



Official Rule Book

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1. General Rules

1.1 Event Overview

Bulls, Bands & Barrels (BBB) is a premier western sports competition and entertainment tour featuring bull riding, barrel racing, bullfighting and up and coming national country music artists.

1.2 Dress Code

All contestants shall be in official western dress code consisting of cowboy hat (or helmet), long sleeve button down shirt with collar, jeans without significant holes or tears, and cowboy boots. Women have the option to wear a dressy style top with color that is not a button down if they wish. Dress code will be in effect during the qualifier as well as anytime the contestant is in the arena or on the bucking chutes during the performance. Not following the dress code will result in disqualification, no one is permitted inside the arena or on the bucking chutes until the event starts. There is no open arena for warming up horses.

1.3 Code of Conduct

Contestants will be required to attend the contestant meeting before the event in the alley or behind the chutes at each event. This is where important event information is made available.

Contestants will need to utilize assigned dressing areas if available or public bathrooms for dressing. Changing clothes behind the bucking chutes is not permitted and will result in either disqualification or fine.

Unless you are specifically directed, each contestant including alternate will be provided a contestant armband and one companion pass. Any additional tickets will need to be purchased.

1.4 Event Objective

The objective of Bulls, Bands & Barrels is to promote the western lifestyle, showcase the talent of rodeo athletes - both human and animal -, and provide thrilling entertainment for the audience.

1.5 Safety Regulations

The safety of participants and animals is of utmost importance. All rules and procedures are designed with safety in mind. Medical personnel must be present during the event.

1.6 Eligibility and Entry

Participants must meet the eligibility criteria and register in advance to compete in Bulls, Bands & Barrels.

Barrel racing does not have a minimum age to compete; however, all minors must have a parent or guardian present to sign a waiver. Bull riders must be at least 16 to compete, and all minors must have a parent or guardian present to sign a waiver.

Entries are only accepted through the event links during the designated times. Link information can be found on the website.

All entry links will be open from Sunday to Tuesday at 7:00 pm CST two weeks before the event you are wanting to enter. All correspondence will be communicated by email so please make sure that the information you provide below is accurate and up to date. Each contestant will get an email by Thursday (two weeks before said event) at 12:00 pm CST. All fees will be due by the following Wednesday (before said event) through a payment link that will be emailed to you. No refunds will be issued. Any alternates would not be required to pay fees until a spot is guaranteed to them (could be at the event). All contestants must check in with the secretary and sign your waivers by 6:00 pm (unless otherwise stated in the entry link) or your position will be given to the next in line. If you are not able to come to the event after your dues are paid, that covers the no-show fine that would be incurred and the money stays in the payout to the competing contestants.

2. Bull Riding Rules

2.1 Rider Selection

Twenty contestants will be selected for the performance based on historical earnings through the BBB or other card holding associations. The remaining contestants will be given an alternate number. Alternates that come to the event will need to present to the secretary at 6:00 pm unless otherwise stated in the entry link. Any available positions will be given in order by alternate number to those present. Minimum age of 16 is required to be eligible to compete. Minors under 18 years of age require a parent or legal guardian present at the event to sign for them. This contest is limited to males only.

2.2 Rider Equipment

Riders must wear protective gear, **helmet or cowboy hat**, protective vest, and gloves. Additionally, they will use a regulation bull riding rope to secure themselves to the bull.

Riders are responsible for bringing their own equipment to the events.

No knots or hitches are allowed in the rope. Rope must be able to come off the bull after the rider dismounts.

No sharp spurs allowed. We will use the judge's discretion as to whether the spurs are too sharp.

2.3 Bull Riding Procedure

Bull riding will be competed in using one hand in the bull rope and the other as free hand.

Rider must ride the bull for 8 seconds without touching the animal, equipment, or ground with free hand.

The time starts when the bull's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute gate.

Each contestant is allowed only one person to pull their bull rope.

2.4 Judging and Scoring

There are to be two judges present in the arena. Each judge will mark the bull and the rider individually 1-25 points. Maximum of 100 points are possible.

The bull will be judged on ability and performance. The rider will be judged on control and ability and spurring the bull.

The judges will record their markings on official paperwork to be submitted to the secretary immediately following the performance. These markings are the official scores of the event and are not to be manipulated or changed once turned in to the secretary.

The judge has the decision to call if the animal is inferior and rider deserves a reride attempt.

2.5 Drawing of Livestock

The director of livestock will submit the bull list in the buck order and divided into sections. The secretary will draw the riders to the bulls by positions. Once the draw is posted, that will be the buck order throughout the event.

If a rider does not show up to compete, alternates will be put in the open position by their previously assigned numerical order based on alternates present at the event.

2.6 Payoff

The added money plus entry fees will be paid back at 100% in a maximum of four places. Places will be determined by the highest combined score on two head.

4 places pays at: 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

3 places pays at: 50%, 30%, 20%

2 places pays at: 60%, 40%

1 place pays at: 100%

2.7 Disqualification

Riders will be disqualified for any intentional harm to the bull or unsafe conduct that endangers themselves, other participants, or animals.

Riders need to be positioned above the bull with all equipment ready when the previous bull leaves the arena to avoid potential disqualification.

No soaking of livestock is allowed. Judges obtain the discretion to disqualify a rider for these actions if they deem necessary.

2.8 Bulls

Horns must be tipped to the size of half dollar.

Bull has to have been bucked previously; no fresh animals will be utilized in the draw.

Failure of the bull to stand properly in the chutes will result in a reride being awarded if the rider has made at least 3 honest attempts on the animal.

3. Barrel Racing Rules

3.1 Rider Selection

Ten contestants will be selected for the performance based on historical earnings through the BBB or other card holding associations. The remaining contestants will run in a qualifier race at 10:00 am (unless otherwise stated on the event link) on Saturday morning and the top 10 fastest times will come back to the performance. Not all venues will allow for a qualifying race. In that event all 20 performance contestants will be selected through historical earnings through the BBB and other card holding associations.

3.2 Horse and Rider Equipment

Rider is responsible for their own animal and required equipment to perform. No additional time will be provided for equipment malfunctions when it is your slated turn to compete.

Rider can only enter one time. Each horse may only be ridden by one/the same contestant. If contestant qualifies for the performance, she has the option to ride a fresh horse for the performance.

This contest is limited to female contestants only.

There are no age requirements for barrel racing, but all minors require a parent or guardian present to sign a waiver.

No whips are allowed inside the arena.

3.3 Barrel Racing Procedure

Barrel pattern is a cloverleaf pattern. Electronic Eyes will be utilized for official times with backup stopwatch in case of electronic eye failure.

Any electronic time failure will result in the utilization of the secretaries stopwatch time.

Drag/Rakes: During the qualifier, each barrel will be hand raked after each contestant. Tractor drags will occur every 10 positions. In the case of a no-show, the drag position remains the same.

During the performance, each barrel will be hand raked after each contestant. Tractor drags will occur at half the contestants.

3.4 Scoring

The time will start once the electronic eye plane is broken and stopped once passed back through after completion of cloverleaf pattern.

Stopwatch times will start and stop on the judges flag.

Knocking over a barrels results in a 5 second penalty per knocked down barrel.

The fastest time wins.

3.5 Drawing

The drawing of positions will be done by the secretary. In the event of a qualifier, the performance draw will not be done until the top 10 from the qualifier race is determined.

3.6 Payoff

The added money plus all entry fees will be paid back at 80% to the contestants. The barrel race will always pay the fastest four times from the performance at: 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%.

Qualifier times will ONLY be used to qualify for the performance, it will not have its own payout. Entry fees will only be paid one time for the qualifier and/or performance.

3.7 Pattern

Pattern will be marked out in the arena by hand driven stakes.

Pattern will be calculated based on the arena size, referencing the standard pattern measurements.

Standard Pattern:

90 feet between barrels one and two.

105 feet between barrels one and three.

105 feet between barrels two and three.

60 feet between barrels one and two and the score line.

Standard pattern measurements will be the maximum size used at any venue.

Barrels shall not ever be placed any closer than 15 feet from the arena fence at all venues.

The electronic eye time line shall not be placed any closer than 30 feet from barrels one and two.

Venues that require portable arenas will result in a bow gate utilization at the entry into the arena.

Barrels will be placed on the stake in the center of the barrel.

Pattern will be posted with the draw at the event.

3.8 Disqualification

If you break the pattern, your time is null and void. Once pattern is broken, the rider must exit the arena.

Must have a cowboy hat on your head when you break the plane of the arena otherwise you will be disqualified. See dress code for further rules.

4. Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures

4.1 Disqualification

A contestant can be disqualified, suspended or banned from a Bulls, Bands & Barrels event(s) only by unanimous agreement of BBB Executives, the Livestock Coordinator and judges.

4.2 Authority of Bulls, Bands & Barrels

BBB Executives may delegate responsibility for rule infractions to the BBB Livestock Coordinator and/or BBB Judges. In such cases, the BBB Livestock Coordinator and/or BBB Judges shall have authority to impose fines and declare contestant ineligible.

4.3 Disciplinary Procedure

Bulls, Bands & Barrels Livestock Coordinator shall notify a contestant of any penalty imposed under this chapter. Any contestant desiring to dispute a final disciplinary action taken against him/her shall utilize the grievance procedure set forth in Chapter 4 Subsection 4 of the BBB Rule Book.

4.4 Grievance Procedure

The Grievance Procedure ensures fair resolution of disputes by requiring grievances to be submitted in writing within 7 days of an incident, including all relevant details and evidence. BBB Executives will

acknowledge receipt within 3 days, investigate within 14 days, and issue a written decision within 7 days of concluding the review or hearing. Appeals must be submitted within 5 days of the decision and will be reviewed by an independent panel. All proceedings are confidential, and retaliation against any party involved is strictly prohibited.

4.5 Loss of Championship Points and Prize Money

Contestants found in violation of any rule set forth in the official BBB Rule Book may, in addition to fines, reprimands, suspension and the like, be subject to loss of Championship Points and prize money won while in violation of a rule.

4.6 Statute of Limitations

The statute of limitations for offenses is to be determined on a case by case basis by BBB Executives, the BBB Livestock Coordinator and BBB judges.