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Standing Rules and Bylaws  
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## **Standing Rules**

**And**

## **Bylaws**

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# ***National Bucking Bull Association***

## **Mission Statement:**

The NBBA was founded by and for Futurity Bull Breeders striving to give equal opportunity for all members.

Encouraging individuals, families, companies and groups to become involved in breeding, training and competing in the arena.

By establishing rules for the conduct of Bucking Bull Futurities, the NBBA strives to give breeders a level playing field, which accommodates everyone from the small to large breeders.

NBBA consists of people of diverse talents and backgrounds and as an Association encourages its members to help achieve these goals.

## **About this Rule Book:**

The Rules contained herein have been considered and approved by the Board of Directors of the National Bucking Bull Association. These Rules will be strictly adhered to and enforced by the Board of Directors of the NBBA. In determining whether violations of the Rules have occurred, the Board of Directors may consider, but are not bound by, prior determinations and interpretations of the Rules by the Board of Directors.

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## **Standing Rules**

### **Section I - General**

**Rule 1.** The National Bucking Bull Association has for its basic purpose the public exhibition and promotion of the bucking bull, it is hereby established that all contests conducted by an affiliate of the NBBA must first be approved by the NBBA before they become sanctioned NBBA events.

**Rule 2.** NBBA approved events are restricted to NBBA members only. Each person owning any interest in any animal entered into any NBBA event must be a member in good standing with the NBBA at the published time of the event in order for the animal to be eligible to compete in the event. If for any reason an animal is allowed to compete in an NBBA approved event and it is later determined that any person owning any interest in the animal was not a member in good standing pursuant to this paragraph, all winnings and member points earned will be forfeited notwithstanding the fact that dues are subsequently paid. If any claim or litigation is brought by a non-eligible winner who was disqualified due to failure to pay dues, event management agrees to indemnify the NBBA for all damages and defense costs associated with. In addition there is a \$750.00, per occurrence assessed any event management which allows entry to compete without a current membership in good standing.

**Rule 3.** Any individual or affiliate conducting a bucking bull event sanctioned by the NBBA must follow the Standing Rules of the NBBA.

**Rule 4.** All bulls competing in NBBA events must be registered through the American Bucking Bull Incorporated or DNA verified through a DNA system approved by the NBBA Board of Directors. This is the minimum requirement for all event management. Registration of a bulls sire or dam is not a requirement through the NBBA.

**Rule 5.** The term "Event Management" as used herein is the organization or individual acting as Producer of a bucking bull event for which said organization or individual sought and received the approval of NBBA to conduct the same.

**Rule 6.** Event Management may take any action determined in its sole discretion to be in the best interest of the event, in compliance with NBBA standing rules. In the event that a member has cause to believe that event management has not acted in the best interest of the event or has violated NBBA standing rules the member may file a protest with the NBBA Board of Directors. Said protest MUST be filed in writing within ten days of the action being protested or it will be deemed waived. It must be sent by facsimile to the NBBA Office at 903-848-4150 or certified mail to the following address; NBBA - PO Box 867 - Canton, TX 75103. Protests communicated in any oral manner (in person or telephonically) or by email, are not sufficient and will be deemed not received and have no affect to initiate a protest.

### **Section II - Membership**

**Rule 7.** Membership in the NBBA is a privilege, not a right, application for which shall be made on forms and by fees and procedures prescribed from time to time by the NBBA. Membership, or application thereof, may be cancelled or denied by the Board of Directors for any cause detrimental to the interest of the NBBA, its programs and policies, or harmonious relationship of its members as determined by

the Board of Directors. Memberships cancellation or application denial proceedings under this rule shall provide for prior notice and hearing. Any person whose membership is cancelled or denied may request a hearing before the Board of Directors within ten (10) days of receiving notice that membership in the NBBA has been cancelled or denied. Such cancellation or denial becomes final unless NBBA receives such request within the time period. The effect of membership cancellation or denial may be denial of privileges, including event privileges, of the NBBA. Each member, by joining the NBBA, does hereby agree:

**7a.** If unsuccessful in an attempt to overturn NBBA decisions, actions, rules or regulations, to reimburse NBBA for reasonable legal fees, court costs and other expenses in defense of such suit; and

**7b.** If legal action is undertaken against NBBA, whether in law or equity, such action must be taken in Federal and State courts located in Van Zandt County, Texas.

**Rule 8.** Any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or organization of good character and reputation interested in bucking bulls may become a member of the NBBA by applying to the NBBA and paying the required fees. To be eligible for any NBBA awards or prizes, owners must be current NBBA members in good standing. In the event of membership application of a firm, partnership, corporation or organization, one (1) person shall be named as its voting member at the time of membership application. Changes in the name of such voting member shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary by the firm, partnership, corporation or organization.

**8a.** Any membership submitted as a firm, partnership, corporation or organization, must individually name all members associated with the membership.

**8b.** Any bull entered in an NBBA sanctioned event as a partnership, the partnership must have a current NBBA membership, unless all members of the partnership are current NBBA members in good standing.

**i.** Example: If John Doe holds a current NBBA membership, he is partners on a bull with Jim Black (who does not have an NBBA membership), they may not enter the bull as “John Doe / Jim Black” unless they have a current NBBA membership in the name of “John Doe / Jim Black” or if both “John Doe and Jim Black” hold an individual NBBA membership.

**Rule 9.** Membership shall be in three categories: Lifetime Membership, Adult Membership and Youth Membership. Membership in the NBBA is nontransferable. All NBBA memberships shall be payable in US Funds Only.

**9a. Adult Membership:** An annual fee of \$125.00 shall be paid for each adult membership; said fee becomes due on January 1 of each year. Adult membership shall cover the holder, his or her minor children eighteen (18) years of age and younger, in the same household, on January 1 of the year in which the membership is paid.

Each annual membership in good standing shall have one (1) vote.

**9b. Youth Membership:** An annual fee of \$25.00 shall be paid for each youth membership; said fee to become due on January 1 of each year. Youth membership shall cover the holder, a minor eighteen (18) years of age and younger, on January 1 of the year in which the membership is paid. Youth membership does not have voting privileges.

**9c. Lifetime Membership:** Any individual, firm or partnership may become a lifetime member of the Association by payment of \$1000.00. Lifetime memberships are nontransferable.

### **Section III - Sanctioned Events**

**Rule 10.** To be NBBA sanctioned, a fully completed and signed application form and a \$150.00 sanctioning fee, must be received in the NBBA office no later than sixty (60) days preceding the event. Early receipt of an Event Application by the NBBA office will provide more publicity for an event in the official NBBA newsletter. Any change concerning an approved event, including but not limited to: added money, entry fees, payout schedule, location or start time of an event, must appear in at least one (1) issue of the official NBBA newsletter. If Event Management (otherwise known as Event Producer) determines that any change is necessary after the time when such change can appear in the official NBBA newsletter, Event Management must request approval of the change from the NBBA. All requests for approval of change must be in writing to the NBBA or will be deemed of no effect. If the required written notice is not given to the NBBA, event management may be responsible for any resulting damages and extra costs incurred as a result. After the change has been approved by the NBBA, Event Management must send written notification of the change to all entrants of the event involved. The Event Management will be responsible for all costs involved in the notification. Such changes are greatly discouraged.

**Rule 11.** An event that is approved by the National Bucking Bull Association must comply with all Association Standing Rules.

**11a.** All Event Producers must be current year NBBA members in good standing.

**Rule 12.** All Judges for NBBA sanctioned events must be current NBBA Approved Judges. The judges must be named by event management fifteen (15) days prior to the closing date of entries or approval will be cancelled. The number of judges for NBBA approved events may not be less than six (6) approved judges. Six (6) judges will be used with the high mark and low mark eliminated.

**12a.** Any judge listed on the NBBA probation or suspension list will not be permitted to judge.

**12b.** Event management must limit the number of bulls to be judged to a maximum of **one hundred twenty (120)** single bulls per day per six judges, plus Youth bulls.

**i.** Any NBBA event where the producer has initiated a pay-

ment plan, extending payments out over a period of time, that exceeds the maximum number of **one hundred twenty (120)** single bulls per day, may receive special consideration with the approval of the NBBA Board of Directors.

**Rule 13.** All NBBA sanctioned events shall be required to be video taped. This video tape must be submitted to the NBBA Office within thirty (30) days after the date of the event where taping occurred.

**Rule 14.** When an Event Application is submitted for event sanctioning by a current NBBA affiliate, event sanctioning will be granted for that particular event, provided; The event is directly produced or conducted by the affiliate requesting event sanctioning and there is no other NBBA sanctioned event within a three hundred (300) mile radius, of an existing NBBA sanctioned event, on the same date requested.

**Rule 15.** All NBBA sanctioned events must use official judges sheets and forward same to the NBBA Office along with the completed NBBA result forms within fifteen (15) days of conclusion of the event. If event results are not forwarded within fifteen (15) days of conclusion of the event, event management will be fined \$150.00, unless waived by the NBBA Board of Directors upon determining just cause for late submittal of event results. Failure by event management to pay the assessed fine will be cause for cancellation of future NBBA sanctioned events.

**Rule 16.** The NBBA 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 Association.

***16a. The NBBA Board of Directors will not sanction events to be held back to back weekends offering the same competition classes within the three hundred (300) mile radius.***

**Rule 17. Mouthing:** In all NBBA sanctioned events the official event veterinarian's ruling will be based on the current mouthing chart approved by the Board of Directors. This chart will be available upon request to NBBA members from the office of the NBBA. Each person who applies to become a NBBA member agrees that the official NBBA mouthing chart is the standard for determining age and eligibility of animals to participate in NBBA events. Each such person also agrees that the ruling of the veterinarian designated by the NBBA or the NBBA affiliate of any age or eligibility determination by mouthing is final and there is no appeal on this issue regardless of any right or protest granted in other parts of these rules and bylaws. It is mandatory that at each NBBA sanctioned Futurity event, the official veterinarian at the completion of the event mouth all money earning Futurity bulls and a reasonable number of alternates. In all NBBA sanctioned events, the official event veterinarians ruling is FINAL AND THERE WILL BE NO APPEALS PROCESS.

**17a.** All NBBA sanctioned Futurities will use the mouthing chart approved by the NBBA Board of Directors. Mouthing charts are available through the NBBA Office upon request.

**17b.** In the event a bull is mouthed to exceed the maximum age limit to perform in said futurity by the official event veterinarian, the bull is to forfeit all entry fees, monies won and will be disqualified from said event. In addition, the bull mouthed to exceed the

maximum age shall be suspended from further participation in any and all NBBA sanctioned events for the remainder of that competition year and must compete the following competition year as a four year old. Disciplinary actions are addressed in Section XI.

**17c.** Once a bull has been mouthed at an NBBA sanctioned futurity he is exempt from mandatory mouthing of placing bulls at future NBBA sanctioned futurities. However, the NBBA reserves the right to mouth any bull at any given time.

**17d.** Following is an example of the maximum age a futurity bull can mouth at each event:

<b>January 1st - 14th</b>	<b>24 Months</b>
<b>January 15th - 31st</b>	<b>24 1/2 Months</b>
<b>February 1st - 14th</b>	<b>25 Months</b>
<b>February 15th - 28th</b>	<b>25 1/2 Months</b>
<b>March 1st - 14th</b>	<b>26 Months</b>
<b>March 15th - 30th</b>	<b>26 1/2 Months</b>
<b>April 1st - 14th</b>	<b>27 Months</b>
<b>April 15th - 30th</b>	<b>27 1/2 Months</b>
<b>May 1st - 14th</b>	<b>28 Months</b>
<b>May 15th - 31st</b>	<b>28 1/2 Months</b>
<b>June 1st - 14th</b>	<b>29 Months</b>
<b>June 15th - 30th</b>	<b>29 1/2 Months</b>
<b>July 1st - 14th</b>	<b>30 Months</b>
<b>July 15th - 31st</b>	<b>30 1/2 Months</b>
<b>August 1st - 14th</b>	<b>31 Months</b>
<b>August 15th - 31st</b>	<b>31 1/2 Months</b>
<b>September 1st - 30th</b>	<b>32 Months</b>
<b>October 1st - 31st</b>	<b>33 Months</b>
<b>November 1st - 30th</b>	<b>34 Months</b>
<b>December 1st - 31st</b>	<b>35 Months</b>

**17e.** Mouthing validations will be set up in every NBBA region for the purpose of validation of two year old bulls. Each bull which competes in three or four year old NBBA competitions must be mouthed and cleared at an official NBBA mouthing validation or at a NBBA sanctioned event as a two year old. Any bull which is not mouthed during such validations or has not been mouthed and cleared at a NBBA event is not eligible to compete as a three or four year old in any NBBA event. Mouthing Validations are addressed in Section XII.

i. Event management will be required to have a portable squeeze chute available for mouthing money earning bulls. In the event a producer requesting sanctioning approval is unable to locate the necessary equipment needed the producer must contact the NBBA Office immediately for assistance.

**Rule 18. Entry Fees:** There are four Divisions in the NBBA in which the Event Management may request sanctioning approval; Open Futurity Division, 3500

Novice Futurity Division, Youth Futurity Division, Three Year Old Derby Division and Four Year Old Classic Division. In addition, event management may add the Limited Open to any Open Futurity, Three Year Old Derby and Four Year Old Classic Division. All NBBA sanctioned events must meet the following entry fee requirements:

**18a. Open Futurity:** In all NBBA sanctioned Open Futurities there must be a minimum entry fee of \$500.00 per bull entered with a maximum entry fee of \$750.00 per bull entered.

i. In all sanctioned Open Futurities by the NBBA, \$150.00 per bull entered in the Open Futurity shall be deducted by the Event Management and forwarded to the NBBA; this deduction to be sent along with all completed NBBA result forms and judges sheets to the Association's Secretary within fifteen (15) days of conclusion of each event. Of the \$150.00 deduction per bull, \$50.00 will go to the Association for Administrative costs and \$100.00 will go toward the added purse of that years NBBA Open Futurity Finals.

ii. In all sanctioned Open Futurities by the National Bucking Bull Association, twenty percent (20%) additional fee may be deducted by the Event Management from entry fees for events that are held in conjunction with a sale. Events that are held without a sale may deduct twenty five percent (25%) additional fee from the entry fee.

**18b. 3500 Novice Futurity:** In all NBBA sanctioned 3500 Novice Futurities there must be a set entry fee amount of \$500.00 per bull entered.

i. In all sanctioned 3500 Novice Futurities by the NBBA, \$50.00 per bull entered in the 3500 Novice Futurity shall be deducted by the Event Management and forwarded to the NBBA for Administrative Costs; this deduction to be sent along with all completed NBBA result forms and judges sheets to the Association's Secretary within fifteen (15) days of conclusion of each event.

ii. In all sanctioned 3500 Novice Futurities by the National Bucking Bull Association, twenty percent (20%) additional fee may be deducted by the Event Management from entry fees for events that are held in conjunction with a sale. Events that are held without a sale may deduct twenty five percent (25%) additional fee from the entry fee.

**18c. Youth Futurity:** In all NBBA sanctioned Youth Futurities there must be a set entry fee amount of \$200.00 per bull entered.

i. In all sanctioned Youth Futurities by the National Bucking Bull Association, the number of Youth entries will be determined by event management. Entries will be one per Youth member and will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. In the event the Youth class is not full, a Youth member may then enter more than one bull and will be accepted on a first

come first serve basis.

ii. In all sanctioned Youth Futurities by the National Bucking Bull Association, of the \$200.00 entry fee, \$100.00 per bull entered will be drug by event management for production costs.

**18d. Three Year Old Derby:** In all NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies there must be a minimum entry fee of \$800.00 per bull entered with a maximum entry fee of \$1250.00 per bull entered.

i. In all sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies by the NBBA, \$150.00 per bull entered in the Three Year Old Derby shall be deducted by the Event Management and forwarded to the NBBA; this deduction to be sent along with all completed NBBA result forms and judges sheets to the Association's Secretary within fifteen (15) days of conclusion of each event. Of the \$150.00 deduction per bull, \$50.00 will go to the Association for Administrative costs and \$100.00 will go toward the added purse of that years NBBA Three Year Old Derby Finals.

ii. In all sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies by the National Bucking Bull Association, twenty percent (20%) additional fee may be deducted by the Event Management from entry fees for events that are held in conjunction with a sale. Events that are held without a sale may deduct twenty five percent (25%) additional fee from the entry fee.

iii. In all sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies by the National Bucking Bull Association, event management may add a charge of no more than \$85.00 per bull entered to offset the cost of "Contestant Coverage Insurance" **for a "Bring Your Own Rider" event.**

iv. In all sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies by the National Bucking Bull Association stating "Bring Your Own Rider", event management may add a charge of no more than \$100.00 per bull entered. The \$100.00 per bull will be in a bull riders jack pot.

***v. In all sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies held as "Bring Your Own Rider" events, if there are no qualified bull rides, the bull rider purse withheld from the entry fees for sanctioned event will be forwarded to the NBBA office and added to that Divisions Year End Finals Added Purse.***

**18e. Classic:** In all NBBA sanctioned Classics there must be a minimum entry fee of \$800.00 per bull entered with a maximum entry fee of \$1250.00 per bull entered.

i. In all sanctioned Classics by the NBBA, \$150.00 per bull entered in the Classic shall be deducted by the Event Management and forwarded to the NBBA; this deduction to

be sent along with all completed NBBA result forms and judges sheets to the Association's Secretary within fifteen (15) days of conclusion of each event. Of the \$150.00 deduction per bull, \$50.00 will go to the Association for Administrative costs and \$100.00 will go toward the added purse of that years NBBA Classic Finals.

ii. In all sanctioned Classics by the National Bucking Bull Association, twenty percent (20%) additional fee may be deducted by the Event Management from entry fees for events that are held in conjunction with a sale. Events that are held without a sale may deduct twenty five percent (25%) additional fee from the entry fee.

iii. In all sanctioned Classics by the National Bucking Bull Association, event management may add a charge of no more than \$85.00 per bull entered to offset the cost of "Contestant Coverage Insurance" **for a "Bring Your Own Rider" event.**

iv. In all sanctioned Classics by the National Bucking Bull Association stating "Bring Your Own Rider", event management may add a charge of no more than \$100.00 per bull entered. The \$100.00 per bull will be in a bull riders jackpot.

***v. In all sanctioned Classics held as "Bring Your Own Rider" events, if there are no qualified bull rides, the bull rider purse withheld from the entry fees for sanctioned event will be forwarded to the NBBA office and added to that Divisions Year End Finals Added Purse.***

**18f. Limited Open:** In all NBBA sanctioned Open Futurities, Three Year Old Derbies and Classics, event management may add the Limited Open in the amount of \$500.00 per bull entered. No fees are to be withheld from the Limited Open fee.

**18g. ADDED MONEY:** In all NBBA sanctioned events the event management has the option of adding money to the purse. If money is added to the purse, the money MUST be added after all deductions are withheld from entry fees. Event management MAY NOT drag any production costs from added money.

**18h.** Any NBBA sanctioned Futurity, Derby or Classic where the producer initiates a payment plan, extending the payments out over a period of time that includes three or more payments, may increase the Entry Fee Amount with the approval of the NBBA Board of Directors.

**18i.** At any point of the season the NBBA may add the Novice Division to both the Three Year Old Derby as well as the Classic Divisions at the discretion of the NBBA Board of Directors.

**18j.** NBBA Finals entry fee amounts will be determined each year by

the NBBA Board of Directors.

**18k.** The NBBA Board of Directors may approve or implement at any time any event format that it deems to be in the best interest of the Association.

**18l.** Entry Fee guidelines other than the fees as stated may be submitted to the NBBA **Administration or** Board of Directors for consideration.

**18m. TEAM EVENTS: An event Producer may hold an event as a “Team Event” providing the format is first submitted to and approved by the NBBA Administration or Board of Directors.**

**Rule 19.** Points shall be awarded in all NBBA sanctioned events that will accumulate for eligibility to compete in the NBBA Finals. Points shall be awarded in NBBA sanctioned events in the following manner:

**19a.** Points will be awarded in the following manner in all NBBA sanctioned events: Each bull entered will receive the number of points for every bull they beat. Example: In an NBBA sanctioned event where there are 50 bulls entered, the 1<sup>st</sup> place bull will receive 49 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place bull will receive 48 points, 49<sup>th</sup> place bull will receive 1 point. Any bull finishing in last place will not receive any points.

**19b.** Points awarded during the NBBA Finals will be awarded by each round, not on the average.

i. Any bull disqualified at an NBBA sanctioned event by a back judge for his conduct in the chute, will not receive any points.

**Rule 20.** In all NBBA sanctioned events bulls will be scored by a maximum of 100 points scoring system requiring six (6) judges where the high mark and low mark are eliminated. The judges will be required to score a bull from 1 to 25 using quarter points.

**20a.** All judges sheets will be signed by judges and results will be posted at the conclusion of any NBBA sanctioned event.

**20b.** In all NBBA sanctioned events, in the event there is a tie on any bulls placing, the event management will refer to the official judges sheets to resolve any ties. The bulls with the highest marks from the remaining four judges, with the previously mentioned high and low marks eliminated, will place higher.

**\*\*Example for a tie with 80 Points is as follows:**

	<u>BULL #1</u>	<u>BULL #2</u>
_____	Judge 1 - 20 Points	Judge 1 - 19.25 Points
	Judge 2 - 19.25 Points	Judge 2 - 20 Points
	Judge 3 - 19.75 Points	Judge 3 - 21.50 Points
	<u>Judge 4 - 21 Points</u>	<u>Judge 4 - 19.25 Points</u>
Total	80 Points	80 Points

**\*\*Bull #2 has the highest mark from Judge #3 with 21.50\*\***

**Rule 21.** In all NBBA sanctioned Open Futurities, 3500 Novice Futurities, Three Year Old Derbies and Classics, an owner may enter more than one bull permitting the owner is a member in good standing with the National Bucking Bull Association. The Youth Futurities will be limited to one bull per Youth member unless the Youth Futurity does not meet the maximum entry required by event management.

**Rule 22.** At all NBBA sanctioned events, the announcers are required to make known the name of each bull and the bulls owner at the time of their performance. The winners are also to be recognized in a similar manner after each NBBA sanctioned event. Previous performances or winnings by a bull shall not be announced at the event by announcer.

**Rule 23.** All NBBA sanctioned Futurities are required to use a minimum of three (3) approved bucking bull dummies for all two year olds being bucked in Futurities. In addition, the event management is required to provide the personnel who will mount all dummies on the bulls who are competing in said NBBA sanctioned event. NO EXCEPTIONS!! The approved NBBA dummy is the Buck Em All Dummy which weighs approximately 20 pounds.

**Rule 23a.** Any NBBA Sanctioned Futurity with fifty (50) or less bulls entered must have a minimum of three (3) approved bucking bull dummies; an event with fifty-one (51) or more bulls entered must have a minimum of four (4) approved bucking bull dummies.

**Rule 24.** At all NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies and Classics, Event Management will have the option of requiring the owners to bring their own bull riders; or to hold the Three Year Old Derby or Classic in conjunction with a Bull Riding. Event Management will be responsible for assuring that there is an equal amount of bull riders per Three Year Old Derby and/or Classic bulls entered.

**24a.** In all NBBA produced events, the minimum age requirement for Bull Riders in a "Bring Your Own rider" event is 18 years of age. In all NBBA Sanctioned events, the minimum age requirement for Bull Riders in a "Bring Your Own Rider" event will be left to the event producer.

**Rule 25.** The time allotted each bull to buck in an NBBA sanctioned Futurity is six (6) seconds for all two year old bulls being bucked in Futurities. The time allotted each bull to buck in an NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derby and NBBA Classic is eight (8) seconds. The time will start when a bulls shoulder crosses the time line designated by event management. If the clock has not been started or if it malfunctions, the Event Secretary shall notify the judges and the event management.

**Rule 26.** A bull will be awarded a Re-buck if two of the six (6) judges call for a re-buck. Any malfunction of the flank does not constitute a re-buck. On a bull who fights the chute, after three attempts to mount the dummy, event management or judges have the right to disqualify the bull if in their opinion the health and welfare of the bull or event personnel is at risk.

**26a.** Any bull event management declares un-loadable during an event, the bull will be moved to the end of the event and the owner

will have one opportunity to load the bull. If the owner is unable to load the bull, the bull will be disqualified and forfeit all entry fees.

**26b.** A bull falling down does not constitute as a re-buck.

**Rule 27.** All NBBA sanctioned events must offer both right and left handed bucking chute deliveries with inside loads and center return alley. Any alterations to this setup must be approved by the NBBA Board of Directors.

**Rule 28.** All Futurity bulls competing in NBBA sanctioned events must have their horns tipped to the size of a quarter. All Three Year Old Derby and Four Year Old Classic bulls competing in NBBA sanctioned events must have their horns tipped to the size of a HALF DOLLAR. Any bull arriving at an NBBA sanctioned event without their horns tipped, the owner could be subject to a fine up to \$250.00 and event management may disqualify the bull and forfeit all entry fees. NO BULLS WILL BE TIPPED AT THE EVENT.

**Rule 29.** All bulls competing in NBBA sanctioned events must be housed in the pens provided by event management and must be checked in by the time and date specified by event management. At the discretion of Event Management, a member's failure to comply with Rule 29 may result in disqualification, forfeiture of fees and a fine up to and including \$100 per bull.

**29a.** Event management must provide enough individual pen space for all bulls entered and all pens must be a minimum size of 10 x 10 and have a gate attached. The NBBA will not allow any event management to have panels wired or tied on pens as gates. Event management must have all pens assembled before the designated check in time for bulls to arrive.

**29b. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** All NBBA sanctioned events will abide by the current state Health Requirements for said event. All bulls will be required to **have a 180 day current** Brucellosis, **180 day current** TB Test and 30 days current health papers. Any bull competing whose state is not a TB Free state must have 30 days current TB. THE NBBA AND/OR EVENT MANAGEMENT WILL ADVISE OF ANY STATUS CHANGE REGARDING HEALTH REQUIREMENTS IMMEDIATELY.

**29c.** Event Management will be required to allow arena space for all NBBA Corporate Sponsors in any NBBA sanctioned event.

**Rule 30.** In all NBBA sanctioned events under no circumstances should event management refund entry fees or compensation of any nature to any bull owner for any reason (after event entry deadline has completed), unless deemed absolutely necessary by the event management. NBBA, under no circumstances, will be obligated to make any refund or compensation on any fees including but not limited to; sanction drag, penalties, or entry fees in any fashion or for any reason.

**30a.** In all NBBA Sanctioned events deliveries may not be changed on competing bulls after the date specified on the entry forms. Exceptions to this rule will only be made if the error is that of the producer in transferring the information from the signed entry form.

**Rule 31.** In the event an owner chooses to withdraw a bull that is entered in an NBBA sanctioned event due to an injured bull, the owner will forfeit ALL entry fees. The owner of the injured bull does reserve the right to replace the injured bull with another bull by the time and date stated by event management as the deadline for alternate bulls.

**Rule 32.** All NBBA sanctioned events must require that all bulls entered are fire or freeze branded with a permanent identification number and ranch brand. Any bull arriving at an NBBA sanctioned event without a permanent fire or freeze brand will face disqualification and forfeit all entry fees.

**Rule 33.** In all NBBA sanctioned Open Futurities, 3500 Novice Futurities, Youth Futurities, Three Year Old Derbies and Classics, the use of hot shots, electrical devices or foreign objects in the flank or on the bull, will not be allowed. In the event a hot shot, electrical device or foreign object in the flank or on the bull, is detected, the bull will be disqualified and all entry fees and or winnings will be forfeited.

**33a.** The NBBA requires that event management designate an individual to monitor and observe the bucking chutes for any rule violations.

**Rule 34.** All NBBA sanctioned event management is expected to handle all cattle with the finest efforts and attention. It is the responsibility of the owners to have their cattle prepared, chute broke, arena and horse savvy when they arrive at any NBBA event. Owners must respect that the event management will do their best to accommodate all cattle and their welfare. Owners will be required to sign entry forms stating that in no way will NBBA, event management or any of its affiliates, agents or employees be responsible for any accident, death or injury to any animal or person at any time on the event grounds during the said event.

#### **Section IV - Open Futurity Division**

**Rule 35.** In 2010, the Open Futurity Division in the NBBA is for Two Year Old bulls born between January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, meeting the general requirements set forth in Rule 4.

**Rule 36.** In all NBBA sanctioned Open Futurities bull owners must be current NBBA Members in good standing with the Association. All owners agree to abide by and follow all Standing Rules set forth in the 2010 NBBA Standing Rules and Guidelines. (Standing Rules 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 shall apply)

**Rule 37.** All money earning bulls and a reasonable number of alternates, competing in the NBBA Open Futurity Division will be mouthed by the NBBA sanctioned official event veterinarian, unless the bull has previously been mouthed and cleared at an NBBA sanctioned event by an official NBBA veterinarian. In all NBBA sanctioned events, the official event veterinarians ruling is FINAL AND THERE IS NO APPEALS PROCESS. (Standing Rules 17, 17a, 17b, 17c, 17d, 17E shall apply) The NBBA does reserve the right to mouth any bull at any given time.

**37a.** The NBBA reserves the right to DNA any bull at any time to verify identification. DNA testing is at the expense of the NBBA.

**Rule 38.** In all NBBA Open Futurities the entry fee amounts will be a minimum entry fee of \$500.00 per bull entered and a maximum entry fee of \$750.00 per bull entered.

**38a.** Any NBBA sanctioned Futurity where the producer initiates a payment plan, extending the payments out over a period of time that includes three or more payments, may increase the Entry Fee Amount with the approval of the NBBA Board of Directors.

**38b.** In all NBBA sanctioned Open Futurities, \$150.00 per bull entered in the event shall be deducted by Event Management and forwarded to the NBBA. Of the \$150.00 per bull deduction, \$50.00 will go to the Association for Administrative costs and \$100.00 will go toward the added purse of that years NBBA Open Futurity Finals.

**38c.** In all NBBA sanctioned Open Futurities an additional twenty percent (20%) may be deducted by the Event Management from entry fees for events that are held in conjunction with a sale. Events that are held without a sale may deduct twenty five (25%) additional fee from the entry fee.

**38d.** In all NBBA sanctioned Open Futurities the number of monies paid per bull entered shall be: One money paid for every three (3) bulls entered twenty nine (29) or less bulls entered; Ten (10) monies paid for an event with thirty (30) to seventy four (74) bulls entered; Fifteen (15) monies paid for an event with seventy five (75) to ninety - nine (99) bulls entered; and twenty (20) monies paid for an event with 100 or more bulls entered.

i. In all NBBA Futurities, after all deductions are held from the entry fees, the payout percentages shall be paid by the examples that follow, all percentages must equal 100%.

	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>monies</u>	<u>monies</u>	<u>monies</u>	<u>monies</u>	<u>monies</u>	<u>monies</u>	<u>monies</u>
<b>1st</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>16.5%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>5th</b>		<b>08%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>
<b>6th</b>			<b>7%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>7th</b>				<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>8th</b>					<b>5.5%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>9th</b>						<b>4.5%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>10th</b>							<b>3.5%</b>

ii. In all NBBA sanctioned events whose entries exceed seventy five (75) bulls, the event producer must submit the payout scale which will be used and post the payout scale for public information prior to books closing on said event.

**Rule 39.** In all NBBA sanctioned Open Futurities the number of entries will be determined by Event Management.

**39a.** All owners may enter a maximum of two bulls unless the Open Futurity does not meet the maximum number of entry requirements set forth by event management. In this case, owners may enter additional bulls on a first come first serve basis.

**Rule 40.** At all NBBA sanctioned Open Futurities bulls will accumulate points for eligibility to compete in that years NBBA Open Futurity Finals. Points shall be awarded as listed below:

**40a.** All bulls shall be awarded one (1) point for every bull entered in the Open Futurity that they beat. Example: In an NBBA sanctioned event where there are 50 bulls entered, the 1st place bull will receive 49 points, 2nd place bull will receive 48 points, 49th place bull will receive 1 point. Any bull finishing in last place will not receive any points.

**40b.** All NBBA Open Futurity Points are non transferable and will only count towards a bulls Open Futurity Point Total.

**40c.** Points awarded during the NBBA Finals will be awarded by each round, not on the average.

**Rule 41.** All bulls competing in an NBBA sanctioned Open Futurity will be scored by a maximum of 100 points scoring system requiring six (6) judges where the high mark and low mark are eliminated. The judges will be required to score a bull from 1 to 25 using quarter points. (Standing Rule 20, 20a, 20b shall apply)

**Rule 42.** The NBBA prohibits the use of anabolic steroids and specifically reserves the right to test, or to allow the event management to test, any bull at any time using accepted scientific methods in the industry. Testing will be at the expense of the NBBA or event management. Any entrant of a bull testing positive for anabolic steroids may be subjects to sanctions including forfeiture of any prize money and accumulated points, expulsion from the NBBA, a fine of up to \$500 and any other sanctions deemed appropriate at the discretion of the NBBA Board of Directors.

**42a.** The NBBA will not tolerate or allow owners to inject any medication to any bull at an NBBA Sanctioned event. In the event a bull needs medical attention, the veterinarian on staff will administer the injections from his or her inventory. Any owner found giving an injection to any bull will face a minimum fine amount of \$250.00 and disqualification of the bull at that event.

### **Section V - 3500 Novice Futurity Division**

**Rule 43.** In 2010, the 3500 Novice Futurity Division in the NBBA is for Two Year Old Bulls born between January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, meeting the general registration requirements set forth in Rule 4.

**Rule 44.** In all NBBA sanctioned 3500 Novice Futurities, bull owners must be current NBBA Members in good standing with the Association. All owners agree

to abide by and follow all Standing Rules set forth in the 2010 NBBA Standing Rules and Guidelines. (Standing Rules 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 shall apply)

**Rule 45.** The NBBA 3500 Novice Futurity Division will begin after the current seasons second (2nd) NBBA Open Futurity is held.

**Rule 46.** In all NBBA sanctioned 3500 Novice Futurities bulls eligible to compete must meet the following requirements:

**46a.** All bulls competing in NBBA sanctioned 3500 Novice Futurities must have competed in at least one (1) prior NBBA Open Futurity.

**46b.** All bulls competing in NBBA sanctioned 3500 Novice Futurities must have current year NBBA Futurity earnings in the amount less than \$3500.00 as determined by the records of the National Bucking Bull Association (excluding Incentive money won in NBBA sanctioned events). Once a bulls current year NBBA Futurity earnings reach \$3500.00, the bull will no longer be eligible to compete in the NBBA 3500 Novice Futurity Division.

**Rule 47.** All money earning bulls and a reasonable number of alternates competing in the NBBA 3500 Novice Futurity Division will be mouthed by the NBBA sanctioned official event veterinarian, unless the bull has previously been mouthed and cleared at an NBBA sanctioned event by an official NBBA veterinarian. In all NBBA sanctioned events, the official event veterinarians ruling is FINAL AND THERE IS NO APPEALS PROCESS. (Standing Rules 17, 17a, 17b, 17c, 17d, 17e shall apply) The NBBA does reserve the right to mouth any bull at any given time.

**47a.** The NBBA reserves the right to DNA any bull at any time to verify identification. DNA testing is at the expense of the NBBA.

**Rule 48.** In all NBBA 3500 Novice Futurities the entry fee amounts will be set at \$500.00 per bull entered.

**48a.** In all NBBA sanctioned 3500 Novice Futurities, \$50.00 per bull entered in the event shall be deducted by the Event Management and forwarded to the NBBA for Administrative costs.

**48b.** In all NBBA sanctioned 3500 Novice Futurities an additional twenty percent (20%) may be deducted by the Event Management from entry fees for events that are held in conjunction with a sale. Events that are held without a sale may deduct twenty five (25%) additional fee from the entry fee.

**48c.** In all NBBA sanctioned 3500 Novice Futurities payout will be one money paid for every three (3) bulls entered with twenty nine (29) or less bulls entered, ten (10) monies paid with thirty (30) or more bulls entered. After all deductions are held from the entry fees the payout percentages must equal 100% and will be paid as stated in Rule 38d, i.:

**Rule 49.** In all NBBA sanctioned 3500 Novice Futurities the number of entries will

be determined by Event Management.

**49a.** All owners may enter a maximum of two bulls unless the 3500 Novice Futurity does not meet the maximum number of entry requirements set forth by event management. In this case, owners may enter additional bulls on a first come first serve basis.

**Rule 50.** At all NBBA sanctioned 3500 Novice Futurities bulls will accumulate points for eligibility to compete in that years NBBA 3500 Novice Futurity Finals. Points shall be awarded as listed below:

**50a.** All bulls shall be awarded one (1) point for every bull entered in the 3500 Novice Futurity that they beat. Example: In an NBBA sanctioned event where there are 50 bulls entered, the 1st place bull will receive 49 points, 2nd place bull will receive 48 points, 49th place bull will receive 1 point. Any bull finishing in last place will not receive any points.

**50b.** All NBBA 3500 Novice Futurity Points are non transferable and will only count towards a bulls 3500 Novice Futurity Point Total. All 3500 Novice Points will void once a bull is ineligible to compete in the 3500 Novice Division.

**50c.** Points awarded during the NBBA Finals will be awarded by each round, not on the average.

**Rule 51.** All bulls competing in an NBBA sanctioned 3500 Novice Futurity will be scored by a maximum of 100 points scoring system requiring six (6) judges where the high mark and low mark are eliminated. The judges will be required to score a bull from 1 to 25 using quarter points. (Standing Rule 20, 20a, 20b shall apply)

**Rule 52.** The NBBA prohibits the use of anabolic steroids and specifically reserves the right to test, or to allow the event management to test, any bull at any time using accepted scientific methods in the industry. Testing will be at the expense of the NBBA or event management. Any entrant of a bull testing positive for anabolic steroids may be subjects to sanctions including forfeiture of any prize money and accumulated points, expulsion from the NBBA, a fine of up to \$500 and any other sanctions deemed appropriate at the discretion of the NBBA Board of Directors.

**52a.** The NBBA will not tolerate or allow owners to inject any medication to any bull at an NBBA Sanctioned event. In the event a bull needs medical attention, the veterinarian on staff will administer the injections from his or her inventory. Any owner found giving an injection to any bull will face a minimum fine amount of \$250.00 and disqualification of the bull at that event.

### **Section VI - Youth Futurity Division**

**Rule 53.** In 2010, the Youth Futurity Division in the NBBA is for Two Year Old Bulls born between January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, meeting the general registration requirements set forth in Rule 4.

**Rule 54.** In all NBBA sanctioned Youth Futurities, bull owners must be current

NBBA Youth Members in good standing with the Association. All owners agree to abide by and follow all Standing Rules set forth in the 2010 NBBA Standing Rules and Guidelines. (Standing Rules 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 shall apply)

**Rule 55.** In all NBBA sanctioned Youth Futurities bulls eligible to compete must meet the following requirements:

**55a.** All bulls competing in NBBA sanctioned Youth Futurities must be registered in the competing Youth NBBA members name, the Youths family members name or the family ranch name.

**55b.** All bulls competing in NBBA sanctioned Youth Futurities must never have competed in an NBBA sanctioned Open or 3500 Novice Futurity, ABBI Futurity or any other Futurity sanctioned by an Association or Membership Organization. Any bulls competing in the NBBA Open or 3500 Novice Futurity Division, an ABBI Futurity or any other Futurity sanctioned by an Association or Membership Organization will be ineligible to compete in the NBBA Youth Division.

**Rule 56.** All money earning bulls and a reasonable number of alternates competing in the NBBA Youth Futurity Division will be mouthed by the NBBA sanctioned official event veterinarian, unless the bull has previously been mouthed and cleared at an NBBA sanctioned event by an official NBBA veterinarian. In all NBBA sanctioned events, the official event veterinarians ruling is FINAL AND THERE IS NO APPEALS PROCESS. (Standing Rules 17, 17a, 17b, 17c, 17d, 17e shall apply) The NBBA does reserve the right to mouth any bull at any given time.

**56a.** The NBBA reserves the right to DNA any bull at any time to verify identification. DNA testing is at the expense of the NBBA.

**Rule 57.** In all NBBA Youth Futurities the entry fee amounts will be set at \$200.00 per bull entered.

**57a.** In all sanctioned Youth Futurities by the National Bucking Bull Association, of the \$200.00 entry fee, \$100.00 per bull entered will be drug by event management for production costs.

**57b.** In all NBBA sanctioned NBBA Youth Futurities payout will be one money paid for every six (6) bulls entered. After all deductions are held from the entry fees the payout percentages must equal 100% and will be paid as stated in Rule 38d, i.:

**Rule 58.** In all NBBA sanctioned Youth Futurities the number of entries will be determined by event management and be accepted on a first come first serve basis.

**Rule 58a.** In all NBBA Youth Futurities, entries will be limited to one bull per Youth member unless the Youth Futurity does not meet the maximum number of entries accepted. In which case, the Youth alternates will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

**Rule 59.** At all NBBA sanctioned Youth Futurities bulls will accumulate Points for eligibility to compete in that years NBBA Youth Futurity Finals. Points shall be awarded as listed below:

**59a.** All bulls shall be awarded one (1) point for every bull entered in the Youth Futurity that they beat. Example: In an NBBA sanctioned event where there are 20 bulls entered, the 1st place bull will receive 19 points, 2nd place bull will receive 18 points, 19th place bull will receive 1 point. Any bull finishing in last place will not receive any points.

**59b.** All NBBA Youth Futurity Points are non transferable and will only count towards a bulls Youth Futurity Point Total. All Youth Futurity Points will void once a bull is ineligible to compete in Youth Division.

**59c.** Points awarded during the NBBA Finals will be awarded by each round, not on the average.

**Rule 60.** All bulls competing in an NBBA sanctioned Youth Futurity will be scored by a maximum of 100 points scoring system requiring six (6) judges where the high mark and low mark are eliminated. The judges will be required to score a bull from 1 to 25 using quarter points. (Standing Rule 20, 20a, 20b shall apply)

**Rule 61.** In all NBBA sanctioned Youth Futurities there must be at least one (1) adult accompanying the Youth at all times behind the bucking chute or in the arena. The Youth Members are not required to flank their own bulls.

**61a.** Youth Members are required to be present at all NBBA Youth Futurities in which their bull is entered. Exemptions may be given by the NBBA Board of Directors for any event which falls on a school day.

i. On a partnership, a minimum of one Youth member of the partnership must be present.

**Rule 62.** The NBBA prohibits the use of anabolic steroids and specifically reserves the right to test, or to allow the event management to test, any bull at any time using accepted scientific methods in the industry. Testing will be at the expense of the NBBA or event management. Any entrant of a bull testing positive for anabolic steroids may be subjects to sanctions including forfeiture of any prize money and accumulated points, expulsion from the NBBA, a fine of up to \$500 and any other sanctions deemed appropriate at the discretion of the NBBA Board of Directors.

**62a.** The NBBA will not tolerate or allow owners to inject any medication to any bull at an NBBA Sanctioned event. In the event a bull needs medical attention, the veterinarian on staff will administer the injections from his or her inventory. Any owner found giving an injection to any bull will face a minimum fine amount of \$250.00 and disqualification of the bull at that event.

### ***Section VII - Three Year Old Derby Division***

**Rule 63.** In 2010, the Three Year Old Derby Division in the NBBA is for Three Year Old Bulls born between January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, meeting the general registration requirements set forth in Rule 4.

**63a.** All bulls competing in the Three Year Old Derbies must have been mouthed and cleared at an NBBA Futurity as a Two Year Old or must have been mouthed and cleared at one of the NBBA Mouthing Validations.

**Rule 64.** In all NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies, bull owners must be current NBBA Members in good standing with the Association. All owners agree to abide by and follow all Standing Rules set forth in the 2010 NBBA Standing Rules and Guidelines. (Standing Rules 21,24, 25, 26. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 shall apply)

**Rule 65.** In all NBBA Three Year Old Derbies the entry fee amounts will be a minimum entry fee of \$800.00 per bull entered and a maximum entry fee of \$1250.00 per bull entered.

**65a.** Any NBBA sanctioned Derby where the producer initiates a payment plan, extending the payments out over a period of time that includes three or more payments, may increase the Entry Fee Amount with the approval of the NBBA Board of Directors.

**65b.** In all NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies, \$150.00 per bull entered in the event shall be deducted by Event Management and forwarded to the NBBA. Of the \$150.00 per bull deduction, \$50.00 will go to the Association for Administrative costs and \$100.00 will go toward the added purse of that years NBBA Three Year Old Derby Finals.

**65c.** In all NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies an additional twenty percent (20%) may be deducted by the Event Management from entry fees for events that are held in conjunction with a sale. Events that are held without a sale may deduct twenty five (25%) additional fee from the entry fee.

**65d.** In all NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies, Event Management may add a charge of no more than \$85.00 per bull entered to offset the cost of Contestant Coverage Insurance **for a “Bring Your Own Rider” event.**

**65e.** In all NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies stating “Bring Your Own Rider”, event management may add a charge of no more than \$100.00 per bull entered for the bull riders jackpot. No fees will be withheld from the bull riders jackpot.

***i. In all sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies held as “Bring Your Own Rider” events, if there are no qualified bull rides, the bull rider purse withheld from the entry fees for sanctioned event will be forwarded to the NBBA office and added to that Divisions Year End Finals Added Purse.***

**65f.** In all NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies the number of monies paid per bull entered shall be: One money paid for every three (3) bulls entered with twenty nine (29) or less bulls entered; Ten (10) monies paid for an event with thirty (30) to seventy four (74) bulls entered; Fifteen (15) monies paid for an event with seventy five (75) to ninety nine (99) bulls entered; and twenty (20) monies paid for an event with 100 or more bulls entered.

i. In all NBBA Three Year Old Derbies after all deductions are held from the entry fees, the payout percentages must equal 100% and will be paid as stated in Rule 38d, i.

**Rule 66.** In all NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies the number of entries will be determined by Event Management.

**66a.** All owners may enter a maximum of two bulls unless the Three Year Old Derby does not meet the maximum number of entry requirements set forth by event management. In this case, owners may enter additional bulls on a first come first serve basis.

**Rule 67.** At all NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies bulls will accumulate Points for eligibility to compete in that years NBBA Three Year Old Derby Finals. Points shall be awarded as listed below:

**67a.** All bulls shall be awarded one (1) point for every bull entered in the Three Year Old Derby that they beat. Example: In an NBBA sanctioned event where there are 50 bulls entered, the 1st place bull will receive 49 points, 2nd place bull will receive 48 points, 49th place bull will receive 1 point. Any bull finishing in last place will not receive any points.

**67b.** All NBBA Three Year Old Derby Points are non transferable and will only count towards a bulls Three Year Old Derby Point Total.

**67c.** Points awarded during the NBBA Finals will be awarded by each round, not on the average.

**Rule 68.** All bulls competing in an NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derby will be scored by a maximum of 100 points scoring system requiring six (6) judges where the high mark and low mark are eliminated. The judges will be required to score a bull from 1 to 25 using quarter points. (Standing Rule 20, 20a, 20b shall apply).

**Rule 69.** The NBBA prohibits the use of anabolic steroids and specifically reserves the right to test, or to allow the event management to test, any bull at any time using accepted scientific methods in the industry. Testing will be at the expense of the NBBA or event management. Any entrant of a bull testing positive for anabolic steroids may be subjects to sanctions including forfeiture of any prize money and accumulated points, expulsion from the NBBA, a fine of up to \$500 and any other sanctions deemed appropriate at the discretion of the NBBA Board of Directors.

**69a.** The NBBA will not tolerate or allow owners to inject any medication to any bull at an NBBA Sanctioned event. In the event a bull

needs medical attention, the veterinarian on staff will administer the injections from his or her inventory. Any owner found giving an injection to any bull will face a minimum fine amount of \$250.00 and disqualification of the bull at that event.

**Rule 70.** At all NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies, Event Management will have the option of requiring the owners to bring their own bull riders; or to hold the Three Year Old Derby in conjunction with a Bull Riding. Event Management will be responsible for assuring that there is an equal amount of bull riders per Three Year Old Derby bulls entered when held with an established bull riding.

**70a.** In all NBBA produced events, the minimum age requirement for bull riders in a “Bring Your Own Rider” event is eighteen (18) years of age. In all NBBA sanctioned events, the minimum age requirement for bull riders in “Bring Your Own Rider” will be determined by the event producer.

**Rule 71.** In all NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies a bull will be given three attempts to get out of the chute; after the third attempt the bull will be moved to the end of the performance or may face disqualification as explained in rules 71a, 71b, 71c.

**71a.** All NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies, event management will be responsible for *providing* an official back judge to monitor the bucking chutes.

**71b.** Any NBBA sanctioned “Bring Your Own Rider” event, the bull will be given three attempts to get out of the chute, if the back judge determines the bull to be un-mountable the bull will be turned out and face disqualification and forfeit all entry fees.

**71c.** Any NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derby held as a rider drawn production, the bull will be given three attempts to get out of the chute, if the schedule permits, the back judge may award the bull a re-buck if he determines the rider did not make an honest attempt to take the bull. The back judge will have a list of stand by riders available to mount the bull.

**Rule 72.** At all NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies, there shall be no more than two (2) people pulling a bull riders rope in the bucking chute.

**72a.** At all NBBA sanctioned Three Year Old Derbies, a bull rider must wait until bull is in the bucking chute to have his rope pulled tight, and the rope may not be pulled tight for an excessive amount of time.

**72b.** The NBBA will not tolerate mistreatment or abuse of any kind to a bucking bull while in the bucking chute by any person, including the bull rider. This includes excessive spurring a bull by a bull rider or “soaking” a bull while in the bucking chute.

i. Violations of Rule 72 will be called at the discretion of the back judge.

**Rule 73.** In all NBBA sanctioned Open Futurities, 3500 Novice Futurities, Youth Futurities, Three Year Old Derbies and Classics, the use of hot shots, electrical devices or foreign objects in the flank or on the bull, will not be allowed. In the event a hot shot, electrical device or foreign object in the flank or on the bull, is detected, the bull will be disqualified and all entry fees and or winnings will be forfeited.

**73a.** The NBBA requires that event management designate an individual to monitor and observe the bucking chutes for any rule violations.

### **Section VIII - Classic Division**

The NBBA Classic Division is a class for NBBA validated Three and Four Year Old bulls meeting the general registration requirements as set forth in Rule 4. In all NBBA Classic events, Four Year Old bulls will have priority on entering an event. If the event does not reach the maximum entry requirement stated, Three Year Old bulls will be given the opportunity to enter on a First Come First Serve basis.

**Rule 74.** In 2010, the Classic Division in the NBBA is for Four Year Old Bulls born between January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, AND Three Year Old Bulls born between January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, meeting the general registration requirements set forth in Rule 4.

**74a.** All bulls competing in the Classics must have been mouthed and cleared at an NBBA Futurity as a Two Year Old or must have been mouthed and cleared at one of the NBBA Mouthing Validations.

**Rule 75.** In all NBBA sanctioned Classics, bull owners must be current NBBA Members in good standing with the Association. All owners agree to abide by and follow all Standing Rules set forth in the 2010 NBBA Standing Rules and Guidelines. (Standing Rules 21,24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 shall apply)

**Rule 76.** In all NBBA Classics the entry fee amounts will be a minimum entry fee of \$800.00 per bull entered and a maximum entry fee of \$1250.00 per bull entered.

**76a.** Any NBBA sanctioned Classic where the producer initiates a payment plan, extending the payments out over a period of time that includes three or more payments, may increase the Entry Fee Amount with the approval of the NBBA Board of Directors.

**76b.** In all NBBA sanctioned Classics, \$150.00 per bull entered in the event shall be deducted by Event Management and forwarded to the NBBA. Of the \$150.00 per bull deduction, \$50.00 will go to the Association for Administrative costs and \$100.00 will go toward the added purse of that years NBBA Classic Finals.

**76c.** In all NBBA sanctioned Classics an additional twenty percent (20%) may be deducted by the Event Management from entry fees for events that are held in conjunction with a sale. Events that are held without a sale may deduct twenty five (25%) additional fee from the entry fee.

**76d.** In all NBBA sanctioned Classics, Event Management may add a charge of no more than \$85.00 per bull entered to offset the cost of Contestant Coverage Insurance **for a “Bring Your Own Rider” event.**

**76e.** In all NBBA sanctioned Classics stating “Bring Your Own Rider”, event management may add a charge of no more than \$100.00 per bull entered for the bull riders jackpot. No fees will be withheld from the bull riders jackpot.

***i. In all sanctioned Classics held as “Bring Your Own Rider” events, if there are no qualified bull rides, the bull rider purse withheld from the entry fees for sanctioned event will be forwarded to the NBBA office and added to that Divisions Year End Finals Added Purse.***

**76f.** In all NBBA sanctioned Classics the number of monies paid per bull entered shall be: One money paid for every three (3) bulls entered twenty nine (29) or less bulls entered; Ten (10) monies paid for an event with thirty (30) to seventy four (74) bulls entered; Fifteen (15) monies paid for an event with seventy five (75) to ninety nine (99) bulls entered; and twenty (20) monies paid for an event with 100 or more bulls entered.

**i.** In all NBBA Classics, after all deductions are held from the entry fees, the payout percentages must equal 100% and will be paid as stated in Rule 38d, i.

**Rule 77.** In all NBBA sanctioned Classics the number of entries will be determined by Event Management.

**77a.** All owners may enter a maximum of two bulls unless the Classic does not meet the maximum number of entry requirements set forth by event management. In this case, owners may enter additional bulls on a first come first serve basis.

**Rule 78.** At all NBBA sanctioned Classics bulls will accumulate Points for eligibility to compete in that years NBBA Classic Finals. Points shall be awarded as listed below:

**78a.** All bulls shall be awarded one (1) point for every bull entered in the Classics that they beat. Example: In an NBBA sanctioned event where there are 50 bulls entered, the 1st place bull will receive 49 points, 2nd place bull will receive 48 points, 49th place bull will receive 1 point. Any bull finishing in last place will not receive any points.

**78b.** All NBBA Classic Points are non transferable and will only count towards a bulls Classic Point Total.

**78c.** Points awarded during the NBBA Finals will be awarded by each round, not on the average.

**Rule 79.** All bulls competing in an NBBA sanctioned Classics will be scored by a maximum of 100 points scoring system requiring six (6) judges where the high mark

and low mark are eliminated. The judges will be required to score a bull from 1 to 25 using quarter points. (Standing Rule 20, 20a, 20b shall apply)

**Rule 80.** The NBBA prohibits the use of anabolic steroids and specifically reserves the right to test, or to allow the event management to test, any bull at any time using accepted scientific methods in the industry. Testing will be at the expense of the NBBA or event management. Any entrant of a bull testing positive for anabolic steroids may be subjects to sanctions including forfeiture of any prize money and accumulated points, expulsion from the NBBA, a fine of up to \$500 and any other sanctions deemed appropriate at the discretion of the NBBA Board of Directors.

**80a.** The NBBA will not tolerate or allow owners to inject any medication to any bull at an NBBA Sanctioned event. In the event a bull needs medical attention, the veterinarian on staff will administer the injections from his or her inventory. Any owner found giving an injection to any bull will face a minimum fine amount of \$250.00 and disqualification of the bull at that event.

**Rule 81.** At all NBBA sanctioned Classics, Event Management will have the option of requiring the owners to bring their own bull riders; or to hold the Classic in conjunction with a Bull Riding. Event Management will be responsible for assuring that there is an equal amount of bull riders per Classic bulls entered when held with an established bull riding.

**81a.** In all NBBA produced events, the minimum age requirement for bull riders in a "Bring Your Own Rider" event is eighteen (18) years of age. In all NBBA sanctioned events, the minimum age requirement for bull riders in "Bring Your Own Rider" will be determined by the event producer.

**Rule 82.** In all NBBA sanctioned Classics a bull will be given three attempts to get out of the chute; after the third attempt the bull will be moved to the end of the performance or may face disqualification as explained in Rule 82a, 82b, 82c.

**82a.** All NBBA sanctioned Classics, event management will be responsible for **providing** an official back judge to monitor the bucking chutes.

**82b.** Any NBBA sanctioned "Bring Your Own Rider" event, the bull will be given three attempts to get out of the chute, if the back judge determines the bull to be un-mountable the bull will be turned out and face disqualification and forfeit all entry fees.

**82c.** Any NBBA sanctioned Classic held as a rider drawn production, the bull will be given three attempts to get out of the chute, if the schedule permits, the back judge may award the bull a re-buck if he determines the rider did not make an honest attempt to take the bull. The back judge will have a list of stand by riders available to mount the bull.

**Rule 83.** At all NBBA sanctioned Classics, there shall be no more than two (2) people pulling a bull riders rope in the bucking chute.

**83a.** At all NBBA sanctioned Classics, a bull rider must wait until bull is in the bucking chute to have his rope pulled tight, and the rope may not be pulled tight for an excessive amount of time.

**83b.** The NBBA will not tolerate mistreatment or abuse of any kind to a bucking bull while in the bucking chute by any person, including the bull rider. This includes excessive spurring a bull by a bull rider or “soaking” a bull while in the bucking chute.

i. Violations of Rule 83 will be called at the discretion of the back judge.

**Rule 84.** In all NBBA sanctioned Open Futurities, 3500 Novice Futurities, Youth Futurities, Three Year Old Derbies and Classics, the use of hot shots, electrical devices or foreign objects in the flank or on the bull, will not be allowed. In the event a hot shot, electrical device or foreign object in the flank or on the bull, is detected, the bull will be disqualified and all entry fees and or winnings will be forfeited.

**84a.** The NBBA requires that event management designate an individual to monitor and observe the bucking chutes for any rule violations.

### **Section IX- Judges**

**Rule 86.** Designation as an NBBA approved judge is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the Judges Committee, according to procedures formulated by it, to individuals having shown a high degree of bucking bull expertise and good character. A judges conduct is subject to the continual review of the Judges Committee. Designation as a judge is revocable by the Judges Committee with or without notice and formal hearing, subject only to the ultimate review by the Board of Directors.

**Rule 87.** The Board of Directors may designate individuals over the age of eighteen (18) as an NBBA Judge upon approval by the Judges Committee, subject only to the ultimate review by the Board of Directors.

**Rule 88.** No individual will be approved as a judge who has a record of suspension, probation or other disciplinary action with the NBBA for the two (2) year period immediately preceding the date a Judges Application is received by the NBBA office.

**Rule 89.** Judges in all NBBA sanctioned events must use official Judges sheets and sign each sheet. The following criteria must also be met in regard to judging at any NBBA sanctioned event.

**89a.** There must not be any consultation between judges until after judges sheets are turned in; after the judges sheets are turned in, there will be no changes made.

**Rule 90.** A judge may not judge a bull belonging to his parents, children, spouse, spouse’s parents, employer, employees or relatives of either the judge or his spouse. A judge may not judge a bull belonging to anyone who lives in the judge’s household. Furthermore, a judge may not judge a bull that he has

owned, bucked, trained, managed or sold for direct or indirect remuneration within the sixty (60) day period immediately preceding any NBBA sanctioned event at which said judge is officiating.

**90a.** A judge may not judge any bull of any owner, who has trained or assisted in training the judges bull within sixty (60) days preceding any NBBA sanctioned event at which said judge is officiating.

**Rule 91.** Event Management shall report to the NBBA office any judge who is absent from his duties after accepting an assignment. The judge shall be removed from the NBBA Approved Judges List until the judge submits a written statement to the NBBA Board of Directors. A judge will be reinstated to the NBBA approved Judges List only after the Director of Judges determines that a judges absence was for just cause.

**Rule 92.** A judge must present in writing any grievance that he/she may have against contestants or Event Management to the NBBA Board of Directors. A complaint by a judge must be filed (postmarked, faxed or hand delivered) within seven (7) days of the alleged rule violation.

**Rule 93.** Event Management is not authorized to dismiss a judge for any reason relating to the actual performance of his judging responsibilities once an NBBA sanctioned event has commenced. However, event management may dismiss a judge for blatant misconduct immediately before or during an event such as consuming alcoholic beverages or drugs or any conduct in violation of state or federal law immediately prior to or during an event. A judge may be dismissed for any reason by the NBBA Board of Directors if, in their opinion, it is in the best interest of the NBBA to do so.

**Rule 94.** A judge should not appear on the event grounds before the stated time required by event management. Judges shall not visit, beyond the exchange of normal greetings, with owners, trainers, or agents before the event and shall talk only with representatives of Event Management, until the entire event is completed.

**Rule 95.** Under no circumstances will a judge be permitted to enter a bull in an event for which said judge is officiating.

## **Section X - Contestants**

**Rule 96.** Event Management reserves the right to disqualify or refuse entry to any contestant for actions of misconduct, unsportsmanlike conduct, or harassing the judges, Event Management, employees, or other contestants. If a contestant is disqualified for violating a Standing Rule of the NBBA, all entry fees pertaining to said contestant shall be forfeited.

**96a.** A contestant shall not talk with the judges, beyond the exchange of normal greeting, before event or until the entire event is completed or make any comments within a judges hearing about any performance during the event.

**96b.** A contestant, or any other person, shall not engage in any form of misconduct or harassment toward Event Management, judges or

NBBA employees at any NBBA approved event. Infraction of this rule will result in a fine and possible suspension by the NBBA Board of Directors.

**96c.** Unsportsmanlike conduct in the event arena or on the event grounds is prohibited.

**96d.** A contestant shall not intimidate, or attempt to intimidate, a judge. The penalty for violating this rule will be a minimum of six (6) months suspension from the NBBA.

**96e.** No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs may be consumed or brought into the event arena while an NBBA sanctioned bucking bull event is taking place. Anyone found consuming alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs in any of the areas defined above shall be asked to leave by Event Management. Members shall be disqualified from the event and will be subject to disciplinary procedures by the Board of Directors for violation of this rule.

**96f.** Any member of the NBBA who threatens, or actually inflicts, bodily harm or injury to another person based upon that person's actions, conduct, or decisions while acting in any official capacity for the NBBA or for any NBBA sanctioned event shall be suspended from membership in the NBBA for a period of not less than one (1) year. The responsibility for reporting violations of this Standing Rule rests with, but is not limited to, event management, NBBA Directors and the judges.

**96g.** Inhumane treatment or abuse of a bull in any manner in the event arena or on the event grounds is prohibited.

i. If Event Management or a judge at any NBBA sanctioned event discovers inhumane treatment or abuse of a bull, it may immediately bar the responsible party and bull from further competition in the event. Event Management must notify the NBBA Board of Directors of any action taken regarding enforcement of this rule within seven (7) days of the closing date of the event involved. After further review, the NBBA Board of Directors may impose additional disciplinary actions for violations of this rule.

a. The NBBA will not tolerate mistreatment or abuse of any kind to a bucking bull while in the bucking chute by any person, including the bull rider. This includes excessive spurring a bull or "soaking" a bull by a bull rider while in the bucking chute. A bull rider must wait until the bull is loaded in the bucking chute to pull his rope tight or the bull rider will face disqualification at the discretion of the back judge.

**96h.** Any NBBA member or nonmember whose check given in connection with the exhibition of bucking bulls is returned by the maker's bank shall be assessed a fee of \$25.00 per occurrence. Full

restitution for the face value of the check plus the \$25.00 fee must be received within fourteen (14) business days. Notification shall be in accordance with Standing Rule 102.

i. Any NBBA member or nonmember whose check given in connection with the exhibition of bucking bulls is returned by the maker's bank who fails to make full restitution within fourteen (14) business days or who fails to pay entry fees and/or related event expenses shall forfeit all points earned and such points shall not count for any NBBA special or year end awards until full restitution, including all fees, are received.

ii. Failure to make full restitution, including all fees, within fourteen (14) business days will result in an automatic suspension with no disciplinary hearing necessary. Suspension will be sustained until further restitution, including all fees, are received. Suspension will be in accordance with Standing Rule 97.

**96i.** The responsibility for reporting violations of Standing Rule 96 rests with, but is not limited to, Event Management and NBBA Directors.

**96j.** *All NBBA contestants shall honor any dress code specified by an event producer as stated in said event guidelines.*

### **Section XI - Disciplinary Procedures**

**Rule 97.** Any NBBA member may be disciplined, fined, placed on probation or suspended from the NBBA, and any member or nonmember may be denied all privileges, including event privileges, of the NBBA by the NBBA Board of Directors whenever it shall have been established by a preponderance of the evidence that such member or nonmember has violated any rule of the Association. When the rule in question contains a specific punishment provision, any disciplinary action taken must be consistent with that provision.

**97a.** When a member or nonmember shall be accused of any violation, other than mouthing where there is no appeals process, the individual shall be given not less than fifteen (15) days notice of a time and place for hearing such accusation by the Board of Directors. At the designated time and place of the hearing, the individual shall have an opportunity, in person or by counsel, to be heard and to present evidence in his/her behalf and to hear and refute evidence offered against the individual. Notification of such hearing will be issued in accordance with Standing Rule 102.

**97b.** No continuance shall be granted unless requested in writing at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing and good cause is shown. A continuance shall be granted or denied at the sole discretion of the NBBA President.

**97c.** The decision of the NBBA Board of Directors shall be final and

binding on all parties.

**97d.** A suspended member of the NBBA will not be allowed to participate or enter the arena of any NBBA sanctioned bucking bull event as an owner of a bull or an agent. In the event such suspended member enters a sanctioned event during the period of the members suspension either as an owner, or agent, an additional six (6) months will be added to the members suspension. The member may only come to an NBBA sanctioned event as a spectator.

**Rule 98.** Any NBBA member who threatens or actually inflicts bodily harm or injury to another person based upon that persons actions, conduct, or decisions while acting in any official capacity for the NBBA or for any NBBA sanctioned event shall be suspended from membership in the NBBA for a period of not less than one (1) year.

**Rule 99.** Any bull who is disqualified due to mouthing at an NBBA sanctioned event will be suspended from competing in any NBBA sanctioned events for the remainder of that year and must compete the following competition year as a four year old. All money won, points earned and entry fees will be forfeited. In the event a bull is disqualified, said owner may compete with a different bull at an NBBA sanctioned event.

**99a.** Any owner who is disqualified due to mouthing at an NBBA sanctioned event with two or more bulls in the same competition year, shall face suspension and be fined \$1000.00. Once payment has been received in the NBBA office for stated fine, said owner may compete with a different bull at an NBBA sanctioned event.

**99b.** Any owner who is disqualified due to mouthing at an NBBA sanctioned event with three or more bulls in the same year shall be suspended from membership in the NBBA for a period of not less than two (2) years. In addition to a suspension of the owner for two (2) years, the owner will be fined \$2000.00 that must be paid before owner will be allowed to compete at the end of the two (2) year suspension.

i. In the event a bull who has been disqualified is owned by a partnership, all members of the partnership will be suspended until said fine is paid or full term of suspension has been served.

ii. Excludes any bulls that are mouthed to exceed the maximum age requirements at an NBBA mouthing validation.

**99c.** Rule 99a and 99b address the owner as the original breeder of the bull being disqualified. Any bull DNA verified through the NBBA DNA process , the owner who submits the DNA sample will be considered as the original breeder of that bull.

**Rule 100.** Any member instituting litigation in which the NBBA is included as a

defendant in an effort to recover damages, to overturn enforcement or interpretation of the Bylaws, Standing Rules, or for any other reason whatsoever, and does not prevail in said litigation by the recovery of all relief requested, said member shall be liable to the NBBA for its attorney's fees, costs of courts, and other expenses incurred in connection with such litigation. Venue for any litigation in which the NBBA is included as a defendant shall be Van Zandt County, Texas.

**Rule 101.** No person shall make a derogatory remark, nor take, or threaten to take, adverse action against an NBBA sponsor, its agent, servants or employees, relating in any manner to the sponsor's involvement with the NBBA or an NBBA sanctioned event. Any person who violates this rule is subject to disciplinary action and is also responsible to the NBBA for any loss or damage caused by a violation of this rule.

**Rule 102.** Every notice required by these standing rules may be served by delivering a copy of the notice to the person to be served, or his/her attorney, either in person or by mail, postage prepaid, to his/her last known address as it appears on the NBBA records and upon mailing, such notice shall be deemed received by such person when it is deposited in the United States mail.

## **XII - Mouthing Validations**

**Rule 103.** Mouthing validations will be set up in every NBBA region for the purpose of validation of two year old bulls. Each bull which competes in three or four year old NBBA competitions must be mouthed and cleared at an official NBBA mouthing validation or at a NBBA sanctioned event as a two year old. Any bull which is not mouthed during such validations or has not been mouthed and cleared at a NBBA event as a two year old, is not eligible to compete as a three or four year old in any NBBA event.

**103a.** NBBA mouthing validations will be for current year NBBA members ONLY, a bull will not be validated whose owner is not a current year NBBA member. An NBBA membership may be purchased the day of the validation.

**103b.** At all NBBA Mouthing Validations, the official veterinarian's ruling is final and there is NO APPEALS PROCESS.

**103c.** All bulls validated are validated for eligibility to compete one year as a three year old and the following year as a four year old. Bulls may only be validated once, any bull attending a validation that has previously attended an NBBA validation will be disqualified and the validation will not be accepted.

**i.** Any owner who attempts to have a bull validated that has been validated the previous year or a bull who has attended a validation and ruled ineligible to compete, may face suspension from the NBBA at the discretion of the NBBA Board of Directors and a fine in the amount of \$1000.00.

**103d.** Any bull attending an NBBA validation who mouths to exceed the maximum age requirement, but is less than 36 months may move up

and compete as a four year old. Any bull who months to exceed the maximum age requirement and is mouthed past 36 months will be completely disqualified and ineligible to compete in NBBA sanctioned events.

**103e.** In all NBBA sanctioned Futurities, event management may choose to allow official event veterinarian to validate Two Year Old Bulls who do not meet the mandatory mouthing requirements for said event, at an additional cost to the bull owners, upon the bull owners request. As with any NBBA validation, the official veterinarian's ruling is final and there is NO APPEALS PROCESS.

**103d.** All NBBA Validation information is for the sole use of the NBBA only, the documents will be filed with the NBBA and will not be available to any member or any other group or organization.

- i. NBBA Validation information will not be used to verify or settle age disputes or questions with any other event or organization.
- ii. NBBA Validation information includes any paperwork, documents or pictures completed or taken by owners, official veterinarian and NBBA representatives during the validation.

***103e. Validation dates will begin on or after September 1st of each year and will end on November 30th of each year. No validation dates will be held after November 30th.***

### **XIII - NBBA FINALS**

The NBBA Board of Directors will have sole discretion upon determining the date, time, location, ground rules and format of each years NBBA Finals as well as any and all guidelines, requirements or entry fees set.

### **XIV - YEAR END AWARDS**

The NBBA will award bulls and individuals in each Division at the conclusion of each competition year upon the discretion of the NBBA Board of Directors and the awards that are available.

### **XV - YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS PROGRAM**

The NBBA will award the NBBA Youth with various scholarships and awards throughout the year. The NBBA Youth committee will advise the NBBA Board of Directors on the scholarships and awards that are given and any guidelines and regulations that need to be set in regards to the NBBA Youth Scholarship and Awards Program.

### **XVI - DNA VERIFICATION**

The NBBA offers DNA services to current year members who wish to compete in sanctioned NBBA events with animals who are not registered through

the ABBI. Owners may submit DNA samples to the NBBA Office for processing for the fees stated by the NBBA. Owners must contact the NBBA Office to request blood cards if needed. All DNA samples and results are the sole property of the NBBA.

## **XVII - CLONES**

***The NBBA does not support nor does it condone the cloning of livestock; the NBBA's stance on cloning is as follows:***

***a. Any bull who has NOT competed on a competition level in any organization or open events (ie: Futurity, Derby, Classic) that has been cloned may be DNA'd through the NBBA's DNA system and compete in the NBBA AS LONG AS the bull meets all requirements set forth by the NBBA.***

***b. Once a bull has competed on any level of competition or a set of "clones" have competed on any level of competition they are no longer eligible to return to the NBBA to compete.***

***The NBBA will reserve the right to pull DNA on any animal at any time, if an animal is found to be that of a "clone" who is in-eligible for competition, there will be strict penalties enforced which could result in permanent ban of the Association in addition to a fine in the amount determined by the NBBA Board of Directors.***

## **BYLAWS**

### **Article I - General**

**Section 1.** The name of the Association shall be the National Bucking Bull Association. The Association is a non-profit corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas.

**Section 2.** The principle office or place of business of the Association shall be the address of the duly appointed secretary or any address designated by the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** The Association is organized and shall be operated exclusively as an agricultural organization. With the scope of the foregoing purposes and promote and develop the bucking bull as a unique athlete. The Association shall carry out the foregoing purpose by conducting and supporting bucking bull activities, events and contests; establishing standards, rules and regulations for the efficient promotion and management of bucking bull futurities; establishing requirements, categories and criteria for membership in the Association; establishing standards for judging the performance of bucking bulls; and cooperation with other bucking bull associations having common purposes.

**Section 4.** There shall be no capital stock of the Association. Membership cards shall be issued to all members and shall be non-transferable.

**Section 5.** The Association shall operate on a calendar year beginning January 1 through December 31 unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors.

## **Article II - Membership Rules and Regulations**

Membership in the Association is a privilege, not a right, application for membership shall be made on forms and by fees and procedures prescribed from time to time by the Association. Membership, or application therefore, may be terminated or rejected by the Board of Directors for cause detrimental to the interest of the Association, or to its policies, objectives or the harmonious relationship of its members, as determined by the board of Directors. Termination or application rejection proceedings under this paragraph shall be conducted under the Association's disciplinary procedures for notices, hearing and temporary suspension; the effect of termination or rejection may be the denial of the privileges of the Association, as set forth in the Association disciplinary procedures. The categories of membership in the Association, and the fees, benefits, qualifications and guidelines for each category, shall be set forth in the Association's Official Handbook of Standing Rules, as such handbook may be amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the "Standing Rules"). Each member of the Association hereby acknowledges the Board of Directors authority to promulgate and amend the Standing Rules, subject only to the Board of Directors' right to approve the Standing Rules or any amendments thereto.

## **Article III - Members**

**Section 1.** Each year an annual meeting of the members of the Association shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Notice of the annual meeting shall be given to each member stating the date, time and place no less than ten days of said meeting.

**Section 2.** Special meetings of the members may be held whenever called in writing by direction of the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors. Said notice shall state the date, time, place and purpose of said meeting and shall be given no less than ten days prior to the date of said meeting. Only such business as is set forth in the written notice of said special meeting shall be transacted at said meeting.

**Section 3.** Those members present shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the members of the association and a simple majority vote of such quorum shall decide any question that may come before the meeting; provided, however, that any action taken by vote of the members may not be revoked, rescinded or altered, unless the proposal to revoke, rescind or alter the vote or the action receives at least the same amount of affirmative votes (with respect to both number of votes and voting percentage) as the vote or action initially taken.

**Section 4.** Each member in good standing of the Association shall be entitled to one vote at a meeting of the members, except as hereinafter provided relative to voting for Directors and Officers. Voting by mail ballot for the election of Directors and Officers of the Association shall be permitted. Only mailed, signed ballots shall be accepted and counted. Ballots may not be transmitted in any other form, including but not limited to facsimile transmission or electronic transmission. Oth-

erwise, voting must be in person at a meeting of the members of the Association and voting by proxy shall not be allowed. A member shall be in good standing if the member is not in arrears with respect to the payment of dues and is not suspended from membership for a violation of the Association's Standing Rules.

**Section 5.** The order of business at all meetings shall be as follows:

- (a) Call to order,
- (b) Reading and disposal of minutes,
- (c) Reports of Officers and Directors,
- (d) Election matters (if any),
- (e) Committee reports,
- (f) Unfinished business,
- (g) New business,
- (h) Adjournment

#### **Article IV - Directors**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal and enforce such standing rules, not contrary to law, or the Bylaws, as they deem necessary concerning the conduct, management and activities of the Association, the admission, classification, qualification, supervision and expulsion of members, removal of officers, the standing rules setting the procedure of such suspension, expulsion or removal, the fixing and collecting of dues and fees, the expenditure of money, the auditing of books and records, the conducting of events and other details relating to the general purpose of the Association, subject to approval, revision or amendment by the members at any regular or special meeting of the members called in accordance with the Bylaws.

**Section 2.** The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of nine directors in good standing of the Association. The Board of Directors shall include the President, the Vice-President and Secretary / Treasurer.

**Section 3.** *There are nine founding directors of the Association following the organizational meeting, one third of whom will serve a term of two years, one third of whom will serve a term of three years and one third of whom will serve a term of four years. Any director shall be eligible for re-election to serve consecutive terms.*

**Section 4.** The Board of Directors shall be elected in the following manner:

**(a) Beginning in 2010, Board of Director elections will be held in December. Members must contact the office after November 15th to request a Board of Director Consent Form and must return form to the office no later than November 30th.** The Director Consent Form shall contain an explanation of the eligibility requirements and commitments for service on the Board of Directors which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (i) membership in the Association in good standing for a minimum of two years;
- (ii) at least twenty-one years of age;

iii) agreement to attend Director's meetings as set forth herein;

(iv) absence of any felony convictions on record.

Any member in good standing and meets the above eligibility requirements, including any incumbent Director eligible for re-election, and is willing to make the commitments necessary to serve on the Board of Directors if elected shall so indicate on the Director Consent Form and return same to Directors prior **to the November 30th deadline**. Any incumbent Director who does not return a Director Consent Form in a timely manner shall not be eligible for re-election. The President and the Board of Directors nominating committee, shall cause to be tabulated all Director Consent Forms, and those persons meeting said requirements and indicating assent to the commitments necessary to serve on the Board of Directors shall be categorized accordingly. The President, in the President's sole discretion, shall resolve any questions regarding whether a member meets such eligibility requirements conclusively.

(b) The President and the Board of Directors nominating committee shall cause to be determined the number of Directors to be elected. Not **later** than **60** days after the annual meeting of the members, the President shall cause a Director Election Ballot to be mailed via U.S. Mail to each member. All Director Election Ballots shall be returned to the Association's principal office postmarked via U.S. Mail by the date that shall be prescribed in such Director Election Ballots.

(c) Not later than **30** days after the Director Election Ballots have been mailed to the members, the President and the Board of Directors nominating committee shall cause to be tabulated the signed ballots timely received via U.S. Mail from the members of the Association. Those nominees receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed elected to the Board of Directors effective as of the commencement of the next official meeting of the Board of Directors. For example, the three out of six nominees on the ballot receiving the largest number of votes will be elected as Directors. Any incumbent Director who does not return a Director Consent Form in a timely manner shall not be eligible for re-election. In the event a tally of all ballots received results in two or more nominees tying for the last available Director's position, the tie vote shall be resolved as follows:

(i) A runoff ballot shall be prepared as soon as possible after the tie vote has been determined listing the names of those nominees who received an equal number of votes. The runoff ballots shall be mailed via U.S. Mail to the membership and each member shall be requested to indicate his or her choice from among the two or more nominees listed. All runoff election ballots shall be returned to the Association's principal office postmarked via U.S. Mail by the date that shall be prescribed in such runoff election ballots.

ii) Not later than thirty days prior to the next official meeting of the Board of Directors, the signed runoff ballots timely received

via U.S. Mail from each member shall be tabulated. The nominee receiving the greatest number of votes shall fill the Directors position for which the nominees were tied on the first ballot.

(iii) In the event a runoff ballot results in a tie vote being cast for two or more previously tied nominees, a second runoff ballot shall be prepared and the procedure set out in this subsection (c) shall be repeated.

(d) The President and Board of Directors nominating committee will cause the results of the balloting for Directors to be tabulated and will report or cause to be reported such results in the official publication.

(e) A Director's term of service will be terminated immediately if the Director serves as an officer or director of an organization which either has affiliates or is affiliated with an organization using in its name the words "bucking bull" and which is not affiliated with the Association.

**Section 5.** During his or her term of service, any Director who misses two consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be immediately terminated as a Director, unless the President has granted the Director an excused absence with respect to any such meeting. The President may grant such excused absences for illness, emergency or other good cause, as determined in the President's sole discretion. A Director shall be considered in attendance at a meeting of the Board of Directors only if the Director attends all sessions of that meeting.

**Section 6.** In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, whether caused by death, resignation, disqualification, termination or any other cause, the President shall have the authority to appoint an individual who meets the qualifications set forth in Section Four (a) of this Article IV to fill the unexpired term of the vacating Director.

**Section 7.** The Board of Directors shall meet annually, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors. Unless approved by the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the Directors present, only such business as is set forth in the written notice of such annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be transacted at said meeting. Meetings of directors may be held in person or via telephone conference call.

**Section 8.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or by action of at least thirty percent of the members of the Board of Directors at any time or place, provided valid notice is given to all members of the Board of Directors at least ten days in advance thereof. Only such business as is set forth in the notice of such special meeting shall be transacted at said meeting.

**Section 9.** A quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of not less than **fifty** percent of the number of Directors then in office. A simple majority of such quorum shall decide any questions that may come before the meeting; provided, however, that any action taken by vote of the Directors may not be

revoked, rescinded or altered, unless the proposal to revoke, rescind or alter the vote or the action receives at least the same amount of affirmative votes (with respect to both number of votes and voting percentage) as the vote or action initially taken. All meetings of the Board of Directors may be adjourned from day to day or from time to time until a quorum is obtained. Voting at any meeting of the Board of Directors must be in person or via telephone conference call and voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

**Section 10.** The order of business at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be the same as that for a meeting of the members set out in Section 5 Article III. The President shall have the sole discretion to determine the circumstances, if any, under which individuals other than members of the Board of Directors shall be invited to attend meetings of the Board of Directors, and the sole discretion to determine the circumstances under which the Board of Directors shall go into a closed session from which all persons other than directors are excluded.

**Section 11.** The Board of Directors, from time to time, may create and empower committees, general or specific.

**Section 12.** Any Director who engages in conduct which is, or may be, detrimental to the Association, shall be removed from office upon the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors present at any meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present. The determination of whether a Director has engaged in conduct, which is, or may be, detrimental to the Association, shall be within the complete discretion of the Directors in attendance.

## **Article V - Officers**

**Section 1.** The "elective" officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President and Secretary / Treasurer.

(a) Officers shall be elected, annually at the regular Board of Directors meeting held at the time of the Associations annual meeting.

(b) Election of such officers shall be by ballot of the Board of Directors and a majority of the votes cast shall elect such officers.

**Section 2.** The President shall be the principal elective officer of the organization and shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors and all Committees. The President shall conduct the business of the Association in accordance with the Bylaws and other Standing Rules of the Association. The President shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting member of all committees with respect to which the President is not a voting member. The President shall also, as he deems proper, communicate to the Association or to the Board of Directors such matters and make such suggestions as may in his opinion promote the welfare and increase the usefulness of the Association. In the event of the death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal from office of President, the Vice president then serving shall assume the office of President and shall serve as President for the remainder of the vacating President's term and for the next succeeding term.

**Section 3.** The Vice President may, in the order of his designation by the President, be delegated by the President to perform his duties, in the event of his

temporary disability or absence from meetings and shall have such other duties as the President or the Board may assign. In the event of the death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal from office of the Vice President, the Secretary / Treasurer then serving shall assume the office of Vice President, and shall serve as Vice President for the remainder of the vacating Vice President's term and for the next succeeding term.

**Section 4.** The Secretary / Treasurer shall be held by one person elected by the President and approved by the Board. The Secretary / Treasurer shall assist the President and the Vice President in the discharge of their duties. The Secretary / Treasurer shall keep minutes of all meetings, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with these Bylaws or as required by law, keep and safeguard the records and funds of the Association. The Secretary / Treasurer shall make a report of the activities of Association at each annual meeting of its members. The Secretary / Treasurer shall delegate any of his or her duties to a designee approved by the Board of Directors. In the event of the death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal from office of the Vice President, the officer candidate receiving the next highest number of votes in the immediately preceding election of officers shall serve as Secretary / Treasurer for the remainder of the vacating Secretary / Treasurer's term and for the next succeeding term.

**Section 5.** The Board of Directors shall have authority from time to time to create additional appointed offices, and may delegate and assign to any such office the duties and responsibilities it deems in the best interest of the Association and necessary for its efficient operation. The authority granted herein shall include the authority to subsequently abolish any such offices.

**Section 6.** Any officer who engages in conduct which is, or may be, detrimental to the Association, as determined by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors present at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present, may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors present at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present.

## **Article VI - Committees and Regional Representatives**

**Section 1.** The President, subject to approval of the Board of Directors, shall annually appoint such standing, special or subcommittees as may be required by the Bylaws or as he may find necessary.

(a) Committees shall be made up of at least one Board of Director and no more than four (4) members in good standing with the Association.

**Section 2.** The Association shall establish three geographically based Regions of approximately equal Association membership. The three Regions initially so established shall be as follows:

**Region I:** West; Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado.

**Region II:** Central; North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas,

Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota.

**Region III:** East; Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, New York, New Jersey.

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(b) If the above listed Regions shall cease to contain approximately equal numbers of Association membership, appropriate adjustments may be made upon the recommendation of the President and the approval of a majority of the members of the Association at an annual or special meeting of members. In the event such adjustment shall become necessary, every effort shall be made to retain the basic geographical structure of the initial Regions.

**Section 3.** The Board of Directors will elect one Regional Representative for every *fifty* members in good standing of each Region *within the United States* ***Any Region outside of the United States may have one Regional Representative appointed without meeting the fifty member requirement.*** The Regional Representative will serve annually as a representative of the members of that Region. The Regional Representative may attend regular Association meetings of the Board of Directors but may not have a vote.

**Article VI - Seal**

The National Bucking Bull Association may have a seal of such design as the Board of Directors may adopt.

**Article VII - Dissolution**

The Association shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in these Bylaws, and no part of said funds shall inure, or be distributed, to the members of the Association. On the dissolution of the Association any funds remaining shall be distributed to one or more regularly organized and qualified charitable or educational organizations to be selected by the Board of Directors.

**Article VII - Amendments**

The Association Board of Directors shall have the power to repeal, revise, modify or amend the Bylaws of the Association at any annual, regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, subject to approval, revision or amendment by the members at any annual, regular or special meeting of the members called in accordance with the Bylaws. The notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors or members of the Association at which the repeal, revision, modification or amendment of the Bylaws is to be considered shall include the proposed changes to be made to the Bylaws and shall be mailed to the Board of Directors or the members at least thirty (30) days in advance of such meeting.

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