registration papers will be needed for age verification OR the HDBBA recommends a signed document from your vet stating he was mouthed and his estimated age. All bull ages will be on an honor system, however, if there is any discrepancy, we reserve the right to have the bull mouthed and checked by a vet of our choice, at the owner's expense.

### **3: ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION**

Two-year-old Futurity Bulls need to be branded (fire or freeze) with a permanent legible number brand. Yearling futurity bulls need to be branded OR a legible numbered ear tag for identification purposes.

### **4: HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

All bulls competing at HDBBA sanctioned events will be required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with results of a negative TB test and a negative Brucellosis test, unless otherwise posted in event details. These tests MUST have been performed during the calendar year of competition, unless otherwise posted in event details. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and a negative TB and Brucellosis test results must be presented at check-in. Additional requirements for individual states may differ. Member is responsible for checking with a state licensed Veterinarian to confirm any additional requirements. Bulls that do not meet these requirements will not be allowed to compete and will forfeit entry fees.

### **5: DUMMIES**

All bulls competing in an HDBBA sanctioned futurity will be bucked using a Bucking Bull Pro Black box 22 lb. dummy for the 2-yr. old's and a 15 lb. dummy for the yearlings. Producer is responsible for bringing or renting dummies approved through the HDBBA. All HDBBA sanctioned futurities,

bulls will be bucked for 4 seconds.

## **6: JUDGING GUIDELINES**

Event bulls will be scored by a maximum of 25 points scoring system. The judges will be required to score a bull from zero to twenty five (0-25) points using quarter points based on the bulls ability in all of the five categories; buck, kick, spin, degree of difficulty, and intensity.

## **7: ELECTRICAL DEVICES & FOREIGN OBJECTS**

Any electrical devices used to stimulate the animal cannot be used while he is in the chute, unless the bull is leaning bad or squatting, and he won't stand correctly. Contractors or HDBBA personnel are prohibited from hot shotting any bull while he is leaving the chute. Foreign objects in flank will not be allowed. Any owner that is not following this rule is subject to disqualification of the animal involved in the incident, and total disqualification from the competition and forfeiture of entry fees. In addition, failure to adhere to this rule could result in suspension and fine as outlined in MISCONDUCT & CHEATING.

## **8: HORNS**

All competing 2 yr. old futurity bulls must have their horns tipped (banana or loose horns are excluded from this rule) prior to arriving for the event and must be tipped to be the size of a 25-cent piece. Yearling bulls are also required to be tipped to be the size of a 25-cent piece. At the discretion of a judge or event official, if an un-tipped or inadequately tipped animal arrives at an HDBBA sanctioned or Co-sanctioned event, the bull may be subject to disqualification from the event and forfeiture of entry fees.

## **9: DRAW/CHUTE POSITION**

Bucking order will be determined by Random Draw. Delivery changes must be made within one week prior to event or prior to posting buck order.

## **10: TIE BREAKERS**

There will be no tie breakers given. If animals are tied after scores are checked, a straight split will be used.

## **11: 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 presented for said bull. In the event a vet release is provided to the HDBBA, entry fees will be refunded, and the bull will be ineligible for entry for 30 days from the vet release date. Bulls MAY BE replaced by another bull of the same age, with no penalties with a Signed Vet release stating original entered bull is unable to compete 1 week prior to event. (If entries were phoned in and not mailed with payment, owner must still pay the prior entry fee for event they did not show at, or they will not be eligible to enter any future events.)

## **12: REBUCKS**

At HDBBA 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. It is the flank man's responsibility to make sure the bull is properly flanked before calling for the release of the bull. No rebucks will be given if the bull rider nods for the bull but the contractor has not flanked the bull. It is also the Contractors responsibility to make sure the bull is looking before calling for the gate. If a futurity bull turns out backwards there will be no rebuck if the contractor calls for the gate

## **13: ARRIVAL / CHECK-IN**

Check-in times will be event specific. Participant MUST contact the HDBBA office to plan for early or late arrival outside designated check-in times. Late arrivals will be subject to a \$100 per bull late arrival penalty. Habitual late arrivals may be subject to higher penalty and/or disqualification.

## **14: EVENT PERSONNEL**

At all HDBBA sanctioned yearling and 2 yr. old futurities, gate men, arena help, secretaries and production labor will be provided by the event producer. Only these designated individuals will be permitted to conduct their specific tasks.

## **15: ENTRIES**

A: Entries will be taken through the HDBBA office. Entry open date will be event specific and posted prior to each event's opening date.

B: Entry close dates will be 14 days prior to the event, unless otherwise noted. Entries and entry fees **MUST BE IN THE HDBBA OFFICE** by 6:00 pm (Mountain Time) on "entries closed" date. (Not postmarked by entry closed date). Any and all received entries within 72 hours of closing entry time will be fined \$100 per bull, per entry. Any entries received after 72 hours will not be allowed to enter the event.



## Derby/Classic RULES AND GUIDELINES

### 1: PARTICIPANTS

All participants entering bulls in a HDBBA produced, or sanctioned classic/derby event must be a current member in good standing with the HDBBA.

### 2: AGE REQUIREMENT

To be eligible to compete in a HDBBA event, Classic and Derby bulls must be born between January 1 of the current year and December 31 current year.

### 3: AGE VERIFICATION

Bulls will be mouthed if there is concern from a participant, Board member, or President. Bulls that have been mouth verified thru another association will not be mouthed if proper paperwork has been presented Bulls mouthed by Vet and deemed too old will be disqualified. Vets' decision will stand. Owner will forfeit all winnings and fees.

### 4: ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

Bulls must be branded with a hot iron ID number. Bulls not branded as mentioned herein may be disqualified from any HDBBA produced or sanctioned event.

### 5: ENTRIES

A: Entries will be taken through the HDBBA office. Entry open date will be event specific and posted prior to each event's opening date.

B: Entry close dates will be 14 days prior to the event, unless otherwise noted. Entries and entry fees **MUST BE IN THE HDBBA OFFICE** by 6:00 pm (Mountain Time) on "entries closed" date. (Not postmarked by entry closed date). Any and all received entries within 72 hours of closing entry time will be fined \$100 per bull, per entry. Any entries received after 72 hours will not be allowed to enter the event.

### 6: ENTRY FEES

At HDBBA events entry fees for Derby bulls will be no less than \$550.00 and Classic bulls will be no less than \$650.00. \$150.00 will go towards the bull rider's pot. Fees may be higher at an event if approved by the Board of Directors. Fees will be posted before entry opening date.

## **7: HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

All bulls competing at a HDBBA event will be required to have record of a **negative TB test and a negative Brucellosis test within the current year of competition**. A copy of these tests and a Veterinary Health Inspection will be required. Specific requirements for individual states may differ and will be posted as ground rules in entry information. These tests and inspections must be presented at check-in time. Bulls that do not meet these requirements will not be allowed to unload or compete and will forfeit entry fees.

## **8: BRAND INSPECTIONS**

All western states require brand inspections. It is the participant's responsibility to have required brand inspection papers. There may be Brand Inspectors at each event.

## **9: PAYOUT**

At all HDBBA produced or sanctioned futurities payout will be as followed.

A: 20% of total fees taken out for the producer.

B: 10% of total fees taken out for HDBBA finals.

1: After all deductions added money will be put in the total pot. No deductions can or will be made from added money.

2: After all deductions one (1) hole must be paid for every five (5) entries. Payout percentage will be as listed below.

### **PAYOUT %**

1<sup>st</sup>. PLACE 100%

2<sup>nd</sup>. PLACE 60% 40%

3<sup>rd</sup>. PLACE 50% 30% 20%

4<sup>th</sup>. PLACE 40% 30% 20% 10%

5<sup>th</sup>. PLACE 30% 25% 20% 15% 10%

6<sup>th</sup>. PLACE 28% 22% 18% 14% 10% 8%

7<sup>th</sup>. PLACE 26% 20% 15% 12% 10% 9% 8%

8<sup>th</sup>. PLACE 24% 18% 15% 12% 10% 8% 7% 6%

9<sup>th</sup>. PLACE 22% 16% 14% 12% 10% 8% 7% 6% 5%

10<sup>th</sup>. PLACE 20% 15% 13% 11% 10% 8% 6.5% 6% 5.5% 5%

## **10: RIDERS**

At HDBBA events the Derby, Classic and Maturity events will be a bring your own rider. The Contractor will pay a \$150.00 fee that will go in the Bull Rider pot. Each Contractor is responsible for getting a rider for all bulls entered. Each event producer will do all they can to have extra bull riders at their event but there is no guarantee. Added money for bull riders is up to the event producer. A bull rider can only get on two bulls at each event (subject to unforeseen circumstances). If an owner has his own rider but that rider gets hurt during the event the owner may pick his own rider from the available riders at the event if the rider chosen only has one bull to get on.

## **11: COMPETITION FORMAT**

At all HDBBA events Classic and Derby bulls will be bucked and judged for 8 seconds.

## **12: HORNS**

All competing Classic/derby bulls must have their horns tipped (broken or loose horns are excluded from this rule) prior to arriving at check in for the event. Classic/Derby bulls need to be tipped to the size of a 50-cent piece.

## **13: REBUCKS**

At HDBBA 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. It is the flank man's responsibility to make sure the bull is properly flanked before bull rider calls for the release of the bull. If a rider nods for the bull before the contractor has him flanked there will be no reride.

## **14: 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 and forfeiture of entry fees.

### **15: DRAW/CHUTE POSITION**

Bucking order will be determined by random draw of bulls.

### **16: 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 HDBBA Office, entry fees will be refunded, but the bull will be ineligible for 25 days from the Vet released date.

### **17: EVENT GROUND RULES**

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

## **YOUTH FUTURITY RULES & GUIDELINES**

### **1: PARTICIPATION**

Youth members entering bulls into a HDBBA sanctioned Youth Futurity must be a youth between the age of 7 and 17 years old and in good standing with the HDBBA as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. A Youth Member cannot be older than 17 years old, on the first day of January in the year in which the HDBBA Youth Member applies for membership and must be at least 7 years old on the day of an entered competition.

Youth Members under the age of 13 years old must be accompanied by a designated adult or guardian at all times while behind the bucking chutes or in the arena. Youth Futurity participants are required to flank their own bull but can be assisted up to the bull entering the chute. Once the bull enters the chute the participant may only be assisted by another Youth Futurity participant and/or the dummy setters. If the participant is not available for an event, another Youth Futurity participant may flank their bull following the same rules for competition.

### **2: ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

All bulls competing in a HDBBA sanctioned Youth Futurity will follow ALL guidelines as outlined in HDBBA Futurity competition. All bulls that are entered into the youth futurities cannot be bucked or cannot have been bucked in the regular futurity division during that current year.

### **3: ENTRY FEES**

At HDBBA sanctioned Youth Futurities, entry fees will be no less than \$150.

- a. Up to 20% of entry fee may be deducted by the producer
- b. 10% will be deducted for Year End Finals
- c. \$20 will be charged for entry processing (HDBBA office charge)
- d. \$5 will be charged for a Dummy Maintenance Fee

### **4: YOUTH FUTURITY ENTRY LIMITS**

AT HDBBA sanctioned Youth Futurities, entries will be limited to (2) entries per Youth member unless otherwise posted in Event Details prior to entry open date. If additional positions are available, multiple Youth entries will be accepted. Additional entries will be determined by random draw.

## **5: ENTRIES**

A: Entries will be taken through the HDBBA office. Entry open date will be event specific and posted prior to each event's opening date.

B: Entry close dates will be 14 days prior to the event, unless otherwise noted. Entries and entry fees **MUST BE IN THE HDBBA OFFICE** by 6:00 pm (Mountain Time) on "entries closed" date. (Not postmarked by entry closed date). Any and all received entries within 72 hours of closing entry time will be fined \$100 per bull, per entry. Any entries received after 72 hours will not be allowed to enter the event.

# **Women's FUTURITY RULES & GUIDELINES**

## **1: PARTICIPATION**

Participants entering bulls into a HDBBA sanctioned Women's Futurity event must be female, and a paid member in good standing with the HDBBA. Women's Futurity participants are required to flank their own bull but can be assisted up to the bull entering the chute. Once the bull enters the chute the participant may only be assisted by another Woman's Futurity participant and/or the dummy setters. If the participant is not available for an event, another Women's Futurity participant may flank their bull following the same rules for competition.

## **2: ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

All bulls competing in a HDBBA sanctioned Women's Futurity will follow all guidelines as outlined in HDBBA Futurity competition. All bulls that are entered into the Women's Futurity class cannot be bucked or cannot have been bucked in the regular Futurity division during that current year.

## **3: ENTRY FEES**

Entry Fee- \$200

- a. Up to 20% of entry fee may be deducted by the producer
- b. 10% will be deducted for Year End Finals
- c. \$20 will be charged for entry processing (HDBBA office charge)
- d. \$5 will be charged for a Dummy Maintenance Fee

## **4: Payout**

1 hole will be paid for every 3 entries.