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All rules herein are effective upon date of publication.

About this Rule Book:

The Rules contained herein have been considered and approved by the Rules Committee of the Bucking Bull Games. These Rules will be strictly adhered to and enforced by the Committee and Bucking Bull Games. In determining whether violations of the Rules have occurred, the Committee may consider, but are not bound by, prior determinations and interpretations of the Rules by the Committee and Bucking Bull Games (BBG).

Rule Changes:

Rule Change Proposals must be submitted to the BBG office. Proposals will be posted to the official BBG website and will be voted on at the end of the year.

RULES COMMITTEE:

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Rules

GENERAL

Rule 1. The term "Event Management" as used herein is the organization or individual acting as Producer of the BBG event for which said organization or individual sought and received the approval of Bucking Bull Games to conduct the same. Event Management may be Bucking Bull Games.

Rule 2. Any BBG participant and/or trainer instituting litigation in which Bucking Bull Games is included as a defendant in an effort to recover damages, to overturn enforcement or interpretation of these 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 Bucking Bull Games for its attorney's fees, costs of courts, and other expenses incurred in connection with such litigation. Venue(s) for any litigation in which Bucking Bull Games, nor any other person or party connected with the management or any and all associates is included as a defendant shall be Fort Bend County, Texas.

Rule 3. 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 records of Bucking Bull Games and upon mailing, such notice shall be deemed received by such person when it is deposited in the United States mail.

VENUE(S)

Rule 4. It is hereby established that there shall be one Bucking Bull Games Finale (BBG) per year conducted by Bucking Bull Games at a venue(s) to be chosen at the sole discretion of Bucking Bull Games. BBG may include a preliminary round, Wildcard round, and then championship round(s).

ENTRIES

Rule 5. BBG entries are restricted to solely those bulls originally designated and purchased as BBG bulls through the Bucking Bull Games BBG program. **NO OTHER BULLS ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE BUCKING BULL GAMES FINALE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.**

Rule 6. All bulls competing in the BBG event must have DNA registered through a valid DNA Authentication company.

Rule 7. Entry Fees: The entry fee for the BBG Preliminary & Finale is \$1000. (This does not exclude event management from charging an ancillary fee to pay for the costs such as pens, drug testing, security, vet on site, etc.) Any BBG bull entered without paying the entry fee in full prior to the event will be disqualified. Event Management will publish the deadlines for entry and payment. Entry Fees for other BBG events will be set by event management. Unless otherwise posted the, the entry open date will be a minimum of 24 days prior to event start date and entry close date will be on a Monday (unless Monday a Holiday and then Tuesday) at least 10 days before event start date. Event management may choose to accept late entries but if they accept late entries, all late entries will pay to BBG a minimum of a \$500 late entry fee fine (the late entry fee fine can be higher) however no late entries can be accepted once event is less than 5 days from first day (IE: If event starts on a Saturday the last day to enter late will be Monday prior to the event). There will be a scheduled entry day for late entries.

7a. An owner/trainer may withdraw a bull from entry at any time until books close for entrance at the event. Entry and security fees will be refunded less a \$25 administrative processing fee. Once books close, entry and ancillary fees will only be refunded with a Veterinarian completed certified form stating bull is not capable of competing (the proper form will be provided by BBG). If an owner provides a completed Veterinarian release form the entry fee less \$250 will be refunded. The bull will not be allowed to compete at any BBG approved events for 30days following the date the bull was supposed to compete. . Any bull competing at the BBG Preliminary event that qualifies for the BBG Finals will not be allowed to enter the Wildcard or the Second Chance Championship. Once books close the information specified on the entry form cannot be changed. (i.e. delivery, bull name etc.) Some events will have the options of late entries along with a penalty fine. Also some events may have a stipulation of no refunds (Example- Lone Star shootout) after a certain point and at these events there will be no exceptions made and Veterinarian releases will not be accepted.

7b. An owner/trainer may substitute a bull for one previously entered by paying a substitution fee of \$250 (per bull). An Owner/Trainer can only substitute if done a minimum of 5 days before the scheduled start time of the event.

Rule 8. All bulls competing at the BBG event must have their horns tipped to the diameter of a fifty-cent piece. Any bull arriving at the event without their horns tipped may be disqualified by Event Management and forfeit all entry and ancillary fees. If event management provides ability (whether or not tipping takes place on-site of check-in) to tip bulls,

there will be a \$250 (per bull) penalty paid prior to owner being allowed to tip bull. Regardless of who tips the bull, the owner Will take sole responsibility for any injury that may result to animal.

Rule 9. All BBG bulls entered must be identified with a permanent identification number. Any bull arriving at the BBG event without a permanent identification number (brand or ear tag) will face disqualification and forfeit all entry fees and ancillary fees. If event manager provides ability to apply a permanent identification so that bull can compete, there will be a \$100.00 penalty paid prior to owner being allowed to apply identification.

DNA TESTING

Rule 10. All entries in the BBG are subject to DNA Authentication Testing to verify identity. DNA will be matched to ensure the bull is properly a BBG bull. In all cases, the DNA Authentication match results ruling is FINAL AND THERE WILL BE NO APPEALS PROCESS.

10a. In the event a bull is DNA matched to NOT be a qualified BBG bull for the BBG, the bull is to forfeit all entry fees, ancillary fees, monies won and will be disqualified.

AGE VERIFICATION

Rule 11. All entries in the BBG Regular Season, Preliminary and Finale Events are subject to age verification to verify age. The age certification will be performed by a licensed veterinarian and his decision will be final. NO APPEAL PROCCES WILL BE ALLOWED.

DRUG TESTING

Rule 12. Bucking Bull Games (BBG) and its Rules Committee agree and acknowledge that it is of the utmost importance and in the best interest of the Bucking Bull Games Finale (BBGF) to ensure and maintain the integrity of competition and health of those bull athletes participating in BBG approved events. As such, BBG has elected to institute a zero tolerance policy with respect to the use of Banned Substances in bucking bulls. A "Banned Substance" shall be defined as: any and all anabolic steroids; any illegal substances; and/or any other substances prohibited from use in bovine animals as determined by the Federal Drug Administration. Accordingly, BBG shall have the right to test certain and various bulls competing in BBG approved events. Participants who own a bull(s), in whole or in part, and trainer of bull found to have been subjected to or treated with any Banned Substance (this is limited to BBG events) shall be deemed to be in violation of BBG Official Rules and subject to the disciplinary sanctions described below. For purposes of this rule, a "Participant" is defined as the owner as declared on the entry form for the Bucking Bull Games Finale. A "trainer" is defined as the individual that holds care, custody and control of the bull.

In instances where an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, the exhibitor must be aware of the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most drugs. BBG maintains ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY for unethically fitted livestock. The owner is required to ensure that adequate time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for drugs upon arrival. Once the animals arrive on the event grounds, they must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues. Medication during the event: All medication administered during the event must be administered by the official Veterinarian and a written medication record must be filed. For the convenience of the owners, BBG will have a veterinarian available, however they do not donate their services or medications. Fees should be discussed before treatment.

Bucking Bull Games prohibits the use of anabolic steroids, any drug, feed additive or compound that could serve as drug masking agents, all diuretics and any drug or agent that may act as a performance enhancing drug or agent by chemically enhancing the performance of a bull in a manner that may affect the outcome of a competition. Bucking Bull Games 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. Any entrant of a bull testing positive for anabolic steroids, drug masking agents, diuretics, or any drug, feed additive, growth promotants or agent that in anyway enhances the performance of a bull may be subject to sanctions including forfeiture of any prize money and will be banned for life from all BBG sponsored events.

****Bucking Bull Games defines the following as prohibited:**

1) "all anabolic steroids": to include, but not limited to: Boldenone Undecylenate (Equipoise®) ; Stanozolol (Winstrol®); Androstenediol Androstenedione; Bolandiol; Bolasterone; Boldenone; Boldione; Calusterone; Clostebol; Danazol; Dehydrochloromethyltestosterone; Dehydrochlorotestosterone; Desoxymethyltestosterone; Dromostanolone; Drostanolone; Epiternbolone; Estranediol; Ethylestrenol; Fluoxymesterone; Formebolone; Furazabol; Gestrinone; Hydroxytestosterone; Mestanolone; Mesterolone; Methandienone; Methandriol; Methandrostenolone; Methasterone; Methenolone; Methyldienolone; Methylnortestosterone; Methyltestosterone; Methyltrienolone; Mibolerone; Nandrolone (Nortestosterone); Norandrostenediol; Norandrostenedione; Norbolethone; Norclostebol; Norethandrolone; Normethandrolone; Nortestosterone (Nandrolone); Oxabolone; Oxandrolone; Oxymesterone; Oxymetholone; Paramethadione; Prostanazol; Quinbolone; ;Stenbolone; Testosterone; Tetrahydrogestrinone (THG); THG (Tetrahydrogestrinone); Tibolone; Trenbolone; Zeranol

2) all "B agonists/Repartitioning Agents" to include but not limited to: Clenbuterol (Clenbuterol Hydrochloride); Ventipulmin; Albuterol; Dopexamine; Isoetharine; Bunitrolol; Procaterol; Cimaterol; Mabuterol; Ractopamine; Zilpaterol.

3) all stimulants and antipsychotics to include but not limited to: Caffeine; Amphetamine; Cocaine; Dermorphin; Methylphenidate; Morphine; opiates and synthetic opiates; snake venoms and/or reptile extracts.

4) Any drugs deemed illegal by the FDA for use in food producing animals and/or for which the extra-label use of the drug is forbidden by the FDA for use in cattle including, but not limited to, Clenbuterol and the extra-label use of feed additives or growth promotants. Drug use in food animals is regulated by the FDA. By Federal law, all medicated feed additives are to be used in accordance with the FDA approved label. Extra-label use of medicated feed additives is strictly prohibited by Federal Law and no one has the authority to adjust the dose as labeled, including veterinarians

12a. Testing Procedure- All bulls entered in an BBG approved event is subject to drug testing by the official veterinarian at the event. Testing at an event will be at the discretion of event promoters and/or BBGs. The official veterinarian, with the approval of the event management, may appoint a technician to collect samples. The official event veterinarian is authorized to collect blood and/or urine and/or hair samples from any bull entered at the event as they deem to be reasonable and necessary. At all BBG's Regular Season, Preliminary and Finale events any bull that wins over \$12,500 or more (per individual class) will be tested along with a sufficient (minimum of one or two) number of extra bulls (this is in the case that a bull fails a test.) The extras will be the bulls that would move up and win money if another bull is disqualified. Only a veterinarian can deem the facility unsafe for collecting samples and if so then testing will be cancelled at that event. If the veterinarian deems the facility to be safe and feels the animals are not of high risk of being injured then all animals will be tested in same manner and in same chute. If owner of bull refuses to have bull tested or bull is not available for testing (this includes owner leaving before testing) then owner's bull will receive a score of zero and next bull in line will be moved up. BBG and BBG's veterinarian will always keep the risk of injury as low as possible however anytime a bull attends an BBG event there is always the risk of bull being injured in many including but not limited to being handled at event, while bucking and while being tested. Owner agrees to take sole responsibility for injury that may result to a bull regardless of what happens while at an BBG event.

12b. Participants and/or Trainers, or their designated representative, are encouraged to be present during examination by the official licensed veterinarian to serve as a witness to the collection and sealing of blood and/or urine and/or hair samples and to sign the specimen collection documents. The absence of the participant or designated representative as witness shall constitute a waiver of any objection to the identification of the bull tested and the manner of collection and sealing of the samples.

12c. Upon the collection of a sufficient number of containers of blood and/or urine and/or hair from the bull, the tubes shall be divided into two groups. One group shall be labeled and identified as Blood/Urine/Hair Sample A and the other as Blood/Urine/Hair Sample B and they shall be sealed accordingly. Sample A will be sent to the laboratory for analysis. Sample B will be stored by either BBG or by BBG's authorized agent, including but not limited to the aforementioned testing laboratory. At the BBG BBGF Preliminary & Finals, BBG may choose to test blood, urine, hair or a combination. BBG reserves the right to have ultrasound, D.N.A., blood, tissue, hair, and/or urine analysis made on any animal entered for competition

12d. Both Samples A and B will be documented, stored and shipped in a secure manner consistent with guidelines and instructions as provided by the testing laboratory.

12e. Following BBG's receipt of test results from the laboratory, all positive test results will be reported to the BBG Ethics Committee.

All B samples whose corresponding A samples have tested positive will be preserved for any positive appeals as detailed further in Section II B below.

All B samples whose corresponding A samples have tested negative will be disposed of in accordance with all applicable state and federal law.

12f. The cost to administer these tests shall be paid for by owners of any and all participating bulls at BBG approved events. Every bull entered in a BBG approved event will pay a drug testing fee depending on estimated cost at the event. BBG will provide an accounting of drug testing fees collected and expenses paid throughout the year. At the end of each year the BBG Ethics Committee will meet to discuss surplus or deficient balance in drug testing fee account.

12g. The conclusion reached by the Veterinarian and analysis shall be final and conclusive without recourse against BBG or any of its officers, directors, or employees thereof or any Veterinarian as appointed by the Executive Director & CEO. The owner waives any right of action which he might have for any action taken under this rule, and releases BBG and the Veterinarian from any and all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with the inspection.

Rule 13 Discipline

13a. Positive Results- A Participant and Trainer (BBG or non BBG bull) whose bull is found to have tested positive for a Banned Substance at an BBG approved event shall be banned for life from participation in all BBG events. A participant who is not also the trainer will be warned in writing of his trainers life time ban and be put on notice that if he is found to be doing business with that trainer or if any of participant's future bulls test positive at an BBG event (regardless of trainer) the participant will receive a lifetime ban from all BBG events. Any bull that tests positive at a BBG event will be banned for life from all BBG events

13b. Prize Money- Any participant whose bull has been found to have tested positive for a Banned Substance shall automatically forfeit any and all prize money won by such bull competing in an event where such positive sample was collected.

13c. Refusal to submit to testing- Any participant and/or trainer who refuses to allow testing samples to be collected from his/her bull(s) shall forfeit any prize monies won by participant and trainer at the event where collection was requested/attempted (if applicable) and such participant and trainer shall be disallowed from entering or competing in any BBG approved event until such time participant and trainer both agree to comply with BBG Drug Testing Policy.

13d. Bull suspension from Competition- BBG expressly reserves the right to disallow any bull found to have been subjected to or treated with a Banned Substance(s) at BBG event from competing and/or otherwise participating in any BBG approved event.

13e. In the case of a participant bull is disqualified then the next bull moves up. If the go round is over (or in progress) that the bull is being disqualified for, the bull that would have been next to qualify will receive any benefits from moving up one place. If the go around has not started the next available bull (in order by placing) will be allowed to move up and compete.

13f. In the case of a participant bull is injured then the 23rd bull does not move up, and the injured bull will receive last place.

Any disciplinary sanctions imposed hereunder shall be at the sole discretion of the BBG. BBG also expressly reserves the right to make public or hold confidential any testing results, in whole or in part, it may obtain in connection with this policy. Further, BBG reserves the right to report the results of any testing conducted hereunder to the applicable state and federal authorities, including but not limited to the United States Department of Agriculture, the Federal Drug Administration and/or the Drug Enforcement Agency.

Rule 14. Appeals- A Participant and Trainer found to be in violation of the policy hereunder shall have the right to appeal the laboratory's findings as follows:

14a. Upon the written request of the participants and/or trainers, received by BBG within fifteen (15) days of participants receipt of notice of a positive test result and at participants sole expense, BBG shall arrange to have the B Sample tested at and by the same laboratory which conducted the test of the Sample A. The test results of the Sample B shall be deemed conclusive and not subject to further appeal or re-test by participant.

14b. For the avoidance of doubt, test results may only be appealed in the manner outlined above and all appeals shall be strictly subject to those procedures detailed therein.

14c. For the further avoidance of doubt, test results must be appealed prior to appealing disciplinary action. Disciplinary action imposed hereunder and/or otherwise shall be subject to appeal received in writing within fifteen (15) days of participant's receipt of results of Sample B. If BBG receives an appeal of disciplinary action it will be referred to the BBG Ethics Committee who will research the facts and make a final determination and recommendation to BBG. The final determination will be provided in writing to participant and trainer. No further appeals will be considered.

Rule 15. Medical Use

In the event that a bull is being treated by a licensed veterinarian for legitimate medical purposes and said treatment involves legally prescribed Banned Substances, such bull may not compete in or at any sanctioned BBG approved event until such time as such Banned Substance is no longer present in the bull.

BULL HOUSING

Rule 16. All bulls competing in the BBG event 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, an entrant's failure to comply with this Rule may result in disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees and ancillary fees. If Event Management accepts a late arrival, there will be a \$250 penalty paid at regular season events and \$1,000 at the BBG prior to bull competing.

16a. 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. Event management is not allowed to have panels wired or tied on pens as gates. Event management will have all pens assembled before the designated check in time for bulls to arrive.

16b. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: All entrants will abide by the current state Health Requirements for said event. All bulls will be required to **have a 365 day current** Brucellosis, **365 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. BUCKING BULL GAMES AND/OR EVENT MANAGEMENT WILL ADVISE OF ANY STATUS CHANGE REGARDING HEALTH REQUIREMENTS IMMEDIATELY.

Rule 17. Event Management will be required to have a portable squeeze chute available. In the event that Event Management is unable to locate the necessary equipment needed, the producer must contact the Bucking Bull Games office immediately for assistance.

SECURITY/CREDENTIALS

Rule 18. Only one (1) designated individuals will be permitted entry to their bull's assigned pen with proper credentials. Any entrant found to enter a pen not assigned to their bull(s), or is reasonably believed to have tampered with water or food for a bull they do not own, shall be immediately disqualified and forfeit all entry fees, security fees, and/or monies won.

Rule 19. Event Management will provide appropriate, professional security staff to ensure Rule 17 is enforced 24 hours per day beginning at event check in and continuing through conclusion of the BBG competition.

Rule 20. Event Management will provide each owner/trainer with credential for security identification to enter bull housing and behind the chutes. Only one credential will be issued to each owner/trainer regardless of the number of bulls an owner may have entered. The credential design is at the discretion of Event Management, however, Event Management will ensure that the design cannot be easily duplicated and provides for positive identification of the credential bearer (a photograph, for example). Transfer of credentials, once issued, is strictly forbidden and will result in disqualification of ALL bulls owned or trained by the credential holder. In the event of an emergency requiring the transfer of a credential, approval must first be obtained from any available member of the Rules Committee. Such Rules Committee member will use his/her best discretion in determining whether the credential should be transferred and his/her decision is final.

Rule 21. At no time, and under no circumstances, may anyone be present in or near a bull's pen without proper credentials and then only for the pens that individual is authorized to be in or near. The only exception to this Rule is an approved, licensed veterinarian performing emergency work on a bull. At least one member of the Security staff will be present in this case.

COMPETITION CONDUCT

Rule 22. The use of hot shots, electrical devices or foreign objects in the flank or on the bull, will not be allowed once loaded in the chute. 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, ancillary fees, and/or winnings will be forfeited.

22a. The event veterinarian has the authority to vet scratch any bull; that is in his professional opinion, would be inhumane to compete.

Rule 23. 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 the BBG 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 Bucking Bull Games, 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 event.

Rule 24. Event Management may take any action determined in its sole discretion to be in the best interest of the event, in compliance with BBG rules. In the event that an entrant has cause to believe that Event Management, an BBG owner or trainer has not acted in the best interest of the event or has violated BBG rules, the entrant may file a protest with the Rules Committee Appeals Board.

24a. For protests made on the day of the event, verbal contact must be made with the Chairman of the Rules Committee or a representative designated by Event Management immediately. The Rules Committee will constitute an Appeals Board consisting of three Rules Committee members and make its determination as to the alleged infraction. The constitution of the Appeals Board may not include any Rules Committee member that is cause of the protest. The decision of the Appeals Board is final and not subject to further appeal.

Rule 25. Event Management is required to use a minimum of two (2) approved bucking bull dummies for BBG bulls being bucked. If for some reason all dummies of exact likeness become unavailable, each owner of a bull that has not already competed will be given the option to receive a refund or buck with a dummy that is available. If there are no dummies available the owners will receive a refund unless the event is a progressive event (IE Preliminary or Wildcard) then a rules committee meeting will be called as soon as possible to make a decision.: Event Management will also provide a pin that is an industry recognized size, the bull owner or trainer may use this at their own risk. Event Management is not responsible for equipment malfunction regarding the pin. In addition, Event Management is required to provide the personnel who will mount all dummies on the bulls who are competing in the BBG event.

Rule 26. Event Management is required to video tape the entire event. This videotape must be submitted to the Bucking Bull Games office within five business days after the date of the event where taping occurred.

Rule 27. The announcers are required to make known the name of each bull and the bull's owner at the time of their performance. The winners are also to be recognized in a similar manner after the event.

Rule 28. The BBG event 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 Rules Committee.

JUDGES

Rule 29. Designation as an BBG 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 judge's 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. The decision of the Judges Committee is final and is not appealable.

Rule 30. The Judges Committee may designate individuals over the age of eighteen (18) as an BBG Judge upon approval by the Judges Committee. The committee may also appoint a professional as their judging director, and that person will be responsible for selecting qualified judges.

Rule 31. No individual will be approved as a judge who has a record of suspension, probation or other disciplinary action with another bucking bull organization for the two (2) year period immediately preceding the date the Judges Committee meets to select judges for the BBG.

Rule 32. All Judges for the BBG event must be approved by the BBG Judging Committee. The number of judges may not be less than four (4) approved judges. Using a 4 judge system, one score would be thrown if that score was .75 off from the next lowest or highest score. If both the high and the low are off by more than .75 no scores will be thrown out. Using this system, the 4 scores will be averaged if there were not any judge's scores thrown out. If a judge was .75 off that score would be thrown out and the remaining 3 score will be used and just added up. At other BBG, other than the BBG events promoter may choose to use only four (4) judges.

Rule 33. All BBG judges must use official judge's sheets. Event Management will forward completed judge's sheets to the Bucking Bull Games office along with the completed BBG result forms within five business days of conclusion of the event.

Rule 33a. One of the four (4) BBG judges must carry a stopwatch at all times. The stopwatch can be used to determine situations like when bull falls, when a bull stops, when dummy malfunctions, etc to help judge in determining a decision on score or potential re buck.

Rule 34. Event Management is not authorized to dismiss a judge for any reason relating to the actual performance of his judging responsibilities once the BBG 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 the event. A judge may be dismissed for any reason by Event Management if, in their opinion, it is in the best interest of the BBG to do so.

Rule 35. 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 36. Under no circumstances will a judge be permitted to enter a bull in an event for which said judge is officiating.

Rule 37. It is required that Event Management designate a minimum of one (1) of the four judges selected to officiate to monitor and observe the right hand delivery bucking chutes for any rule violations, and one judge to monitor the left hand delivery. This can be the same judge. Judges will be placed equally on opposite sides and/ or the backside of the arena during judging.

Rule 38. If a judge is dismissed during the event, all of his scores for any incomplete go round will be excluded. Of the judges remaining 4 will be added to get a 1-100 final score for each bull.

38a. All officials will be required to sign a letter of confidentiality agreeing they will not disclose to anyone when hired by Event Management for the BBG. The agreement will also require each judge to sign that they have read and agree to abide by the BBG Rule Book.

SCORING

Rule 39. The time allotted each bull to buck in the BBGF Championship is six (6) seconds. At other BBG events, other than the BBGF, Event management may choose four (4) or five (5) seconds as the buck time. The time will start when a bull's 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 Event Management.

Rule 40. Bulls will be scored by a maximum of 100 points scoring system specified in Rule 31. Each judge will be required to score a bull from 1 to 25 using quarter points.

40a. All judges sheets will be signed by judges and results will be posted at the conclusion the BBG event.

40b. Splits/ties will only be broken to determine a champion at an event and/or to determine the final position in a progressive event. (Regardless of whether it is four or six or any number used.) In the situation if a split cannot be broken all ties will be taken. Event Management will refer to the official judge's sheets to resolve the ties. The bulls with the highest marks from the judges not eliminated, with the previously mentioned low marks eliminated, will place higher. If both bulls have the same high score then the judges will refer to the next high score and continue until the tie is broken, if possible. After considering all scores that were not eliminated, if the tie has not been broken, then score eliminated will be considered and the tie will be broken by the bull that has the highest score from eliminated judge.

****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
Judge 4 - 21 Points	Judge 4 - 19.25 Points
Total 80 Points	80 Points

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

Rule 41. A bull will be awarded a re-buck if at least (2) two of the four (4) judges call for a re-buck. On a bull that fights the chute, after three attempts to mount the dummy, Event Management or the 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. If a dummy malfunctions and comes off before 3 seconds the bull should be offered a re-buck.

41a. Any bull Event Management declares un-loadable during the event will be moved to the end of the event and the owner/trainer will have one opportunity to load the bull. If the owner/trainer is unable to load the bull, the bull will be disqualified and forfeit all entry fees.

41b. If a bull is in the chute and the event personnel are unable to mount the dummy or the flank man cannot get the bull flanked, the trainer/owner will be given three (3) opportunities to get the bull out. After three attempts, the bull will be disqualified and forfeit all entry fees.

41c. A bull falling down does not constitute as a re-buck.

41d. Any malfunction of the flank does not constitute a re-buck.

41e. If a re-buck is awarded, it is the owner's/trainer's discretion to accept the re-buck. Owner/trainer may choose to accept a refund of entry fees less \$250.00 for event expense fee.

41f. Any malfunction of a pin that is provided by Event Management does not constitute a re-buck.

41g. A dummy slipping does not constitute a re-buck. It is the owner's flank man responsibility to accept the tightness of the dummy before asking for the gate to be opened.

Rule 42. In the event a bull which places in the Top 25 of the Preliminary Round is injured or unable to compete in the Final Round, said bull will automatically receive 25th place in the competition. If a bull finishes in the top 10 of finals round and is injured or unable to compete in the Championship Round, said bull will automatically receive 10th place in the competition. If bull enters Preliminary round (or Wildcard) and qualifies for the Top 25, the bull will not be allowed to enter the Second Chance Championship.

PRIZE MONEY

Rule 43. The payout up until the 2016 BBG is as follows:

1ST	\$500,000
2ND	\$100,000
3RD	\$75,000
4TH	\$50,000
5TH	\$25,000
6TH	\$22,500
7TH	\$20,000
8TH	\$16,000
9TH	\$15,000
10TH	\$14,000
11TH-20TH	\$12,500
21ST-25TH	\$7,500

*Starting in 2017 all payouts based on number of bulls certified that enter the Preliminary and/or finals. BBG will put up 66% of the total money taken in from breeder certification payments.

COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS AND ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS

Rule 44. Event Management reserves the right to disqualify or refuse entry to any participant for actions of misconduct, unsportsmanlike conduct, harassing of the judges, Event Management, employees, or other participants, or other persons related to/or involved in BBG event. If a participant is disqualified for violating a BBG Rule all entry and ancillary fees pertaining to said participant shall be forfeited. Event Management and BBG may also refuse entry based on these actions at other events however if they do this it should be submitted to the BBG Ethics committee for review prior to notifying person that his entries will not be accepted.

44a. A participant shall not talk with the judges, beyond the exchange of normal greetings, before the event or until the entire event is completed or make any comments within a judges hearing about any performance during the event.

44b. A participant, or any other person, shall not engage in any form of misconduct or harassment toward Event Management or judges. Infraction of this rule will be handled at the discretion of the Rules Committee and may result in disqualification, forfeiture of all money won and/or forfeiture of all fees paid.

44c. Unsportsmanlike conduct in the event arena or on the event grounds is prohibited.

44d. A participant shall not intimidate, or attempt to intimidate, a judge. The penalty for violating this rule will be disqualification, forfeiture of all money won and forfeiture of all entry and security fees.

44e. Any BBG owner or trainer 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 BBG shall be immediately disqualified from the event, forfeit any money won, forfeit all fees paid, and be banned for life from any future BBG events. These penalties shall be in addition to any civil or criminal penalties that may be assessed by a Court.

44f. Inhumane treatment or abuse of a bull in any manner in the event arena or on the event grounds is prohibited.

44g. If Event Management at the BBG 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 Bucking Bull Games, the Rules Committee and the Judges Committee of any action taken regarding enforcement of this rule immediately. After further review, the Rules Committee and/or Bucking Bull Games may impose additional disciplinary actions for violations of this rule.

44h. Any participant whose check given in connection with the exhibition of bucking bulls is returned by the maker's bank shall be assessed a fee of \$75.00 per occurrence. Full restitution for the face value of the check plus the \$75.00 fee must be received within five (5) business days from the date of notification by Bucking Bull Games.

44i. Failure to make full restitution, including all fees, within five (5) business days will result in disqualification from the BBG with no disciplinary hearing necessary.

44j. All BBG participants and trainers shall honor any dress code specified by Event Management as stated in said event guidelines.

Rule 45. No person shall make a derogatory remark, nor take, or threaten to take, adverse action against an BBG sponsor, its agent, servants or employees, relating in any manner to the sponsor's involvement with the BBG. Any person who violates this rule is subject to disciplinary action and is also responsible to Bucking Bull Games for any loss or damage caused by a violation of this rule.