

# WSPBR 2020

## BY-LAWS & RULES

### **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- Membership may be denied, withdrawn completely, suspended or changed by category, with or without cause at any time by the WSPBR, at its sole and absolute discretion.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**

- Membership dues are \$150.00 per year and are due before or on the first event you attend.
- 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)
- Any member (New or returning), who gets a sponsorship of \$300.00 or more, will have their membership fee waived.
- 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
- The Board of Directors may change the annual dues payable to the WSPBR by orits members.
- Board of Directors

### **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 be suspend, disqualified or terminate a Member for a cause after an appropriate hearing.
- If any member disobeys any rules or regulation, he/she can be fined, disqualified or his/her membership can be terminated.
- If any member is fined 3 times for any offense his/her 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 to total \$500.00.
- There must be a minimum of fifteen (15) 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 \$50.00 check fee will be assessed 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 a 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 and two qualified rides of seven seconds, in order to qualify for the finals.
- **Qualified Injured:** Will be determined by the Board of Directors for qualification and awards.

- 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 6, 2020 and the 2nd payment will be due July 25, 2020. If a new member starts with the WSPBR after July 25, 2020 the Finals fees will be due by August 15, 2020.**

### **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 in Sunday before the event between 5pm – 8pm Full Name, Hometown and Bull rating. If text leave Full Name, Hometown and Bull rating anytime Sunday.
- Call out of Event is by 8 pm on Thursday before the event, if not there will be a \$80.00 fine.
- Events will be listed on the WSPBR Facebook Announcement Page and on the Website Schedule.
- Members must pay current dues and all outstanding debts and or fines 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 \$80.00 no show fine will be assessed. No stock shall be brought back

after turning out. The Stock turned out can be used for re-rides.

- No Call / no shows will be assessed an \$80.00 fine.
- There must be a minimum of fifteen (15) members competing for it to be a WSPBR sanctioned event.
- The Board will approve all stock, if Director sees any reason for taking a certain bull out of the draw, it will be at the Boards Discretion.
- Bulls must be tipped to the size of a fifty-cent piece.
- Protective vest is required for any competing member or permit rider. If Proctive Vest is not worn the rider will be disqualified from the event with no refund.
- A Helmet is required for anyone Under the age of 18. If not worn the rider will be disqualified from the event with no refund.
- Do not enter the arena before the event.
- The judge's decisions are final as long as the do not over rule WSPBR Bylaws or Rules.
- Each WSPBR member will be responsible for his entry fees regardless of who issues the check.
- Bad Checks (\$50.00 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 to the WSPBR and will be responsible for returned check.
- Permit riders
  - Permit riders will be required to pay \$80.00 entry fee plus a \$20.00 permit fee.
  - Permit riders are not eligible for added money or awards.
  - 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.
  - Permit riders points will count toward Membership points up until October 1, 2020

and no Permits points will be issued after that date.

## **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 or (revolk of Membership). 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 WSPBR has a zero-tolerance policy for any illegal substance possession or usage. Members or permit riders will be automatically terminated without any refunds.
- An event will be over at the Producers direction.

## **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. Warning will be issued, a 2nd. time a Fine \$500.00.

- A rider must make two attempts to get out on the bull, if not able, the rider will receive a re-ride of the same level of Bull.
- 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 intentionally. If the rider's free arm comes into contact while making a bull riding move, he/she will not be disqualified. This rule will be interpreted by the judges.
  - 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.

## **Re-Ride**

- If the bull fouls the chute coming out or if the bull falls, a re-ride option will be available for all Bull levels.
- Rider does not have to declare himself on a foul it will be at the judge's discretion
- If the flank rope comes off during the ride, the contestant must complete the ride up until the Flank comes off for a re-ride to be awarded.
- If a bull leaves the chute without a flank it will be an automatic re-ride.
- If a bull stops, the bullfighters will restart the bull. If the rider completes the 7 second ride, a re-ride option will be offered. If the rider bucks off, he/she will not be offered a re-ride.
- If a low end bull stops the contestant will not be eligible for a re-ride.
- If the rider accepts the re-ride the rider must take it. If not, the rider 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 Low level pick, then receive a re-ride that is an Medium level pick. Your re-ride bull will be the level of bull the rider originally picked.

- If a High or Medium rated bull does not perform to it's rating, the rider will be offer a re-ride of the same rating

## **The Arena**

- Bull rider may be disqualified and fined to be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors 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 at any Invitational or WSPBR event
- Not wearing western hat, boots and long sleeve shirt with collar in the arena.
- Rider not wearing western hat, boots, proctive vest and long sleeve shirt with Collar and helmet on age requirement. Rider will be disqualified with no refund.
- 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 on an Average event.

## **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 and be Member of the WSPBR.
- Judges membership fees are \$50.00 per year
- New Judges will work 1 non paid event, to be Certificated as a WSPBR Judge upon approval of the WSPBR Board of Directors or have current Association Judges Card.



- Judges totals must be turned in to and checked by the Secretary before winner is announced.
- All judges will carry a stopwatch.
- The decisions of the judges will be final and no protest by riders will be permitted.
- A Judge is not responsible for Injury or unlawful acts.
- Only judges with a membership will be eligible for the finals
- Judges agree they are bound and will act in accordance with the By-Laws and Official Rules set forth by the WSPBR.
- BULL FIGHTERS
- Agree they are bound and will act in accordance with the By-Laws and Official Rules set forth by the WSPBR.
- One Bullfighter will have WSPBR membership.
- A bull fighter must wear a Protective Vest while fighting bulls.
- If provided a Bull Fighter will wear a Sponsorship Jersey or WSPBR Jersey.

### **Point Awards & Payoff**

- The association point award system is a ten-point system. Points will be awarded to the top ten (10) places on qualified ride per age group. Points will be awarded as follows:  
100/90/80/70/60/50/40/30/20/10.
- Each rider will receive 20 points for paying entry fees and 1 point for each rider that breaks the plane of the chute.
- **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.
- End of Year for points is Nov. 2020

- 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/she will follow a Chain of Command; which is your Board of Directors.
  - **Texas Southeast Director:** Billy Wilson (281) 904-8287
  - **Texas Northern Director:** Gary Johns (817) 458-6567
  - **Texas West/New Mexico Director:** PeeWee Casarez (806) 548-8851
  - **Texas East Director:** Steve Ballentine: (903) 908-0522
  - **Texas Southwest Director :** Lee Newman: (830) 317-1373
  - **Oklahoma, Missouri & Arkansas Dir.:** Kyle Sherwood (918) 638-1177
  - **Eastern Oklahoma & Kansas & Director:** Billy Turner (405) 612-7958
  - **Chaplains :** Charlie Stephens (254) 396-5290
  - **Secretary:** Cathey Saunders (817) 312-2091
- 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:** Dean Schoolcraft – (575) 302-2544
  - **Vice President:** Derek El-Etoum (682) 551-9259

## **Fines List**

- 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.
- 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.
- **Harassing of Officials:** Producers, Contractors, or Members \$500.00 Fine.
- **Quarreling:** In Arena or behind chutes \$500.00 Fine.
- **Assaulting or Striking an Official:** Disqualification from that event \$500.00 Fine and Suspension until further view of the Board of Directors
- **Under Influence:** Alcohol before or during an event \$500.00 Fine and Disqualification from that event (no refund) and 2 event Suspension following the incident.
- **Drugs:** Zero Tolerance, immediate termination and no refunds.
- Face book/Social Media: Slander of the WSPBR Association or Members will not be tolerated. Members will be fined \$500.00 and suspended from 6 events following date of Comment and/or Membership revoked.
- **Stock 1st offense:** mistreatment of stock soaking, cutting, etc. (review) \$500.00 fine and disqualification from the event with no refund.
- **Stock 2nd offense:** Termination of membership for the completion of the year and subject to Board review for membership the following year.
- **Stock Further offenses:** removal from the WSPBR.
- A rider not in Full Bull Riding dress code will be Disqualified.

These are some of the items that will warrant a fine, disqualification and/or terminations of

Membership. 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 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 each member which shall be furnished to the Secretary, and in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary. The Secretary will have a vote on all WSPBR Business.

## **Directors**

The Directors are voted in by the General Membership. Directors are responsible for their Area. 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 Board of Directors 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, it will be taken to the available Board of Director at the event.** 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.

No person will be allowed to hold a Position on the WSPBR Board of Directors if they are Currently on another Senior Rodeo or Bull Riding Association Board. No Board Member can hold a Board of Directors position on two boards Senior Rodeo or Bull Riding Association Board.

## **Contractor Labor**

Event Secretary will be contractor labor for each event for a fee of \$5.00 per entry.

Judges, Bull Fighters, Announcer, Back Pen Help, Arena Staff are contractor labor under the Producer/Promoter.