

**International Miniature Bull Riding Association
(IMBA)
2022 Rules**

MEMBERSHIP

1. Contestant must member through SaddleBook.
2. Member fees will be \$100.00 will have to be paid prior to September 20 , 2022
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 (will compete on calves/steers at finals)

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 November 15th of the previous year's world finals.

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 ASSOCIATIONS) 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.

The weight limits are as follows:

Pee Wee age division 95lbs with vest and helmet.

Jr. mini age division 105 lbs. with vest and helmet.

Sr, Mini age division 135 lbs. with vest and helmet.

Contestants MAY BE required to weigh in before the event. If you have been found to be over the weight limit for your age division you will be required to move up into the next age division. Contestants greater than the weight limit for their age group will have up to a half an hour prior to the event to make weight.

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.

The IMBA reserves the right to have removed from any IMBA event; any parent, legal guardian, or member causing a disturbance.

Mistreatment or endangerment to rodeo livestock will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification, suspension, and/or fine.

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. These examples are:

The use of abusive or profane language, improper gestures or fighting by any contestant or parent / helper will be subject to a fine or possible disqualification from the event.

Social Media Clause: the use of social media to degrade anyone in conjunction with a sanctioned event or the association will be subject to a fine and possible suspension.

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 or short sleeve shirts 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. No score will be awarded, and no re-ride option will be given
2. Touching animals or self with free hand.
3. Using sharp spurs or rowels.
4. If Contestant/ parent/ helper is caught tucking their spurs or leggings in their rope (a parent/ helper cannot deliberately place their hands below the contestant's knee)

- a) First offense Contestant will be disqualified from the round.
- b) Second offense contestant will be disqualified from the event and fees will be forfeited

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 or having assistant or parent sitting on the bull to the point of effecting the ability of the bull to breathe and therefore buck to his ability will result in immediate disqualification from the round. If there is a second offense the membership revoked.

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.

8. Grabbing or pushing any part of the arena to help yourself stay on your animal, will result in a no score and subject to disqualification.

OTHER RULES

1. At least three (3) judges shall be used at the Finals and Events. The Board of Directors must approve each judge. 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. The Board of Directors must approve all stock. 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.
6. All cattle must be tipped to the size of a quarter and must be clean with no splinters or unsafe points.

Safety Standards

1. All possible safety measures are undertaken for the protection of contestants, spectators, and animals.
2. Helmet and vest are MANDATORY. Mouthpiece is recommended.

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 and at all sanctioned events.
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.
5. A parent/ helper is not permitted to leave a 5-foot distance from the chute while the contestant is riding. A parent/ helper will be permitted to leave the designated 5-foot area after the contestant is off of the livestock they are riding, and livestock has been removed from the arena. If any of these actions occur contestant will be disqualified. This allows the Bull fighters to do their job without interference.

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.