

# SEBRA RULE BOOK

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*The purpose of The Southern Extreme Bull Riding Association is to provide Bull Riders with an organization that will promote the sport of bull riding and its growth.*

*Our goals are to increase the number of participants, improve the quality of events and enhance the image of bull riding. These rules have been made to address the needs of SEBRA members, promote fairness, eliminate confusion, and assist event promoters. These rules apply to all members and permit holders with no exceptions.*



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## 1. ENTRIES & TURNOUTS

1-1. **Entry Requirement.** Competing card members and permit riders must enter with the specified event secretary listed on the schedule. You may enter yourself plus a limit of 3 other contestants.

1-2. **No Recorded Message Entries.** Competing members and permit riders must talk with the specified event secretary to enter. For weekend Turn Outs and doctor releases after hours, contact the SEBRA office. If no answer, leave a message. (336) 861-2219, (336) 669-8076

1-3. Books Close after the time of the call in, unless otherwise specified.

1-4. Local Entries will be taken by the venue producer after books are closed to fill available positions.

1-5. Membership Dues Must Be Received before contestant competes for the money won to count in the standings.

1-6. Enter By Close Time. Close Time will be the time specified in monthly newsletter on stated date.

1-7 Entry Fees Must Be Paid, unless drawn out due to legitimate doctor release or if you have notified the event secretary 2 days prior to the performance you are competing.

1-8. Paying Entry Fees. Entry fees must be paid 30 minutes prior to show time. Contestants not checking in or paying entry fees will be replaced by an alternate.

1-9. Turn Outs. Any competing member wishing to make a notified turn out must do so by contacting the event secretary 2 days prior to the event performance they are competing in. After the 2 day period this will result in contestant having to pay the amount of his entry fee to the SEBRA office. An UNNOTIFIED turnout will result in contestant having to pay the entry for that event performance. (Members will pay these fines to the SEBRA office. Members will not be able to compete in a SEBRA event until fines are paid. All SEBRA event secretaries will receive a black ball list with the name of members with fines owed.)

1-10. Short Round Turnout. If an event has a short round and a rider qualifies back for the short round and cannot compete due to an injury or simply wishes not to compete he must notify the judges that he will not be competing before the short round bulls are loaded. This will enable the next highest marked man to be moved up to the short round. If the rider does not notify the judges he will not be competing in the short round before the short round bulls are loaded, he will be fined a \$40 non-notified short round turnout fine. The next man with highest score will advance to the Short Rd. and will receive that turn out bull.

1-11. In Case of a Tie For the Last Hole in Short Round. In the case of ties resulting in more than the pre-set number of positions in the short-go, a coin flip with only two contestants, random draw with three or more will decide which contestants will advance to the short-go. A member eliminated from short round due to flip/random draw is eligible for average payoff.

1-12. Draw back procedure. If not enough qualified rides for the short round Judges will draw from the remaining contestants to fill the positions. This is done by randomly selecting riders who did not receive scores in the long-go to participate in the short-go.

1-13. Doctor Releases. A contestant may doctor release, thus waive all obligations for entry fees at the stated venue. Notification must be given to event secretary or SEBRA office 2 days prior to performance. Doctor verification must be received into SEBRA office 7 days after intended date of competition. Fraudulent abuse of Doctor's Release will result in a \$100.00 fine.

1-14. No Refund of Entry Fees once a contestant has competed.

1-15. Stock Draw. Stock must be drawn with at least one judge or staff member present.

1-16. Final Go Round Stock Draw shall be in reverse order, with lowest qualifier receiving stock draw 1st to highest qualifier receiving stock draw last. Event representative may designate re-ride order.

## **2. BULL RIDING**

2-1. Scores. The rider and the bull are to be scored separately. The rider will be scored according to the degree of control exhibited by the rider and the degree of difficulty of the bull. Figures used in scorings shall range from zero (0) to twenty-five (25) (including half points) per judge on both the bull and rider. The total may reach a maximum of one hundred (100) points.

2-2. Timing. Each ride shall be timed for eight (8) seconds. The time starts when any portion of the bull passes the plane of the chute gate (excluding horns, ears and tail.) The contestant must complete the 8 second qualification limit to be eligible for a score.

2-3. Judges' Official Scores. Judges will submit to the event secretary their scores for each ride for that performance immediately following the completion of the performance. The scores will be termed official scores when posted and/or verified by the judges and may not be changed once submitted.

2-4. Drawn Bull Becomes Sick or Crippled. A judge must decide on a bull's ability to be used if a bull that is drawn becomes sick or crippled. The bull will be replaced in the draw if the judge decides the bull cannot be used. The rider has the option to accept the reride bull or be drawn out of the event. If the rider chooses to be drawn out, the entire entry fee will be refunded.

2-5. Riding Requirements. Riding must be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold.

2-6. Knots or Hitches. No knots or hitches to prevent the rope from falling off the bull when the Contestant leaves the bull will be used.

2-7. Bell. The rope must have bell. Bell must be under belly of bull when the contestant leaves the chute entering the arena.

2-8. No Hooks Or Post shall be used on bull ropes.

2-9. Ring may be used on bull rope.

2-10. Requirements of Scoring. A contestant will receive a score if he makes a qualified ride with any part of the rope in the riding hand.

2-11. Sharp Spurs will not be allowed. Contestants may be disqualified and/or fined if sharp spurs are worn.

2-12. Pulling Contestants Rope. No more than two (2) persons may be used to pull the contestants rope.

2-13. Horn Specifications-no bull may be put in draw until his horns have been dulled and reduced to the size of 50 cent piece, this is the responsibility of the stock contractor.

2-14. Disqualification of Rider-any of the following shall disqualify a rider.

- A. Being bucked off
- B. Touching bull, equipment or person with free hand
- C. Using sharp spurs, or placing spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.
- D. Not having a bell on bull rope.
- E. When a rider has been advised, he is next to go and is not above the bull with his glove on when previous bull leaves the arena.
- F. Intentionally leaving chute with spurs hooked or lodged on the bull rope loop(s).

2-15. Excessive Time in Chute. Riders taking too long in chute before calling for bull will be fined \$25 first offense and fined doubles progressively. (Riders have a 1 minute time limit after bull is standing properly) This will be determined by both judges.

### **3. RE-RIDES**

3-1. Judge Shall Inform Contestant of His Options. If re-ride is given, judge shall inform contestant of his score and an option of a re-ride. Contestant may refuse the re-ride and take the score. Contestant must notify judge immediately of his decision to accept or reject the option upon learning which bull would be used as a re-ride and the time of the re-ride.

3-2. Discretion of Judge. Re-rides will be given at the discretion of a judge. Reasons for possible re-rides include the following: if a bull stops or fouls rider, stock contractor's equipment fails, performance of a bull is inferior. No re-ride will be given if contestants own equipment breaks.

3-3. Options of Contestant. If a contestant is granted a re-ride, he may take the same bull for a re-ride, provided the stock contractor is willing and a mutual agreeable time can be arranged. If a contestant opts to accept the re-ride on the same bull, he must take the markings for the re-ride, unless there is a foul or the stock contractor's equipment fail on the re-ride.

3-4. Inferior Bull Performance. If a bull's performance is inferior and that bull is already drawn for a contestant that contestant must qualify on that bull before re-ride may be given. If, in the opinion of the stock contractor and judges, that bull needs to be taken out of the draw, the contestant who had him drawn will be given the designated ride.

3-5. Chute Fighting Bull. If, in the opinion of the judges a rider makes two honest efforts on a chute fighting bull and is unable to do so, he may have a re-ride drawn for him.

3-6. Bull Riders Knocked off at the Chute/Arena, or Bull Falls. Riders who are knocked off at the chute, by panels or clown barrel shall be entitled to a re-ride. If bull falls to his belly, rider shall be entitled to a re-ride.

3-7. Flank Comes off the Bull. A bull rider may have the option of a re-ride, or of accepting a marking, if flank comes off the bull, providing a contestant has qualified up to the point the flank coming off. The re-ride may be given on the same bull, if the stock contractor is willing, or a re-ride bull, is so requested by the contestant.

3-8. Bull Stops. If a riding event bull stops after initial start contestant will not be required to qualify in order to be awarded a re-ride.

3-9. Bull Hips Himself. If a bull hips himself while leaving the chute and the cowboy declares himself by getting off as soon as this happens he will receive a re-ride.

3-10. Procedures for Drawing a Re-ride. Designated re-ride-In the case of stock injuries or bulls not shipped after the draw has been made, replacement stock should be the designated re-ride for the performance for which the injured bull was scheduled for competition. Any re-ride thereafter will be drawn from doctor releases and turnouts for that performance. A replacement designated re-ride should be drawn immediately from the notified turn outs for that performance. If there are not any turn outs, use available stock.

3-11. Draw of Re-ride Order. Prior to each performance, judges will draw a re-ride order, using turnouts in order. All notified turnout or doctor release bulls will go into the re-ride pen. Contestants given a re-ride will receive the bull that directly corresponds with the order. At least 3 bulls must be brought to the arena for re-rides. When final turnout notifications are received for that performance, all bulls then at the arena that have been turned out/doctor release will be the first re-ride.

3-12. Procedure Where More Re-rides are awarded than there are bulls available. If more re-rides are awarded than there are bulls in that performance re-ride draw, the remaining contestants who have not received a re-ride bull will be drawn re-rides from the performance bulls.

## **4. JUDGES**

- 4-1. Changing Judges. None of the judges may be changed during the course of a bull riding, except in case of an emergency.
- 4-2. Markings. Totaled by both judges, verified by secretary. Post after each performance.
- 4-3. Turnouts. Must mark TO on judge sheet.
- 4-4. Watches. Each judge carries a stop watch with a latch side arena judge being the prevailing decision. The judge should stop his watch upon disqualification or the horn sounds, whichever comes first. If horn is short of 8 seconds, judge must go with horn.
- 4-5. Judges Decision is Final: Judges have the authority to have interfering individuals removed.
- 4-6. Sign & Date each judges sheet. Be descriptive about turnouts, visible injury, and doctor releases. Record buck-off times & mark the bull.
- 4-7. Judges Cards. Each judge must buy a card to be eligible to work the finals. The bull riding finalists will vote on the judges for the finals. A judge may buy a permit for each performance he works.

## **5. LIVESTOCK**

- 5-1. Unsatisfactory Bulls. A SEBRA Representative may declare particular bulls unsatisfactory. Upon notification, both verbal & written documentation due by SEBRA the stock contractor shall eliminate such bull(s) from competition draw.
- 5-2. Blunting of Horns. All horn bulls used in SEBRA events shall have their horns blunted to at least the diameter of a half dollar. If horns are considered too sharp by judges, the stock contractor must immediately tip the horns, or the contestant shall have an option of a re-ride.
- 5-3. Humane Treatment. No sick or injured bull shall be competed on.
- 5-4. Stock Contractor Cards. Stock contractors must buy a card to be eligible to take bulls to the finals. A stock contractor must supply bulls for at least 3 SEBRA events after the purchase of his card for him to qualify his bulls to the finals.

## **6. CONDUCT & DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

6-1. All Members may be subject to reprimand, fine, suspension, or expulsion. SEBRA Administration will determine disciplinary action.

6-2. Black Ball List. No member may compete until all financial obligations have been paid.

6-3. Dress Code. All members, whether competing or not, must wear long sleeve western shirts, cowboy hats, long blue jeans, and cowboy boots 1 hour before and during SEBRA events. Breaking this rule will result in a \$25 fine.

6-4. Alcohol-Being under the influence or consuming alcoholic beverages and/or drugs in the arena of a SEBRA event will result in a \$50 fine and a possible disqualification. This will be determined by the two event judges and event promoter.

6-5. Fighting. Fighting in the arena will result in \$100 fine. Obscene gestures or cursing out loud while in the arena or on the chutes will result in a \$50 fine. This will be determined by the two event judges.

6-6. Returned Checks-There will be a \$50 fine.

6-7. Proper and Respectable Conduct is expected when members are representing SEBRA at promotional functions, staying at host hotels and dining at host restaurants. Complaints will be reviewed by a committee selected by SEBRA staff and disciplinary action determined. Accused member will be able to attend committee review.

## **7. BULL FIGHTERS**

7-1. Bull Fighters Cards. A bull fighter must buy a card to be eligible to work the finals. The bull riding finalists will vote on the bull fighters for the finals. A bull fighter may buy a permit for each performance he works, if he chooses not to buy a card.

## **8. PRODUCER & SECRETARY PROCEDURES**

8-0. Approval of Events-An event producer must submit information to the SEBRA office for event approval. Producer must have SEBRA card.

8-1. SEBRA Advertisement – SEBRA Logo must be included on all posters, flyers, bill boards etc. Two SEBRA banners must be displayed in arena. And two SEBRA sponsor banners must be displayed providing they do not compete with producer sponsors.

8-2 Bullfighters-Event must have a least two bullfighters.

8-3. Thirty mile radius or 1 year period is required before producer can have another sanctioned event in the same area, unless has special permission from SEBRA office or current producer.

8-4. Added Money. Event producer is responsible for having the amount of added money (which is posted in the monthly newsletter and on the website) at the event.

8-5. SEBRA Finals Fee-There is a \$10.00 charge taken from every cowboy's entry fee, including card holders & permits for each performance. The event secretary is required to submit the total amount of SEBRA finals fees to the SEBRA office.

8-6. SEBRA Office Fee- There is a \$3.00 office fee deducted from every cowboy's entry fee for each performance. The event secretary is required to submit the total amount of SEBRA office fees to the SEBRA office.

8-6. Results. Arena Secretary is responsible for recording and submitting to SEBRA office all results from the event. This includes a copy of all judges' sheets, secretary sheets with payoff & a copy of turnouts & doctor releases.

8-7. Responsible for Errors. Arena Secretary will be responsible for reviewing the individual's event results and correcting any errors before submitting results to the SEBRA office.

8-8. Call in Procedure. Event Secretary will be responsible for taking entries unless stated otherwise. Members have 1st priority during set call in time. Non Card Holders will be accepted after members.

8-9. Permits. Permits must be purchased before or at the event. A Permit Application must be filled out and returned to the arena secretary. Secretary will be responsible for submitting these fees and applications to the SEBRA office.

8-10. Submissions. All materials required to be submitted by the Arena Secretary to the SEBRA office must be post-marked no later than 3 days from the date of the last performance. (For example, your last performance is on Saturday, your results must be postmarked no later than Tuesday). Failure to abide by this rule shall result in a \$25 fine. This fine will double weekly. Producer is responsible for Secretary therefore he will be responsible for fine.

8-11. Posting Payoff. Secretary must post payoff after event. Secretary must use payoff set by SEBRA.

## **9. PAYOFF**

9.1 The Following Payoff is required for all regular season SEBRA events.

### **\*Required SEBRA Payoff\***

<u>Total Paid</u>	<u>Entries Places</u>	<u>Paid Payback</u>
1-7	1	100%
8-14	2	60%, 40%
15-21	3	50%, 30%, 20%
22-Unlimited	4	40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

9.2 The SEBRA Championship Finals and Invitational Events may choose to pay additional holes. Number of Holes will be determined by SEBRA staff.

9.3 No Qualified Rides. In the case of no qualified rides during an entire performance, Secretary will refund contestants entry fee minus \$10.00 for SEBRA finals fee, a \$10.00 Stock Fee, and a \$3.00 office fee. Producer receives stock fee, SEBRA receives finals fee and office fee.

9.4 No Qualified Rides Weekly Series. For weekly occurring series events, the entry fee minus finals fee, office fee and stock fee will be carried over and added to the purse for the next weeks' event. If no qualified rides are made during the last event of a weekly series then the entry fee, minus, finals fee, office fee and stock fee will be refunded to the contestants.

9.5 Day Money Purse. In case of no qualified rides in the long round day money will be refunded to the contestants.

## **10. FINALS**

10.1 Finals Contestants. Each year SEBRA will determine how many Bull Riders will be taken to the finals. This will be posted in the monthly newsletters. The Top Bull Riders taken to the Finals will be determined by Money.

10.2 Number of Events Required. A bull rider must compete in at least 5 SEBRA events following the purchase of his card to qualify for the finals.

10.3 Finals Awards. Any bull rider that qualifies for the finals must compete in the finals to receive any awards he has earned, unless he has a valid doctor release. If this matter is questionable it may be voted on & determined by the finalists.

10.4 Rookie Of The Year. First year in SEBRA and riding less than 5 years defines rookie of the year. First year contestant with most SEBRA money won will determine the rookie of the year. If rookie of year qualifies for the finals he must compete in finals to receive award, unless he has a valid doctor release. If this matter is questionable it may be voted on & determined by the finalists.

10.5 SEBRA Staff with the aid of a committee of bull riders, bull fighters, judges, and advisors will select the bulls to be taken to the Finals. Each stock contractor will submit a list of bulls to be considered.

10.6 Voting for Finals Awards. Contestants will be required to submit voting ballots for various year end and finals awards such as Bull of the Year, Bull of the Finals, Stock Contractor of the Year, Event of the Year etc.

## **11. COWGIRLS BARREL RACING**

### **Working on Rules November 2009**

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