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# The MIDWEST BULL RIDERS ASSOCIATION

RULE BOOK



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Mission Statement: The Midwest Bull Riders Association is founded on the belief “Cowboy First” by offering an arena for both the experienced bull rider, the young up-in coming bull rider, and the not-so young cowboy who wants to become a bull rider. The association will strive to bring events where each bull rider, PRO or ROOKIE, can continue to advance and reach their goal. The association will strive to surround itself with quality stock contractors, professional event personnel, and enthusiastic producers who as a whole will offer top notch bull riding events for its riders and the spectators who come to see the events.

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

## **1. Board of Directors**

- a. The association will operate through a board of director**
- b. If unable to attend a board meeting, that board member may appoint their own designee to attend in their place**
- c. Terms of board members will be determined at a future date**
- d. Board to be established and consist of:**
  - judge
  - stock contractor
  - producer representative
  - bull rider
  - Founders, Alan & Jen (1 voting privilege)
  - member at large
- e. The board of directors will have the following officer positions**
  - i. President**
  - ii. Vice President**
  - iii. Treasurer**
  - iv. Secretary**
- f.**

## **2. Membership fees and dues**

- a. membership fees for a rider will be \$65.00**
- b. a membership card may be purchased for \$65.00 at any sanctioned event before August 1<sup>st</sup>;**
- c. after August 1<sup>st</sup> the membership fee will be \$100.00 and the rider may be eligible for the finals**
- d. a membership card will be issued with the riders' name and number which has to be given at the time of call ins and presented when entries are paid**
- e. each paid member will be permitted a Buddy Pass which will be honored unless otherwise stated**
- f. must be a card holder to be eligible for the finals**
- g. membership cards are good for 1 year, defined as from date of purchase to the conclusion of the MBRA Finals event**
- h.**

## **3. Producer**

- a. A producer who wishes to sanction events with the MBRA must sanction at least 2 events**
- b. A new producer who wishes to sanction events with the MBRA must sell at least 5 membership cards**
- c. A producer with 2 sanctioned events will be eligible to bring stock to the finals**
- d.**

## **4. Stock Contractor**

- a. Are allowed a maximum of a \$10.00 stock charge**
- b. Animals**
  - i. All persons are to ensure the safety and humane treatments of all animals**
  - ii. Animals horns must be blunted to approximately the diameter of a half dollar**
  - iii. Judges will inspect livestock prior to show**
  - iv. Rowels must be dulled and must be available to the judge for inspection. Rider may be asked to use another set if warranted.**
  - v. Prods may only be used with the consent of the stock contractor**
  - vi. Proper equipment must be readily available to remove injured livestock**
  - vii.**

## **5. Judges**

- a. Markings shall be totaled by each judge and verified with secretary. Once markings are termed official, they may not be changed.**
- b. Are required to indicate if anyone turns out stock. All stock will be scored even if it is a “no score”**
- c. Judge on the latch side of the chute gate shall serve as back-up judge**
- d. Stopwatch reading will be used a verification when length of ride is in question**
- e. Judges will be given “flags” to use to indicate a disqualification violation**
- f. Signed judges sheets will be sent to office no later than 10 days following a performance**
- g. At least one judge must be present for the draw**
- h. Judges decision is final**
- i.**

## **6. General Bull Riding Rules -**

- a. Stock must be ridden for 8 seconds. Time will start when the bull breaks the plane of the chute.**
- b. Riding is to be done with one hand and a loose rope with or without a handhold.**
- c. No knots or hitches to prevent the rope from falling off the bull when the rider leaves him will be permitted.**
- d. If a bull does not perform up to his potential, the judge can opt for a re-ride.**
- e. If the flank comes off of the bull, the rider will be given the option of a re-ride and may be taken on the same bull if the contractor agrees.**
- f. The rider must complete a qualified ride before a re-ride will be offered.**
- g. First bull turned out will be the re-ride bull**
- h.**

## **7. Rules of Conduct**

- a. We understand not every event or every ride will go according to everyone’s plan, that there may be an issue that needs attention. There can be mistakes made. We encourage all to follow a “chain of communication” in which to voice complaints or concerns. Before contacting the MBRA Office, please take the time to find a judge, stock contractor, producer, or any other event personnel to communicate to them the problem in hopes it may be resolved. Our hope is they will in turn notify the MBRA office. If you skip this, our first question will be, “Did you share this with...”**
- b. Producers / Contractors are ultimately responsible for what happens behind the chutes as well as in front of the chutes. Putting on a professionally run event ensures a repeat performance, as well as riders who will choose to attend in the future. You are in charge of enforcing the conduct of the personnel and the riders.**

- c. Riders are expected to act and communicate respectfully with all personnel, committee members, and other contestants
- d. Only riders and personnel are allowed behind the chutes – everyone has a job to do and would appreciate time to prepare.
- e. There will be NO consumption of alcohol behind the bucking chutes at any sanctioned event.
- f. A drinking violation is not tolerable and may be considered by the board to impose a fine or a more severe consequence i.e. banned from sanctioned events.
- g. Standard western attire will be worn behind the bucking chutes. This includes a cowboy hat and long sleeve western shirt. Anyone not complying will be fined \$25.
- h.

#### **8. Sanctioned events**

- a. MBRA will receive a sanction fee of 5% of the total purse (entry fees + added money) and
- b. is due to the office no later than 10 days after the date of performance with
- c. the payout worksheet indicating names of rider in each respective place with money won, points, and card number and
- d. notified and non-notified turnouts section completed
- e. a signed judges sheets
- f. secretary signature
- g. if event is co-sanctioned approved, the sanctioning fees are always figured with MBRA receiving 5% of total purse, regardless of the second sanctioning % required.
- h.

#### **9. Events**

- a. Events will be encouraged to have both a Pro and Rookie Division
- b. the association will not allow more than 2 events to be held on the same day; however times and locations may be considered by the board
- c. sponsoring committee will ensure a first aid vehicle (ambulance) with the appropriate medical staff to be in attendance during the entire performance to meet, if necessary, the medical needs of the injured contestants and hired personnel
- d.

## **10. Grounds**

- a. Grounds should be prepared and approved by the arena director
- b. Removal of rocks and debris is expected to ensure a safe working condition for the stock, bullfighters, and riders
- c. Judges will inspect grounds prior to event
- d.

## **11. Drawing**

- a. Contestants
  - i. May enter event twice if permitted by producer
  - ii. Must notify at least 1 judge prior to short go if they are withdrawing from the short go round
  - iii. Are expected to make a "good payment" when paying entry fees
  - iv.
- b. Stock
  - i. All stock must be drawn in the presence of at least 1 judge
  - ii. All stock must be drawn 1 hour prior to start of event
  - iii. Contestants must have paid their fees to be notified of their draw
  - iv.

## **12. Entries**

- a. a minimum of \$60.00 for the Pro Division
- b. a minimum of \$50.00 for the Rookie Division
  - i. Not all events will have a Rookie Division
- c. The entry fee is the discretion of the producer
- d. Payment for entry fees are at the discretion of the producer; cash, check, credit cards...and are the liability of the producer, not the association
- e. A rider will be permitted to enter the event twice at the discretion of the producer
- f. Contractors are allowed a maximum of \$10.00 stock charge
- g. Fees must be paid at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the performance
- h. will be taken by the producer of the event
- i.

## **13. Pro and Rookie Divisions**

- a. Pro
  - i. Rider indicates skill level on membership application
  - ii. Rider indicates skill level when calling in to enter events
  - iii. Entry fees will be higher than Rookie Division
  - iv. Eligible for the added money as stated at events
  - v. Payout schedule below:
    - \$2,000 and below – 4 places = 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

- \$2,100 - \$4,999 – 6 places = % 33, 25, 18, 12, 7, 5
- \$5,000 - \$6,999 – 8 places = % 30, 23, 17, 11, 7, 5, 4, 3
- \$7,000 - \$9,999 – 10 places = %27, 21, 15, 10, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2
- \$10,000.00 or more – 12 places = % 26, 20, 14, 9, 7, 5, 4.5, 4, 3.5, 3, 2.5, 1.5

vi. In the event there are no qualified rides in the Pro Division, entry fee money will be paid back (less stock charge if taken) to all paid contestants. The added money will be split 50/50 with 50% being returned to the committee/organization who put the money up and 50% will go to the MBRA to be used for the Finals.

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**\*\*If there are no qualified rides to fill all required payout holes, the payout is still calculated with all the required holes; then taking the “empty” holes, add them together and then split evenly between the Qualified Rides**

#### b. Rookie

- Rider indicates level of skill on membership application
- Rider indicates level of skill when calling in to enter events
- Not all events will have a Rookie Division
- A Rookie may enter the Pro Division
- Added money for each event will be the total of all paid Rookies Entry Fees
  - however, a producer at their discretion may add a minimum of an additional \$100.00 to the Rookie Purse
- If no one in the Rookie Division covers a bull the Rookie purse goes to the producer, less Sanctioning Fees of 5%
- Payout schedule below:
  - 1-5 riders = pays two holes = 60% , 40%
  - 6-10 riders = pays three holes = 50%, 30%, 20%
  - 11-15 riders = pays four holes = 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

**ii. A Rookie must enter the Rookie Division in at least 5 events, prior to and not including the finals, to qualify for yearend awards. Must have paid fees and taken out on bull. No doctor’s notes are permitted as an excuse for draw-out or to not take bull.**

**iii. Top 10 money winners in the Rookie Division qualify for the finals**

#### 14. Turnouts

- A “Notified Turnout” (NTO) is accepted on the “day of the performance” and 3 hours before the start time. It is then up to the discretion of the producer
- A “non-notified turnout” (NNTO) is any contestant who fails to show for a sanctioned event. A NNTO will be assessed a \$75.00 fine, which must be paid

before competing in a future sanctioned event. \$50.00 to the contractor and \$25.00 to the association. Unpaid fines will result in being placed on the Black List.

- c. Fines may be collected at a sanctioned event and submitted to the MBRA office
- d. Doctors note will be at the discretion of the producer
- e. Event secretaries are required to notify the association the names of the contestants who are Non-notified turnouts (NNTO) and Notified Turnouts (NTO)
- f.

#### 15. Short Go

- a. if there are not enough qualified rides for the short round, contestants will be drawn back based on times
- b.

#### 16. Payouts

- a. In the event there are no qualified rides in the Pro Division, entry fee money will be paid back (less stock charge if taken) to all paid contestants. The added money will be split 50/50 with 50% being returned to the committee/organization who put the money up and 50% will go to the MBRA to be used for the Finals.
- b. In the event the bull riding performance has started and at least 1 contestant completes a ride and is scored, but not all contestants have a chance to compete, and the show is cancelled (i.e. severe weather), then entries will be paid back to all contestants
- c. Added money is due back to the party/committee who put up the added money
- d. Payouts will be as follows

##### i. Pro

- \$2,000 and below – 4 places = 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
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20 riders x \$80 fee = \$1,600.00 + \$2,000.00 Added = \$3,600.00

\$3,600.00 x 5% sanction fee = \$180.00 (MBRA)

\$3,600.00 - \$180.00 = \$3,420.00 total payout purse

Payout based on total purse of \$3,420.00 so payout is 6 holes ....follow % as noted.

\*example not based deduction of stock charge.

##### ii. Rookie

- 1-5 riders = pays two holes = 60% , 40%
- 6-10 riders = pays three holes = 50%, 30%, 20%

- 11-15 riders = pays four holes = 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

## 17. Finals

- a. Contractors and Producers wishing to bring bulls to the finals must have at least 2 sanctioned events
- b. for riders to qualify for the finals, they must be card holders and it will be based on money won, with at least Top 20 in the Pro Division and Top 10 in the Rookie Division
- c. a rider must participate in the Finals to be awarded any and all prize/awards, i.e. money, buckle, plaque, jacket, etc. UNLESS an official medical doctor's note is provided prior to the date of the finals
- d. Any fines must be paid in full at the MBRA finals in order to participate in the finals
- e. Higher entry fees will be expected for both Pro and Rookie Division Finals Riders and will be established by the MBRA
- f. no event held after the Call-In date for the finals will count for that year's standings.
- g. After August 1<sup>st</sup> the membership fees are \$100.00
- h. if Board approved, a regular season sanctioned event may become the FINALS EVENT. If this occurs, the profit or loss from the event is that of the Producer whose sanctioned event it was. Guidelines for the FINALS will be reviewed prior to and expected to be in place to ensure a higher level of event and competition status.
- i. 100% payback, no stock charge is taken, if no Qualified rides in either Pro or Rookie Division any added prize money put up by the MBRA goes back to the MBRA
  - i. No qualified rides – entry fees?
- j. Money won at finals will not be counted towards the next MBRA season.
- k. The MBRA will recognize an EVENT winner in both the Pro & Rookie Division
- l. A Rookie Rider must have entered at least 5 events to qualify for yearend awards.  
Please see section 13.b

\*If circumstances arise in which there is no written topic in the MBRA Rule Book; a producer, contractor, judge, or rider may refer to the second sanctioned association rule book for an answer. If there is no covered topic and / or no second association applies, then 2 of the above said parties with the event secretary must agree on how the issue is handled. The issue is to be brought before MBRA board at earliest possible time.