

WSPBR 2017

BY-LAWS & RULES

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Membership

- Membership is open to any person who will be 35 years of age the physical year the events start. A rider will participate only in their age division.
- No rider will be able to participate until his membership paperwork is filled out, turned into the Secretary and dues are paid. No exceptions.
- All riders must obey and follow the rules of the WSPBR.
- Membership may be denied, withdrawn completely, suspended or changed by category, with or without cause at any time by the WSPBR, at its sole and absolute discretion. Fines and other disciplinary measures may also be imposed for violation of any of the applicable Membership Rules or violation of terms and conditions governing a Member's behavior or participation at any time.
- Acceptance of your membership application by the WSPBR does not make you and should not be construed as making you an employee or partner of the WSPBR, or any other related entities.
- All members are required to read the rules and bylaws carefully. Failure to understand rules and bylaws will not be accepted as an excuse.

Membership Dues

- New membership dues are \$150.00 per year and are due before or on the first event
- Dues must be paid before a rider will be allowed to ride, no exceptions. Consecutive year membership dues are \$100.00 per year, must be consecutive to apply (no lapse of years)
- Stock Contractors, Bullfighters, and Judges membership fees are \$50.00 per year
- Promoters are responsible to have at least one judge and one bullfighter that are current members
- Only bullfighters and judges with a membership will be eligible for the finals
- All Board Members will have their membership fees waived for the current year they are serving. If a Board Member steps down during the year, they will be required to pay

membership fees in order to continue to compete.

- The Board of Directors may change the annual dues payable to the WSPBR by its members

Voting Rights

- Each competing and Board member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the entire membership
- The bylaws may provide for voting only by The Board of Directors on some specific issues

Termination of Membership

- The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board, may suspend or terminate a Member for a cause after an appropriate hearing.
- If any member disobeys any rules or regulation, he can be fined or his membership can be terminated.
- If any member is fined 3 times for any offense his membership will be terminated indefinitely. (This excludes turn out fines.)
- In some cases, the member can be terminated immediately with no exceptions.
- Harassment of any member, judges, stock contractors or production producers.

Reinstatement

- Upon written request signed by a former member and filed with the Secretary, the Board of Directors may, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board, reinstate such former member to membership on such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.
- Before the Board can consider reinstatement, all unpaid dues, fees, fines or other money owed by the former member must be paid in full.
- A member can be reinstated only by a vote of the Board of Directors.

Membership Cards

- Each member, upon payment of dues, shall receive a membership card. This card will show the member's name and membership number and should be retained by the member. In some cases, it will be mailed to the rider. Every member should always have a membership card available, as it may be required for admittance to rodeos, etc.

Scheduling Events

- All new events will incur a \$100.00 sanction fee
- There will be a minimum of \$500.00 added or awards plus added money totaling \$500.00 (IE: buckles, rifle, etc...)
- There must be a minimum of twelve (12) members competing for it to be a WSPBR sanctioned event
- Promoter is responsible for stock over payment.

Entry Fees

- Entry fees of \$80.00 are set per event.
- Entry fee can be paid with cash or check.
- A \$35.00 check fee will be insured with any returned check. A rider with a returned check will not be able to compete until the check and all the fees are paid. After second returned check, the rider will be required to pay by cash ONLY for the remainder of the year.
- There will be no gate fee for competing members

Finals & Year End Awards

To be able to compete at the Finals:

- A member must compete (compete is defined as crossing the plane), in a total of fifteen (15) events to qualify for the finals. Pending number of entries and total points per age group.
- **Qualified Injured:** Member must pay the Finals fee's \$150.00 to receive awards. The member must come before the Board of Directors for the opportunity to compete in the Finals.
- Finals award will be based upon Finals Entry only.

- Board of Directors will determine year-end awards each year.
- In case of ties, awards will be determined by points, amount of money won and the number of events entered.
- If a military member of the WSPBR gets deployed (orders verification required), there will not be a minimum show requirement to qualify for the finals.
- **Finals entry fee payment of \$125.00 will be due June 2, 2017 and the 2nd payment will be due August 5, 2017. If a new member starts with the WSPBR after July 30,2017 the Finals fees will be due by August 5, 2017.**

Amendments to By-Laws

- These By-laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a majority vote from the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting.

WSPBR Rules

General

- Any person becoming a member of this association shall comply with all its rules, by-laws and decisions and shall be bound by the same.
- You must call or text (if text leave Full Name in text) in to enter an event on Sunday before the event between 5pm – 8 pm. You must call or text (if text leave/enter Full Name in text) in by 7 pm on Thursday before an event to draw out, if not, there will be a \$35.00 fine.
- Members must pay current dues and all outstanding debts to WSPBR before being allowed to participate in any event approved by the association.
- Riders must be on hand and ready to compete when it's their turn. If rider is not there, stock will be turned out. A \$35.00 turn out fine will be owed. No stock shall be brought back after turning out. Stock so turned out can be used for re-rides.
- There must be a minimum of twelve (12) members competing for it to be WSPBR sanctioned event
- The Directors will approve all stock, if Director sees any reason for taking a certain bull out of the draw it will be at his discretion to do so

- Bulls must be tipped to the size of a fifty-cent piece
- Protective vest is required for any competing member or permit rider
- The judges' decisions are final.
- Each WSPBR member will be responsible for his entry fees regardless of who issues the check.
- Bad Checks (\$35.00 fine) – If a contestant or someone writing a check for the contestant has a returned check, that Contestant will not be allowed to write checks further to the Association.
- Permit riders
 - Permit riders will be required to pay \$80.00 entry fee plus a \$20.00 permit fee of cash only.
 - No previous member can ride on a permit
 - Only two permit rides will be permitted, before a membership is required to compete in the WSPBR
 - No permit riders will be allowed after June 1, 2017

Code of Conduct

- All members of the WSPBR will always conduct themselves in an exemplary manner representing the WSPBR in a positive light in and out of the arena.
- Anytime a WSPBR member speaks of or to other members, judges, stock contractors, etc. in a negative manner they will be subject to a fine. The WSPBR is a Senior Association and conduct other than respectful will not be tolerated. Please see Fines List.
- Dress Code enforced 1 hour before any Event.
- Alcohol is not permitted at any church venues
- Fighting, quarreling, taunting, intimidation, cockiness, rudeness, whining, etc. are not acceptable. Alcohol or profanity is not acceptable at certain venues; you are expected to conduct yourself as an adult and abide by their rules. i.e., Chute 2 Production, youth events, or any invitational event.

- When Contestant appears to not be in his normal faculties, the contestant will not be allowed to participate in the event. Please see Fines list.

The Chute

- Time start – When the bull breaks the plane of the gate.
- Time Stop – When the riders' hand is no longer touching the bull rope or 7 seconds, whichever comes first.
- A rider must be ready when it comes his turn. No more than three hands pulling a bull rope will be allowed.
- A rider must make two attempts to get out on the bull, if not able, he will get a re-ride.
- No competing member may flank a bull in the event they are competing in.
- Rider shall be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
 - If rider gets bucked off.
 - If free hand or arm touches the bull, or any other object.
(Incidental contact created by the bull or while making a bull riding move, will not be a disqualification)
 - If spurs are hooked in the bull rope when a rider leaves the chute.
 - Using sharp spurs or placing spurs or chaps under the rope when the rope is being tightened.
 - It is the bull rider's decision to have their bull hot shot.

Re-Ride

- If the bull fouls the chute coming out or if the bull falls, a re-ride option will be available.
- Rider does not have to declare himself on a foul.
- Fouls will be at the judges discretion.
- If the flank rope comes off during the ride, the contestant must complete the 7-second ride, before an option for a re-ride is determined.

- If a bull leaves the chute without a flank it will be an automatic re-ride.
- If a bull stops and then restarts without assistance and the rider bucks off, there will be no score or re-ride option.
- If a bull comes to a complete stop and restarts with assistance and the rider gets bucked off, he will be given a re-ride option.
- If the rider accepts the re-ride he must take it. If not, he will receive no score.
- The re-ride bull must be equivalent to the original bull draft. EXAMPLE: You can't be last in the draw and get a 6-level pick, then receive a re-ride that is an 8-level pick. Re-ride bulls will be a high and low-end bull. Your re-ride bull will be the level of bull you originally drew.

The Arena

- Bull rider may be fined (amount of fine to be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors) and/or disqualified for any of the following offenses during an event: Please see fines List.
- Being under the influence of alcohol or narcotics in the arena.
- Being rowdy or quarreling in the arena.
- Not wearing western hat, boots and long sleeve shirt with collar in the arena.
- Mistreatment of Stock in or out of the Arena.

Draw/Draft

- At all sanctioned events a draft will be determined.
- At any sanctioned event not hosted by the WSPBR could be subjected to draw.

Drafting/Drawing of Bull

- At any event a bull rider (draft/draw) cannot pick the same bull twice.

Finals

- Order of draw is from year standing points:
 - 1st Round – Top to Bottom

- 2nd Round – Bottom to Top
- 3rd Round – Top to Bottom

Judges and Judging

- Judges must be experienced.
- Judges totals must be turned in to and checked by the Secretary before winner is announced.
- All judges should carry a stopwatch.
- The decisions of the judges will be final and no protest by riders will be permitted.
- Judges membership fees are \$50.00 per year.
- Only judges with a membership will be eligible for the finals.
- No competing member may judge an event at any time, during the year they are competing as a bull rider.

Point Awards & Payoff

- The association point award system is a ten-point system. Points will be awarded to the top ten (10) places if qualified. Points will be awarded as follows:
100/90/80/70/60/50/40/30/20/10, along with Qualified ride score.
- Each rider will receive 20 points for paying entry fees and 1 point for each rider that breaks the plane of the chute.
- End of date for points is October 31, 2017.
- **Bonus Points:** On money won per event: 1st Place 50 points, 2nd. place 40 points, 3rd. place 30 points, 4th. place 20 points and 5th. place 10. If the score is tied the total points will be split.
- If a contestant pays their fees and decides not to ride/across the plane of the chute, only 20 points will be awarded to the contestant points.
- The following payoff will be used:
 - 1 to 5 riders – 1 money – 100%

- 6 to 10 Riders – 2 monies 60% – 40%
- 11 to 15 Riders – 3 monies 50% – 30% – 20%
- 16 to 20 Riders – 4 monies 40% – 30% – 20% – 10%
- 21 to 49 Riders Over 5 monies 30% – 25% – 20% – 15% – 10%
- 50 & Over 6 monies 30% - 24% - 18% - 13% - 9% - 6%

Chain of Command

- If a WSPBR member has discrepancies, shortcomings, ideas or input, which needs to be addressed, he will follow a Chain of Command; which is your Board of Directors.
 - **Texas South Director (West):** Chris Yzaguirre (210)995-0116
 - **Texas South Director (East):** Trampus Chew (979)799-5764
 - **Texas Northern Director:** Kevin Jones (682)459-4884
 - **Texas West Director:** Peewee Casarez (806)548-8851
 - **Texas East, and Louisiana Director:** Glen McHenry (469)371-5287
 - **Oklahoma & Arkansas Director:** Ryan Robrahn (479)445-7618
 - **Kansas & Missouri Director:** Charlie McDonald (417)343-1438
 - **Chaplain North:** Rex Robrahn (479)220-7778
 - **Chaplain South:** Cody Boyd (817)298-8651
- Directors will bring discrepancies, shortcomings, etc., To the Board of Directors either by a phone call or a meeting.
- Members will have their response from the Board of Directors by the following Event.
- Boards of Directors decisions are final.
- After your Area Directors is as follows:
 - **President:** Craig Nichols – (918)430 6884
 - **Vice President:** Troy Hall – (512)484-6231

Fines List

- Member not in dress code behind the chutes will be fined \$25.00 for the 1st offense, \$50.00 for the 2nd and the 3rd fine and go before the Directors.
- No one will be allowed behind the chutes that is not in complete dress code; cowboy hat, shirt with long sleeves and a collar, jeans and boots.
- **Harassing of Officials:** Producers, Contractors, or Members \$100.00 Fine.
- **Quarreling:** In Arena or behind chutes \$100.00 Fine.
- **Assaulting or Striking an Official:** Disqualification from that event \$300.00 Fine and Suspension until further view of the Board of Directors
- **Under Influence:** Drugs or Alcohol before or during an event \$100.00 Fine and Disqualification from that event (no refund) and 2 event Suspension following the incident.
- **Facebook/Social Media:** Slander of the WSPBR Association or Members will not be tolerated. Members will be fined \$300.00 and suspended from 6 events following date of Comment.
- **Stock 1st offense:** mistreatment of stock soaking, cutting, etc. (review) 25.00 fine and
- **Stock 2nd offense:** suspension of 2 shows following incident and a \$50.00 fine.
- **Stock Further offenses:** removal from Association.

These are some of the items that will warrant a fine. The Board of Directors reserves the right to add, change, or modify this list at any time throughout the year to protect the WSPBR. If a member (Rider) is fined three (3) times for any offense their membership will be terminated indefinitely (excludes turn out fines).

President

The President is elected by the General Membership. President shall be the principal officer of the WSPBR. The President shall in general, supervise and control all the business and affairs of the WSPBR as well as preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors. The President may sign with the Secretary of the WSPBR, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments which the Board of Directors have authorized to be executed, except in cases where signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board or by the bylaws or by statute

to some other officer or agent of the WSPBR. In general, the President shall perform all duties pursuant to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time. The President must be a Charter or Participating Member of the WSPBR. The outgoing president will remain on the Board of Directors as an ex-officio non-voting member until the next incoming president would assume the position. Nomination for president requires nominee to have previously held a board position.

Vice President

The Vice-President is elected by the General Membership. In the absence of the President, or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Directors. The Vice President must be a Charter or Participating Member of the WSPBR. The Vice-President will back up the Secretary at all events.

Secretary

The Secretary is elected by the General Membership. The Secretary shall be assigned by the Officers and the Board of Directors to perform those duties necessary for the operation of the WSPBR. The Secretary shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the WSPBR, receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the WSPBR from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of the WSPBR in such banks. In general, perform all the duties normally associated with the office of treasurer. Other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings as well as general membership meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose. Give all notices in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws as required; be custodian of the WSPBR records. Keep a record of the post office addresses and of each member which shall be furnished to the Secretary, and in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary. The Secretary will be paid \$5.00 per entry in all WSPBR events. The Secretary will have a vote on all WSPBR Business.

Directors

The Directors are voted in by the General Membership. The Director will locate Bulls, Bull Fighters, and Judges. Directors are responsible for their Area. The Directors will be responsible for all the members in their Region. Directors will bring discrepancies, shortcomings, ideas, etc. to the Board of Directors either by a phone call or a meeting. The Directors shall perform such other duties as from

time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors. The Directors is responsible for contacting the Stock Contractors to schedule the bulls for each event. The Director must approve all stock before it's allowed to buck. If the Director sees any reason for taking a certain bull out of the draw, he will be eligible to do so. The Director shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors.