

International Miniature Bull Riding Association (IMBA)

2021 Rules

FIRST AND FOREMOST – The use of abusive, profane language, improper gestures, theft of any kind or fighting by any contestant, parent or any person attending the event or staying at a host hotel acting in an unruly manner during any IMBA event of which is then reported by hotel manager back to the IMBA office, will be subject to disqualification of the event.

Social Media Clause: The use of social media to degrade a board member, contractor, any contestant, judge, timekeeper, secretary, announcer, anyone in the production of any IMBA event, and/or the IMBA association itself, or affiliated associations will be grounds for disqualification, suspension, and/or fine. Fines will begin at \$100 and be discussed as needed by the IMBA board and a vote/determination will be made.

THIS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!!

MEMBERSHIP

1. Contestant must member through SaddleBook.
2. Member fees will be \$100.00 until June 1st. Then \$150 after June 1st until September 1st. No membership will be accepted for World Finals after September 1st.
3. A seasonal Waiver/Release is required.
4. BIRTH CERTIFICATE MUST BE UPLOADED TO SADDLEDOCS FOR IMBA RECORDS.

AGE DIVISIONS

1. The age divisions are as follows:

6 TO 8	PEEWEE MINI BULL
9 TO 11	JR MINI BULL
12 TO 14	SR MINI BULL
15 TO 17	NOVICE BULL
2. The 6 to 8 age division will be required to ride six (6) seconds and the 9 to 11, 12 to 14, 15 to 17 divisions will be required to ride eight (8) seconds to be scored.
3. Contestant age for determined age group shall be determined by age as of January 1, of the current calendar year.
4. It is the contestant's responsibility to enter in the proper age group.
5. Falsification of age will result in surrender of all entry fees paid, and permanent disqualification from the IMBA.
6. Riders are NOT permitted to ride up age groups, UNLESS parent and contractor ask for review and approval from IMBA BOARD (THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO LOCAL OR HOME ASSOCTIONS)

GENERAL RULES

1. Everyone associated with the IMBA is expected to conduct themselves in a fair, polite, respectful, and legal manner at any and all events. Fines or suspensions may be issued by a judge or board member for infractions of rules to be determined and agreed upon by a board vote. Fines or suspensions by a judge will be defined and are final.
2. The weight limit is 135 with five (5) pound variance for SR MINI age group and UNDER contestants MAY BE required to weigh in before the event.
3. The use of drugs or alcohol by contestant or bull riding personnel is prohibited and no alcohol is allowed on the arena floor or in the back pens.
4. The IMBA reserves the right to have removed; any parent, legal guardian, or member causing a disturbance.
5. Mistreatment or endangerment to rodeo livestock will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification, suspension, and/or fine.
6. Falsification of name, age, or personal information pertaining to member will result in immediate suspension, also parent or legal guardian will be responsible for reimbursement in full any money paid at previous and current events. Neglecting to do so will result in legal action.
7. AGAIN - Fighting or quarreling will result in suspension.
8. Contestant MAY be weighed in prior to the event. Contestants greater than 135 pounds will have up to a half an hour prior to the event to make weight.
9. The IMBA reserves the right to revoke or deny membership, fine, or suspend any individual whose actions or parental action is deemed to be detrimental to the IMBA

DRESS CODE WESTERN ATIRE

1. Boots and long sleeve collared shirt and cowboy hat are required for anyone behind the bucking chutes or arena floor.
2. No Caps allowed in arena.

RIDING RULES

1. RIDING IS DONE WITH ONE HAND.
2. No more than two bells on a rope are allowed. At least one bell is required.
3. Time begins when any part of the animal breaks plane of chute.
4. Ride will be timed for six (6) or eight (8) seconds according to age group.
5. If an animal fails to perform, a re-ride at the judge's discretion is optional.
6. If the flank comes off, a re-ride option will be offered, providing the competitor was qualified at the time.
7. No more than two (2) helpers per rider on the back of the chute. This does not include flank man.
8. If rider finishes ride with any part of the rope in his hand without being disqualified by touching the bull or the ground, they will be marked and given a score.
9. The rider must make three (3) honest attempts (not sitting on/badgering) to get out on an animal before a re-ride option is given.
10. The use of livestock prod as the stock leaves the chute is prohibited.

RIDER DISQUALIFIATIONS

1. Being bucked off before the required time in each age division.
2. Touching animals or self with free hand.
3. Using sharp spurs or rowels.
4. Intentionally placing spurs under rope or in the knot.
5. Not being ready when advised to be so.
6. Any rider or assistant soaking a bull by excessive pulling of the rope into a bull prior to the ride, to the point of effecting the ability of the bull to breathe and therefore buck to his ability will result in immediate disqualification and suspension. Suspension will be released upon payment of a fine set by the board.
7. Poor sportsmanship, example throwing helmet, rope or other items in anger or frustration within sight of the arena, back of the chutes or the back pen area.

OTHER RULES

1. At least three (3) judges shall be used at the Finals and Events. Each judge must be approved by the Board of Directors. Judges for the finals and major events MUST hold a card in a creditable bull riding association.
2. The back judge has the final call on the official time. In the case of stopwatch failure, the judge on the latch side will have the call.
3. If offered the re-ride option, the rider must decide before leaving arena and the next animal is bucked. Only exemption to this rule is if you are injured and have to be cleared by the medical staff before returning for your re-ride.
4. Only the rider may ask judges for re-ride option, not the parent or legal guardian. Parents/Legal Guardians are not allowed to approach judges.
5. No rider or parent/legal guardian will attempt to influence the draw.
6. At the Judge's discretion, any rider stating that they do not want to ride or is hesitant (to the point of cry or creating a scene) in the chute will be advised they have 30 seconds to call for the bull. After 30 seconds the rider will receive no score without refund of fees.
7. The challenge button may be used at these events (NOT MANDATORY) IF used, a separate judge must be used. Video must be taken for judge to replay. JUDGES decision will be final! The fee for using the challenge button is \$100 and must be paid within 5 minutes of challenge. before the replay judge will review the video. If you do not pay fee your challenge is forfeited and Arena Judge's decision stands. If Replay Judge Overturns Arena Judge's decision you will receive a \$100 refund. The Replay judge's decision is final.
8. No producer, contractor, secretary, or board member can overturn JUDGES DECISION!

MEDIA RELEASE

Each contestant (minor child / parent or legal guardian) who pays membership will automatically grant permission to the IMBA to use my image (photographs and/or video) for use in Media publications including: Videos, Email Blasts ,Recruiting Brochures , Newsletters , Magazines , General Publications , Website and/or Affiliates and other Social Media Outlets. I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished photographs or electronic matter that may be used in conjunction with them now or in the future, whether that use is known to me or unknown, and I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the image.

Entries

1. Deadline for entries shall be set forth by the board of directors or producer of event
2. No contestant shall be denied entry because of race, creed, color, or geographical restrictions.
3. If a contestant turns out without a doctor's release, they will automatically lose their entry fees. The hosting franchise secretary must be notified of any releases prior to the rodeo stock draws to have stock or event fees refunded.
4. If doctor's release is provided the amount refunds shall be as follows:
 - a. Entry fees are non-refundable 30 days prior to event date unless of a medical issue.
 - b. There will be NO REFUNDS 15 days prior to the event start date MEDICAL OR NON MEDICAL ISSUE's.

Draw

1. All stock must be drawn. Stock WILL NOT be chute drawn.
2. Stock will be drawn by a computer-generated program or hand drawn by a judge.
3. In the two (2) Long Go performances a contestant may not have the same head of stock more than once.
4. Stock draws will be posted prior to performance.
5. Contestants are responsible to know their draw and should check draw before competing.

STOCK FOR WORLD FINALS AND ONE TIME QUALIFYING EVENTS

1. Stock must be approved IMBA stock (videos and info may be requested at any time)
2. All stock must be appropriate for age group. All stock must be approved by the Board of Directors. IMBA has right to reject or pull stock from the draw.
3. Bulls can NOT be moved age groups up or down after it bucks at an event.
4. Height requirements for SR MINI BULL and down cannot be over 48 inches. This measurement is taken where the bull rope is placed. Novice Bulls will be appropriate stock for that age group,
5. All stock must be treated and handled properly in chute, arena, and back pens. IMBA has the right to disqualify or remove any person, contestant, and/or worker for mistreatment of stock.

Safety Standards

1. All possible safety measures are undertaken for the protection of contestants, spectators, and animals.
2. Helmet, vest, and mouthpiece are MANDATORY.
3. The IMBA or the host facility will be required to provide certified EMTs capable of administering First Aid, with cell phone or radio access to an ambulance or suitable conveyance, during all competition.
4. If in the opinion of the arena judge, the safety of the contestant or the livestock is at serious risk, the arena judge may stop the action and rectify the situation.

Any area not covered by this set of rules Judges will refer to PRCA rule book. PRCA rule book does not overturn rules specified in IMBA rule book. IMBA BOARD has the right to change rules and requirements at any time.