



# **Elite Bullriders Association**

## **Rule Book 2025**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

The EBA promises to provide an association where the Bullriders, Barrel Racers and Bronc Riders are our #1 priority and our top focus. We will continue to work at our highest capacity to grow the association and provide our contestants with a place they can call home.

Our goal here at the EBA is to put our members above all. To promote a competitive bull riding and rodeo association that will provide a high quality of athletes, both competitors and animals.

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# 1. Memberships

- 1.1 Membership dues shall be designated annually** – Memberships will be valid from the date of purchase or winning until the end of the season. The regular EBA season will run from January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year unless otherwise stated on the website.
- 1.2 Sign Membership Application and if under eighteen (18) have it notarized** - Each member shall, at the time of joining the association, sign a statement (included on the membership application) relieving the association, producers, stock contractors, rodeo committees, and all others of liability in case of injury. Members less than eighteen (18) years of age must have membership application signed by their parent or legal guardian and notarized.
- 1.3 Right to use name, photo, biography** - Each member of the association releases to the association the right to use their name, photograph, biography, and/or all other information pertinent to publicity and promotion. Such materials are to be used only for the good of the association and will not involve resale or commercial endorsement.
- 1.4 Returned Checks** - There will be a \$50 charge for all returned checks.
- 1.5 Preferred Contestants** - The Event promoter/producer may designate one (1) contestant per ten (10) entries to fill positions at the event and must do so prior to the event books opening. The preferred contestants are required to be a member.
- 1.6 Membership dues automatically deducted** – If a contestant wins \$500 or more and is not currently a member the event secretary will automatically deduct \$150 from the prize money less the \$20 permit fee that was paid at that event. The money won will count in the standings. This is for ALL contestants. If the secretary fails to deduct the membership dues, they will be responsible for paying the membership and collecting the fee from the contestant.
- 1.7 Membership Card Types** – The following cards are offered for membership with the EBA: **Contestant, Stock Contractor, Judge, Pick Up Man, Contract Personnel (Funnymen & Announcers) & Bull Fighter**
- 1.8** Members can hold an EBA membership in more than one category; however, they are only able to utilize one card per event. EX: If a bull rider also holds a bull fighter card, then they will only be able to participate as one or the other at any one event.

## 2. Conduct & Disciplinary Action

- 2.1 Discipline** - All members & non-members may be subject to reprimands, fines, suspension, or expulsion for the violation of the EBA rules.
- 2.2 Alcohol and Illegal Drugs** - Being under the influence of or consuming alcoholic beverages and/or drugs at the venue of an EBA Event will result in a fine and shall result in major disciplinary action. The amount of the fine will be determined by an EBA representative.
- 2.3 Fighting and Horseplay** - Fighting and Horseplay in the arena will result in fines, disqualification, and/or expulsion. EBA Representative at the event will determine the appropriate discipline.

- 2.4 Obscene gestures or cursing out loud** - Making obscene gestures or cursing out loud while in the arena or on the chutes will result in a \$150-500 fine. This will be determined by the two event Officials and/or EBA Representative at the event.
- 2.5 Arguing with an Official or Event personnel** – Arguing with an Official or Event personnel in the arena will result in a fine, disqualification, and/or expulsion. The EBA Official or EBA representative at the Event will determine the appropriate discipline. A fine of \$150-500 may be enforced.
- 2.6 Derogatory Remarks concerning the EBA via Social Media sites** - EBA member or Non-Member, may be fined and/or suspended. The fine amount & any other disciplinary action will be determined by an EBA Representative.
- 2.7 Conduct** - EBA reserves the absolute right to discipline individuals whose honesty, integrity, and professionalism do not reflect the image expected of Members of the EBA.
- 2.8 Fines** – Any contestant or personnel who incurs a fine must pay the fine(s) to the EBA office before they will be allowed to compete in an EBA sanctioned event.

### 3. Event Sanctioning

- 3.1 Producer** - Producer must pay a \$100 sanctioning fee per rodeo that they sanction with the EBA that is to be paid at the time the results are submitted to the office.
- 3.2 EBA Advertisement** - EBA Logo must be included on all posters, fliers, billboards etc.
- 3.3 Event Bullfighters** - Event must have a least two (2) bullfighters, they must be paid on an equal basis.
- 3.4 Event Judges** - Event must have EBA approved Judges, they must be paid on an equal basis.
- 3.5 Event Approval** - Event approval is determined by EBA Board of Directors.
- 3.6 Minimum Added Money** - Event producer is responsible for having the amount of added money at the event. The producer must have the amount that was posted in the schedule. If the producer wishes to increase the added money, they may do so no later than the opening of entries. The minimum amount of added money is \$500 per event (bulls, barrels, broncs).
- 3.7 Ground Preparation** - The arena ground must be approved by an Event judge, an EBA representative, or producer. The arena ground must be flat and not too deep.
- 3.8 Chutes** - The chutes must have support for feet. A platform in back must extend the full length of the chutes.
- 3.9 Unsafe Arena Conditions** - An Event Judge, EBA representative, or producer can stop an event until an unsafe condition is corrected.
- 3.10 No Additional Fees**- Producers may only take the association fee out of the contestants' entry fee. (\$12 or \$22 depending on entry fee amount)
- 3.11 Pick Up Men** – Each pick man/arena sweeper must be paid on an equal basis.

### 4. Postponements

- 4.1** In the event of inclement weather, if a performance is postponed and contestants cannot be present for the rain date performance, they will be refunded their entry fee.

Contestants who intend to draw out must do so by advising the secretary before leaving the grounds.

- 4.2** If a rainout occurs and it is agreeable to the producer and judges, contestants that are to contest during that performance shall have the right to vote whether to contest or not. Fifty one percent (51%) of the vote will govern.
- 4.3 Unsafe Arena Conditions** - An Event Judge, EBA representative, or Producer can stop an event until an unsafe condition is corrected.
- 4.4** If an event is called due to weather and half or more of the contestants for that event have competed then the results will be paid out based on those scores/times and money will count towards the standings. In the event that less than half of the contestants competed entry fees will be refunded, and it is up to the discretion of the producer if they want to pay the added money as day money between the contestants.

## 5. Passes

- 5.1** All contestants who pay entry fees shall be entitled to admittance for themselves during all performances. The contestant shall only be entitled to admittance for one additional person during the performance in which they compete. All guests must accompany the contestant when entering the event. If the event does not allow a guest this will be posted on the schedule. This rule does not apply to weekly series events.
- 5.2** All EBA Officers and Event Director's shall be entitled to admittance for themselves and one additional person during all performances.
- 5.3** The event secretary will furnish a list of contestants and other personnel to be admitted to each event to the person on the contestant gate.

## 6. Dress Code

- 6.1 Dress Code** - All competing members and permit contestants must wear a long sleeve western shirt, cowboy hat (or Helmet), and cowboy boots at any EBA Event one (1) hour prior to and during the performance time including slack. Anyone assisting that is visible on, behind the bucking chutes, or in the arena must adhere to the dress code, including cowboy hat. A warning will be issued for first offense, thereafter a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per occurrence.

## 7. Entry Guidelines & Fees

- 7.1 Entry Requirement** - Competing members and contestants riding as permits must enter at the specified entry number listed on the schedule.
- 7.2 No Recorded Message** - Competing members and contestants riding on permits must talk with a live person to enter. For weekend turn outs and doctor releases after hours, contact Taylor Bruce. If no answer, leave a message, 904-333-5910
- 7.3 Alternates** - Alternates will be determined for each event after books have Closed. Alternates are added on first come, first in basis with members having priority over

non-members if the member entered during the specified call-in time on the schedule. After the books close members do not have priority over non-members.

- 7.4 Book Closure** - Event entry books close after the time of the call in, unless otherwise specified.
- 7.5 Permit Contestants** - Permit Contestant entries can be taken by the venue producer after books are closed to fill available positions. Permit contestants must submit a completed permit application to the event secretary with the permit fee.
- 7.6 Entering other contestants**- Any contestant, member or non-member calling in an entry for another contestant will be liable for the entry fee and turn out fines of that person.
- 7.7 Enter by Close Time** - Close time will be the time specified in the EBA schedule on stated date.
- 7.8 Entry Fee Payment** - Entry fees must be paid unless drawn out due to legitimate doctor release or if you have notified the office by the Wednesday prior to the performance you are competing. Contestants must pay entry fees at the venue or to the EBA office prior to the event.
- 7.9 Check In** - Contestants must check in with the event secretary at least 1 hour prior to the event show time. Contestants not checked in with fees paid will be replaced by available alternates. All entry fees must be paid at least one hour before the posted show time. *Contestants paying their fees any later than 30 minutes prior to showtime will be charged a \$5 fee.*
- 7.10 Entry fee** - Entry fees will be \$50 for events that are \$500-999 added money. \$75 for events that are \$1,000-3,499. \$100 for events that are \$3,500-4,999. \$150 for events that are \$5000 and up. The EBA will deduct \$12 from each contestant for all events that are \$4,999 and under and \$22 for events that are \$5,000 and over. The EBA fee is 100% paid back to the contestants at the finals with awards and added money. Producers have the discretion to set entry fees higher than the amounts listed above to increase the payout, but they cannot be lower the stated amounts based on the added money for the event. EX: If an event is \$2500 added the entry fee can be made \$100 but cannot be \$50.

## 8. Secretary & Payoff Procedures

- 8.1 Arrival time at the arena** - The secretary must be at the arena two (2) hours before each performance.
- 8.2 Secretary is not to leave the announcer stand.** The secretary will remain on the announcers' stand during the entire performance and slack and will be responsible for recording official times and scores.
- 8.3 Payoff Errors** - The event secretary will be responsible for reviewing the individual event results and correcting any errors before submitting results to the EBA office. An error may occur and may not be found until after the prize money has been awarded. In this case, the EBA office will be responsible for correcting the payout error. Members/Permits who have been underpaid will be paid the appropriate amounts when the money is received from the contestant who was overpaid. Members/Permits who were overpaid will be notified and required to reimburse EBA for the overpayment. Members/Permits who were overpaid and do not reimburse EBA will not be eligible to participate in EBA events until the amount due is paid.

**8.4 Results** – Arena secretary is responsible for posting all event results immediately following an event. All event results will be emailed or sent to the EBA office within 48 hours of completion of an event. Results may be submitted by email to [ebarodeo@gmail.com](mailto:ebarodeo@gmail.com) or by contacting Taylor at 904-333-5910. All money owed along with the original judges sheets and payoff sheets must be sent to the EBA from an event and postmarked within 5 days by check or money order to:

***Elite Bullriders Association***

***PO Box 85***

***Dade City, FL 33526***

***\*\*Note any check that is returned will result in a \$50 fee\*\****

**8.5 EBA Fee** - There will be \$12 deducted from each contestant's entry fee for events that are \$4,999 and under and \$22 for events that are \$5,000 and up, that will be used towards the EBA finals and awards.

**8.6 Call in Procedure** – The EBA Office will be responsible for taking entries unless stated otherwise. Members have 1st priority during set call in time. Non-Card Holders will be accepted after members.

**8.7 Permits** – A Permit must be purchased at the event the contestant is scheduled to compete in. The secretary will be responsible for submitting these fees to the office. Permit fees are \$20.00 each entry.

**8.8 Short Round & (2) Two Head Event Riding Requirement for Average Payoff** - When an event has a short round or is a two header the rider is required to make an honest attempt on the second bull to be eligible for the average payoff. The honest attempt will be at the Judge's discretion.

**8.9 Receipts**- The event Secretary is responsible for providing receipts to contestants who purchase membership. Copies must also be sent to the EBA office with the secretary packet.

**8.10 Posting Payoff** - Secretary must post payoff after event. The secretary must use payoff set by EBA.

**8.11 The following Payoff is required for all regular season EBA events**

Total Contestants Paid Entries Places Payback Percentages

1-5 (1) 100%

6-10 (2) 60%, 40%

11-15 (3) 50%, 30%, 20%

16-20 (4) 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

21-25 (5) 33%, 25%, 19%, 13%, 10%

26-30 (6) 32%, 24%, 18%, 12%, 9%, 5%

31-35 (7) 30%, 23%, 17%, 11%, 8%, 7%, 4%

36-40+ (8) 27%, 22%, 17%, 13%, 9%, 6%, 4%, 2%

Note: When only five (5) contestants qualify for six (6) money payoff, money should be divided 33%, 25%, 19%, 13%, 10%. When only seven (7) contestants qualify for eight (8) money payoff, the money shall be divided 30%, 23%, 17%, 11%, 8%, 7%, 4%. Clarification: If only one (1) qualified ride is made, that contestant shall receive all the prize money; if



two (2) rides are made those contestants shall receive the prize money, divided 60%, 40%, same as a two (2) money payoff, etc.

**8.12 No Qualified Rides** - On a one (1) day event, if there are no qualified rides each contestant will receive their entry fee back less the EBA fee. The added money goes back to the producer.

On a two (2) day event if there are no qualified rides on day one (1), the added money will carry over to the second day and entry fees less the EBA fee will be returned to the contestant. If there are no qualified rides on day two (2) all the added money goes back to the producer and the contestants will receive their entry fee less the EBA fee back. It is at the discretion of the producer that they will do with the added money.

*Clarification: A two-day event is considered one that is on two separate days with payouts for each event. Events that are paying out over both days count as a one-day event. EX: If there are no qualified rides on day one, each contestant receives their entry fee back minus the EBA fee and then pays another entry fee for day two. If no one rides on day two that entry fee is refunded as well minus the EBA fee. The payout for day two if there are qualified rides would be the added money from day one and two combined plus the entry fees from day two.*

## 9. Judges

**9.1 Changing Judges** - Event judges may NOT be changed during an event except in the case of an illness or emergency or by request of EBA officials.

**9.2 Selection** - Event judging staff at EBA Events must be selected from an approved judges list.

**9.3 Scores** - Scores will be totaled by both judges, verified by the event secretary, and posted after each performance.

**9.4 Turnouts** - must mark TO on judge sheet.

**9.5 Judge's Stop Watches** - Each judge carries a stopwatch with a latch side arena judge being the prevailing decision. The judge should stop his watch upon disqualification or the horn sounds, whichever comes first. If the horn is short of 8 seconds, the judge must go with horn. Horn must be at a volume that can be heard by contestants & officials.

**9.6 Judge's Decision is Final** - Judges have the authority to have interfering individuals removed.

**9.7 Sign & Date each judge's sheet** - Be descriptive about turnouts, visible injury, and doctor releases. Record buck-off times & mark the bull.

**9.8 Grievances** - Grievances may be submitted in writing to the EBA office by any contestant protesting event procedures or judge's decision and will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Grievances filings must be received within 10 days of the incident in question.

**9.9 Judges must be approved by the Director of Judging** – Event Promoters/Producers must contact the judging director for approved Judges for all EBA Events.

**9.10 Judges Authority** - EBA Judges have full authority to remove animals, personnel, media, or any individuals that interfere with the safety or quality of the event.

**9.11 Judges on site 2 Hours before Event Starts** - Event judges are required to be at the event 2 hours before the start time. Judges are to check all bull horns for the required diameter of the horns, the arena ground, and the bucking chutes and back pens for unsafe conditions. Judges are also to assist the event Secretary with drawing procedures and any other help the Secretary may need that is event related.

**9.12 Judging your own stock** - Judges are prohibited from judging their own stock at any event. The ONLY exception to this rule would be in the case of a judge not showing up and the stock contractor being a certified judge may judge if there are no other certified judges available.

**9.13** There will be three (3) judges (two one the ground and one in the back) ideally at each event. If there are only two (2) judges, then the contractor will be the back judge. They are strictly watching for the possibility of a re-ride.

## 10. Drawing Procedures

**10.1 Stock Draw** - Stock must be drawn with at least one judge and/or staff member present. The event Producer may set the buck order & submit to the EBA office or event secretary to complete the draw. If the event producer fails to adhere, he/she will be subject to a \$100 fine.

**10.2 Short Go Round Stock Draw** - Short Go Round Stock Draw shall be in reverse order, with lowest qualifier receiving stock draw 1st to highest qualifier receiving stock draw last. Event representative may designate re-ride order.

**10.3 Draw Back Procedure for Short Go Round** - If not enough qualified rides for the short round the Judges will either draw or take contestants back on time to fill the remaining positions. This is done by randomly drawing riders who did not receive scores in the long go or determining the riders who rode the longest without making an 8 second qualified ride.

**10.4 In Case of a Tie for the Last Hole in Short Round** - In the case of ties resulting in more than the pre-set number of positions in the short go round, a coin flips with only two contestants, random draw with three or more will decide which contestants will advance to the short go round. A contestant eliminated from short go round due to flip/random draw is eligible for average payoff.

**10.5 Drawn Bull Becomes Sick or Crippled** - A judge must decide on a bull's ability to be used if a bull that is drawn becomes sick or crippled. The bull will be replaced in the draw if the judge decides the bull cannot be used.

## 11. Re-Rides

**11.1 Re-rides** - Event Producers / Stock Contractors have the option to use the re-rides as they see fit. (Example- The first turn out bull may be used, or they can go to the set re-ride pen. This should be pre-determined by the Judges, Producer and Stock Contractor before the events begins.

**11.2 Judge Shall Inform Contestant of His Options** - If re-ride is given, judge shall inform contestant of his score and an option of a re-ride. Contestant may refuse the re-ride and take the score. The contestant must notify the judge before leaving the arena of his decision to accept or reject the option upon learning which bull would be used as

a re-ride and the time of the re-ride. If the rider accepts the re-ride, the judge must clearly mark RR or Option on the judge sheet.

- 11.3 Discretion of Judge** - Re-rides will be given at the discretion of a judge. Reasons for possible re-rides include the following: if a bull stops or fouls the rider, stock contractor's equipment fails, performance of a bull is inferior. No re-ride will be given if contestants own equipment breaks.
- 11.4 Options of Contestant** - If a contestant is granted a re-ride, he may take the same bull for a re-ride, provided the stock contractor is willing, and a mutual agreeable time can be arranged. If a contestant opts to accept the re-ride on the same bull, he must take the markings for the re-ride, unless there is a foul or the stock contractor's equipment fails on the re-ride.
- 11.5 Inferior Bull Performance** - If a bull's performance is inferior and that bull is already drawn for a contestant that contestant must qualify on that bull before re-ride may be given. If, in the opinion of the stock contractor and judges, that bull needs to be taken out of the draw, the contestant who had him drawn will be given the designated re-ride.
- 11.6 Chute Fighting Bull** - If, in the opinion of the judges, a rider makes two honest efforts on a chute fighting bull and is unable to do so, he may have a re-ride.
- 11.7 Bull Riders knocked off at the Chute, Fence, or Bull Falls** - Riders who are knocked off at the chute, who are fouled or whose bull falls will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the judges.
- 11.8 Flank Strap comes off the Bull** - A bull rider may have the option of a re-ride, or of accepting a marking, if flank comes off the bull, providing a contestant has qualified up to the point the flank coming off. The re-ride may be given on the same bull, if the stock contractor is willing, or a re-ride bull, is so requested by the contestant.
- 11.9 Bull Stops** - If a bull stops, provided the contestant has qualified up to the point of the stop, the contestant may pull his wrap and will be awarded a re-ride. The contestant may have the option of a re-ride, or upon qualifying, of accepting a score.
- 11.10 Bull Hips Himself** - If, in the opinion of the judges, a bull hips itself while leaving the chute and causes the buck-off, he will receive a re-ride.
- 11.11 Bull Injury or Bull Not Shipped** - Designated Re-ride - In the case of bull injuries or bulls not shipped after the draw has been done, replacement stock should be the designated re-ride for the performance for which the injured bull was scheduled for competition.
- 11.12 More Re-rides are awarded than bulls available** - If all the bulls have been used, the contestant may take his last score or be drawn-out and entry fees less the Finals Fee, The Office Fee, and Stock Fee (if applicable) will be refunded. (In Long go only).
- 11.13 Contractor will not be paid if a re-ride is called on a bull they were bucking.**
- 11.14 Ranch Bronc Re-Rides** – A re-ride will be considered if the horse was scored at 14 points or less, which would not give the Ranch Bronc Rider a fair and equal opportunity to earn money. This includes if the horse falls completely down with a rider.

## 12. Turnouts

- 12.1 Notified Turn Outs (NTO) & Non-Notified Turn Outs (NNTO)** Any competing member or permit contestant wishing to make a NOTIFIED TURNOUT must done so by contacting

the event secretary or the EBA office by the Wednesday prior to the event performance they are competing in. After the Wednesday prior to the event, will result in contestant having to pay the amount of the entry fee prior to competing in another EBA event. NON-NOTIFIED TURNOUT (NNT0) – Each contestant will receive one (1) free NNT0 per season after the first offense a NNT0 will result in contestant having to pay the entry for that event Performance. For a third (3) NNT0 offense the contestant will be responsible for the performance's fees plus a \$25 fine. Any contestant having four (4) or more NNT0 per season will result in being responsible for the entry fees for the performance plus a \$50 fine per performance. Contestants will not be able to compete in an EBA event until all fines are paid.

**12.2 Short Round Turnout** - If an event has a short round and a rider qualifies back for the short round and cannot compete due to an injury or simply wishes not to compete, he must notify the judges that he will not be competing before the short round bulls are loaded. This will enable the next highest marked man to be moved up to the short round. If the rider does not notify the judges he will not be competing in the short round before the short round bulls are loaded, he will be fined a \$40 non-notified short round turnout fine. The next man with highest score will advance to the short round and will receive that turnout bull. If the contestant is injured, he will still be eligible for the average payoff. If the contestant simply wishes not to compete, he WILL NOT be eligible for the average payoff.

**12.3 Two (2) Head Event Turnout** - If an event is a two (2) head event and a rider cannot compete on the 2nd head due to an injury or simply wishes not to compete he must notify the judges that he will not be competing before the 2<sup>nd</sup> round bulls are loaded. If the rider does not notify the judges, he will not be competing on the second head before the second-round bulls are loaded, he will be fined a \$40 non-notified second head turnout fine. If the contestant is injured, he will still be eligible for the average payoff. If the contestant simply wishes not to compete, he WILL NOT be eligible for the average payoff.

**12.4 Doctor /Vet Releases** – Only medical releases, vet releases, or death in immediate family will be accepted as excuse for failure to pay entry fee. Releases must be mailed or faxed to the EBA office within 5 days of the performance for which fees were unpaid. Notification must be given to the event secretary or EBA office 2 days prior to performance. Doctor verification must be received into EBA office 7 days after intended date of competition. Fraudulent abuse of Doctor's Release will result in a \$200.00 fine and subject to member disqualification.

**12.5 Ineligible Days to Compete due to Injury** - With the submission of a Doctors Release, the released contestant will be ineligible to compete in EBA events for a period of no less than five (5) days. A contestant failing to comply with this rule will be held liable for entry fee and any fines incurred. Contestants wishing to compete in the ineligible five (5) day period must pay a fee of \$100 to return to competition before the 5-day period is up.

**12.6 No Refund of Entry Fees** - Contestant entry fees will not be refunded once a contestant has competed. The only exception to this policy is at the judge's discretion.

**12.7 Injury Draw-out due to injured in the chute** - When injured and physically unable to compete due to being injured in the bucking chute in the (long go only), an injured contestant can draw-out or be drawn out and entry fees less the EBA Fee will be refunded.

## 13. Injury of Participants

- 13.1 Injury of Participants** - EBA Members and local non-member participants acknowledge that rodeo-related events expose the participant to a substantial and serious risk of personal injury. Being fully aware that such participation in EBA sanctioned events will expose members and local nonmember participants to substantial and serious risk of personal injury or death of said members and local non-member participants hereby release the EBA, its sponsors, committees, EBA sanctioned production entities, their affiliated related or subsidiary companies, and the officers, directors, employees, and agents of such entities or organizations, from liability for all property damage, personal injuries, or other claims arising from participation in an EBA sanctioned event, including claims that are known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, future, and contingent. Each local non-member shall be required to sign a release form before participation in an EBA sanctioned event.
- 13.2 No Person shall be allowed in the arena** – No person shall be allowed in the arena during an EBA sanctioned event unless entered in an event or unless he or she has signed a waiver releasing EBA board members, Event Producers, Venue Management, & Event Sponsors from liability. This rule is to be enforced by the arena director or judges.

## 14. Stock Contractors & Livestock

- 14.1 Unsatisfactory Bull** - A EBA Representative or judge may declare bulls unsatisfactory. Upon verbal notification, the stock contractor or Event promoter must eliminate the bull(s) from the draw.
- 14.2 Blunting of Horns** - All horn bulls used in EBA events will have their horns blunted to at least the diameter of a half dollar (1 - 3/8 inches). Bulls not meeting this requirement will be removed from the draw until the requirements are satisfied.
- 14.3 Tipping Bull Horns** - Stock Contractors are prohibited from tipping bull horns at any EBA Event. Bull Horns must be tipped before arrival at the event. The bull will be removed from the draw and the Stock Contractor is subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, a fine of \$100 per bull not tipped correctly. The Stock Contractor may also face ineligibility in addition to a fine.
- 14.4 Humane Treatment** - No sick or injured bull will be used in the competition.
- 14.5 Prods / Hot Shots** - Use of a prod / hot shot or similar device is prohibited once a contestant is over the bull in the chute, no exceptions.
- 14.6 Flank Straps** - The tail of the flank strap cannot be more than three (3) feet long after completely pulled.
- 14.7 Stock Contractor Fees** - Stock Contractors must pay their EBA membership card fee to be eligible for bulls to be considered for the Year-End Finals and to be voted for Stock Contractor of the Year.
- 14.8 Stock Qualifications for Finals** – All stock must be bucked at least three (3) performances to be considered for the year-end Finals.
- 14.9 Judges Inspection** - Event judges will inspect the bull horns prior to the performance. If the bull horns are too sharp, the bull will be removed from the draw.

**14.10 Drawn Bull Becomes Sick or Crippled** - A judge must decide on a bull's ability to be used if a bull that is drawn becomes sick or crippled. The bull will be replaced in the draw if the judge decides the bull cannot be used. The rider has the option to accept the re-ride bull or be drawn out of the event. If the rider chooses to be drawn out, the entire entry fee will be refunded.

## 15. Bull Riding

**15.1 Scores** - The rider and the bull are to be scored separately. The rider will be scored according to the degree of control exhibited by the rider and the degree of difficulty of the bull. Figures used in scorings shall range from zero (0) to twenty-five (25) (including quarter, half, and three-quarter points) per judge on both the bull and rider. The total may reach a maximum of one hundred (100) points.

**15.2 Timing** - Each ride shall be timed for eight (8) seconds. The time starts when any portion of the bull passes the plane of the chute gate (excluding horns, ears, and tail.) The contestant must complete the 8 second qualification limit to be eligible for a score.

**15.3 Judges Official Scores** - Judges will submit to the event secretary their scores for each ride for that performance immediately following the completion of the performance. The scores will be termed official scores when posted and/or verified by the judges and may not be changed once submitted. The judge's decision is final. If the event the rider would like to discuss his decision, they may do so with complete respect. Any misconduct will result in a fine of \$150- 500.

**15.4 Riding Requirements** - Riding must be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold.

**15.5 Knots or Hitches** - No knots or hitches to prevent the rope from falling off the bull when the contestant leaves the bull will be used

**15.6 Bell** - **The rope must have bell. Bell must be under belly of bull when the contestant leaves the chute entering the arena. No bell results in disqualification.**

**15.7 Hooking Bull Ropes or Loops with Spurs or Rowels** - Hooking bull ropes or loops with spurs or rowels will result in disqualification of the ride for the first offense, 2nd offense will result in disqualification and a fine of \$100. Each subsequent offense will be disqualification of the ride and the fine will double each time.

**15.8 Requirements of Scoring** - A contestant will receive a score if he makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in the riding hand.

**15.9 Spurs** – Any spur shank deemed unsafe or illegal will not be allowed for use. Any shank with an upward bend that resembles a hook shape will not be allowed. Sharp Spur Rowels will not be allowed. Rowels are not to be altered in any way. (ex., filed sharpened, chipped, blunted, bent, or altered any other way.) Contestants will be disqualified and/or fined if sharp spurs are worn.

**15.10 Bull Tails** – The bull tail will **not be allowed under the flank straps.**

**15.11 Pulling Rider's Rope** - No more than two (2) persons may be used to pull the riders rope, one of which is the rider. Of those two (2) persons only three (3) hands may be used. 1st time offense is a warning. The 2nd offense is at the judge's discretion.

**15.12 Excessive Time in Chute** – Riders taking too long in the chute before calling for bull may be disqualified, fined, and/or suspended at the discretion of the judges and/or EBA personnel. Riders will receive two warnings. After the second warning they will be placed on a 10 second timer. Failure to call for your bull within the 10 second time frame will result in a turn out.

**15.13 Short Round & (2) Two Head Event Riding Requirement** – When an event has a short round or is a two header the rider is required to make an honest attempt on the second bull to be eligible for the average payoff. The honest attempt will be at the judge's discretion.

**15.14 Disqualification of Contestant** - Any of the following shall disqualify a contestant.

A. Buck Off: Rider's hand loses contact with any part of the bull rope before 8 seconds or if the rider loses leg contact with the bull and any part of the riders' body touches the ground before 8 seconds.

B. Slap: Defined as touching the bull, excluding the horn or tail, the riders' equipment or himself with the free hand, free arm, or extension thereof.

C. Sharp Spurs or Chaps Under Rope: Using sharp spurs or placing spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.

D. No Bell: Not having a bell on bull rope.

E. Delay of Event: When a contestant has been advised he is next to go and is not prepared as determined by the EBA judges and official personnel, such as not being in position above the bull with his glove on when previous bull leaves the arena. Chute boss needs to ensure that the next rider is ready to go.

F. Catching Knots: Intentionally leaving chute with spurs hooked or lodged in the bull rope. (For clarification, in addition to the judges' discretion, it shall be considered intentional if a rider's spurs are hooked or lodged in the bull rope when the rider calls for the gate.)

G. Use of Arena Panel: If the use of the arena panel is used in any way to help assist the ride.

H. Excessive time in the chute: Contestants taking too long in the chute before calling for the bull may be disqualified, fined, and/or suspended at the discretion of the judges and/or EBA personnel. Riders will receive two warnings. After the second warning they will be placed on a 10 second timer. Failure to call for your bull within the 10 second time will result in a turn out.

I. Improper Safety Equipment: Rider competes without required safety vest.

J. Bull Mistreatment by a Rider: If the judge determines, in his sole discretion, that a rider is mistreating the bull in the chute in any way, the judge.

**15.15. Re-ride** – rider does not have to declare their own re-ride

**15.16 Rodeo Count** - Bull riders must compete in five (5) rodeos to be eligible for World finals.

**15.17 Protective Vests** - Protective vests for all EBA members/permits competing at an EBA event are required to be worn.

## 16. Ranch Bronc Riding

**16.1 Time** – Contestant must stay on for eight (8) seconds.

**16.2 Saddle** - They must ride in an everyday ranch saddle. Association saddles are not permitted for use. There can be no alterations to the stirrups or stirrup leathers. Saddle must have a horn.

**16.3 Mark Out** – There will not be a mark out rule.

**16.4 Rein** – The use of a neck rein will be at the discretion of stock contractor.

**16.5 Judge** – Arena Judge will have the final decision on any discrepancy. No further discussions, video tape review or any other format will be considered.

**16.6 Full rodeo attire** is required.

**16.7** If a neck rein is used, it must have a half hitch.

**16.8 Spurs** MUST be free rolling

**16.9 Rodeo Count** – Contestant must compete in five (5) rodeos to be eligible for World finals.

## 17. Saddle Bronc Riding

**17.1** Riding is to be done with plain halter, one rein (rein may not be over 6 1/2 feet long) and saddle. Standard halter and committee saddles must be used. A cinch at least eight (8) inches wide must be used on all bronc saddles. The underside of all committee saddles must be maintained in good condition by the contestant. The under skirting shall be fleece lined and otherwise padded and must be smooth and free from protruding harness nails. No foreign objects shall be attached to or placed under saddle. If equipment is sanctioned by judges and contestant furnishes equipment (which is acceptable to judges) contestant MUST use same. If contestant fails to comply with this rule, contestant will be disqualified in that event.

**17.2 Measurements for the saddle to be:** Rigging - 3/4 rigging with D-ring pulling no further back than the rear of the swells. Cante - not more than five (5) inches tall measured from back jockey to tallest point. Gullet - not less than four (4) inches at center of swells. Swells – not more than fourteen (14) inches wide or undercut more than one (1) inch on either side. Stirrups - hung over the bars with fenders. Seat not less than fourteen (14) inches long. Deviation from specifications provided herein will be considered illegal.

**17.3** Riding rein and hand must be on the same side. Horses to be saddled in chute. Rider may cinch own saddle or examine same to determine if satisfactory; bucking rein must be connected to halter. Bucking rein ONLY may be attached to halter under penalty of disqualification. (This to be at the stock contractor's discretion.) If horse flips in box and breaks riders' equipment, contestant may draw out and receive entry fee back.

**17.4** Horses to be ridden eight (8) seconds, time to start when inside shoulder crosses plane of bucking chute. The contestant must have both spur rowels touching the animal, one on each side of the animal, anywhere above the break of the shoulders when the animal's front feet touch the arena floor the first time out of the bucking chute. Failure to do so



will receive a NO score. Either judge will have the option to waive the mark out rule if the contestant is fouled or the animal stalls.

17.5 Middle flank belongs to rider; however, flank cannot be pulled further back than the break unless permission is granted by the stock contractor.

17.6 Riders will use dry rosin only on saddle and chaps. Judges can inspect saddle and chaps before or after competition. Contestant can be disqualified and fined for cheating.

17.7 Disqualifications: Any of the following offenses will disqualify a rider:

- a. Use of anything other than dry rosin on saddle and chaps.
- b. Being bucked off.
- c. Changing hands on rein.
- d. Losing bucking rein.
- e. Wrapping rein around hand.
- f. Pulling leather.
- g. Losing stirrup.
- h. Riding with locked rowels or rowels that will lock during ride.
- i. Touching himself or horse with free hand or assisting himself with free arm by touching animal.
- j. Wrapping rein around horn.

17.8 **Rodeo Count** – Contestant must compete in five (5) rodeos to be eligible for World finals.

## 18. Barrel Racing

**18.1** Contestant must begin run from mouth of gate or alleyway and move in a forward direction (cannot enter arena and set horse), if gate or alleyway is in the center of the barrel pattern. When using a center alley in the barrel racing, the barrel racers must leave through the center alley, unless the gate has been closed. The barrel racer can be disqualified for turning her horse off before going out the center alley. This is the sole opinion of the judges whether the rider causes this, or he can waive the disqualification if he thinks someone or something in the alley scares the horse.

**18.2** There will be a sixty (60) second time limit once the barrel racers name is called to begin their run. One of the judges will keep time and enforce this rule.

**18.3** When there is a split or double alleyway, contestants may be required to run from mouth or alleyway if they have a choice of either alleyway. When center alleyway is used, it will be posted whether gate will be open, closed or barrel racer's option to run out. Once a contestant is disqualified, she cannot work her horse. When exiting the arena to a closed center gate, recrossing the timer line will not result in a disqualification if the contestant has already completed a clean clover leaf pattern.

**18.4** Barrels are to be set on inside of each stake in a cloverleaf pattern.

**18.5** Judges are responsible for measuring, staking, and marking of the barrels and score-line, before the beginning of the first performance and thereafter measured off by judges before each performance from such stakes, to determine if stakes are still in their original places, measuring to be done with tape measure. Electric timers will be staked or marked and reset over that stake or mark for each performance. Judges will be responsible for setting up electric timers. Before setting the barrel pattern, take into consideration where the electric timers are to be set. Allow enough room to get cord to

announcer's stand or suitable area. Make sure there is access to power if needed. Do not set course too wide for the electric eye to line up.

- 18.6** The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> barrel must be set at least 15 foot off the fence.
- 18.7** The arena must be worked after ten (10) barrel racers have run, unless you are raking after every horse runs. Arena must be worked before each performance and before slack. During slack arena must be worked after same number of positions offered in performance, not to exceed ten (10) barrel racers. (Clarification: Rodeo management may work the ground after fewer than ten (10) barrel racers have run, but no more than ten (10) barrel racers may run without working the arena.)
- 18.8** A contestant will not be disqualified or penalized for touching a barrel.
- 18.9** Over aggression on a horse may result in a fine or disqualification. The fine amount or disqualification will be at the discretion of the Officials and/or EBA representative at the event.
- 18.10** If contestant knocks barrel over, there will be a five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over.
- 18.11** If all barrels are standing when contestant crosses the score-line after completing a qualified run, it is considered a qualified run, even if a barrel falls after she is flagged.
- 18.12** The use of an electric timer is REQUIRED and must be backed up with a flag and two (2) stop watches. The manual times are to be averaged between the two (2) timers and recorded in hundreds and one zero (0) added to have a time recorded in thousands. If the electric timer fails three (3) times during one performance or two (2) times on the same contestant, times will revert to hand flagged times with original stopwatch times to be used on all contestants. Manual times will be used for payoff only when the automatic timer is no longer serviceable.
- 18.13** There shall be no talking to flagmen, timekeepers, or judges during the barrel racing event.
- 18.14** Both judges will be required to be present during the barrel racing event with one judge flagging line and the other judge back up timing & watching to see that a qualified cloverleaf pattern is run. Flag judge will flag nose at the start and finish of the race. The line on fence for flagman shall be marked.
- 18.15** Judges may appoint responsible persons to replace barrels in proper position if barrels have been knocked down by a contestant during a run.
- 18.16** An EBA Official or Rodeo secretary will draw the order in which the contestants will run.
- 18.17** Barrels used must be (55) fifty-five-gallon size. Steel barrels may be used, and barrel covers are permitted.
- 18.18** After the barrels have been staked, no one will be permitted to go around the stakes or barrels for the duration of the barrel racing closer than fifteen (15) feet from the stakes used.
- 18.19** Contestant will be disqualified, if after crossing score-line and being flagged by the flagman, she re-crosses score-line before completion of a true cloverleaf pattern run.
- 18.20** Reruns in the barrel race will be taken at the barrel racer's discretion, either at the end of the barrel race or immediately following the event. The same rule applies to the slack. Reruns will be taken either at the end of the barrel race or immediately following the slack. If contestant chooses to make their rerun immediately after, the ground must be worked regardless of the number of horses that run during the performance.

- 18.21** Rerun to be given contestant at judges' discretion should contestant be fouled. Any penalties incurred during original run will be added to rerun at judge's discretion. If an entire performance is rerun because of barrels not being in original places, then all contestants will run over, and any penalties are disregarded.
- 18.22** It is highly recommended that stock is not watered within twenty-five (25) feet of the barrel stakes.
- 18.23** No one on foot or horseback, besides contestant, will be allowed to remain in arena during contestant's run.
- 18.24** A contestant shall compete in the performance in which they are entered and be ready when called upon to compete or be disqualified from that go round of competition.
- 18.25** You are only allowed to enter one time per performance you are competing/entered.
- 18.26** All EBA sanctioned rodeos will be paid out as a straight pay.

## 19. Regions

- 19.1 Money won that counts for the regional standings will count from rodeos within the regional boundaries only. *All money won will count toward the World standings.*
- 19.2 Regional champions will be determined by the cardholder who accumulates the most money within his or her region at the end of the regional fiscal year including the regional finals but excluding the World Finals.
- 19.3 The regional cutoff date will be determined by the EBA Board and Regional Finals Promoter. Cutoff date is to be determined by April 1st.
- 19.4 Members must compete at 4 rodeos in a region to be eligible for that region's finals event.
- 19.5 Regions for the EBA will be defined as followed:
- Southeast: Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee
  - Northeast: Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Delaware, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.
  - Heartland: Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota.

## 20. World Finals Events

- 20.1 Finals Contestants** - Each year the EBA will determine how many Bull Riders, Barrel Racers and Bronc Riders will be taken to the world finals. This will be posted on the official website ebarodeo.com. No less than the Top 20 Bull Riders, 15 Barrel Racers and 10 Ranch Bronc Riders will be taken to the World Finals will be determined by money won and must be an EBA Cardholder. World Champions will be determined by the contestant winning the most money during the fiscal year which also includes the Finals event.
- 20.2 Number of Events Required**- Bull Rider (5), Barrel Racer (5), Bronc Rider (5), Bull Fighter (5), Judge (5), Pick Up Man (5), Bull (3), and Horse (3) must compete in a minimum of events as stated to be eligible for the world finals.

- 20.3 Finals & Year End Awards** - Any bull rider, barrel racer, or bronc rider that qualifies for the EBA World Finals must compete in the World Finals to receive any awards he or she has earned, unless he or she has a valid doctor release.
- 20.4 Finals & Special Event Payoff.** The EBA Finals and Invitational Events may choose to pay additional holes. Number of Holes will be determined by EBA staff.
- 20.5 Rookie of the Year** - First year in EBA and riding less than 5 years for rough stock riders. First year contestant with most EBA money won will determine the rookie of the year. If rookie of year qualifies for the Finals, they must compete in the finals to receive award, unless they have a valid doctor release. A valid doctor release is the only excused reason for contestant to receive the award.
- 20.6 Year-end Finals Bulls/Horse** -EBA Staff will select the bulls and horses to be taken to the Finals. All stock must be bucked at least three (3) times to be eligible. Stock Contractors with eligible bulls and horses will submit a list of stock to be considered. Stock is selected from card holding Producers/Stock Contractors only.
- 20.7** Bull riders will vote for the bullfighters for the finals.
- 20.8** Bronc riders along with all contractors and board members will vote for the pickup men for the finals.
- 20.9** The EBA board will vote for the judges for the finals.

## 21. Co-Sanctioning

- 21.1 Co-Sanctioning approval will be determined by the board of directors.
- 21.2 Any event that is co-sanctioned with the EBA is still required to pay the full sanctioning fee of \$100 per event.
- 21.3 Any event that is co-sanctioned will be governed by the rules of the first sanctioned association. This will be posted online with the schedule for any events that are co-sanctioned.
- 21.4 Fees and Payback – Fees and payback will be determined by which association has first sanction.
- 21.5 EBA Drag – All co-sanctioned events are still required to submit a 50% split of the drag money back to the EBA office. In the case of EBA payout that would either be \$6 or \$11 per contestant depending on entry fee amounts.