

# WSPBR 2022 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/hers membership paperwork is filled out and 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- Membership may be denied, withdrawn completely, suspended with or without cause at any time by the WSPBR, at its sole and absolute discretion.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.
- Age Groups
  - 35 to 40
  - 41 to 46
  - 47 to 54
  - 55 and over

## Membership Dues

- New Membership dues are \$200.00 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 \$150.00 per year, must be consecutive to apply (no lapse of years).
- Stock Contractors, Bullfighters, Judges, and non- competitive 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 or its members.
- Board of Directors, Executive Board and Lifetime Members are excluded from Membership fees.

## **Voting Rights**

- All paid members, competing or non-competing, over 18 years of age, i.e. judges, bullfighters, stock contractors, and board members shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the entire membership
- Nominations for Officers and Directors will be accepted August 1 thru Sept. 17th of the voting year. The nomination will be in writing and turned in to the Secretary. An individual may be nominated for more than one position. A person cannot hold more than one position. The Officers and Directors will hold a two-year term.
- The General Membership meeting for the WSPBR Members: The members will sign in and receive their voting ballots with the names of the nominated. Each nominated individual will have the opportunity to speak on their behalf for the position they were nominated. No ballots will be re-issued. Only Voting Members will be allowed in the meeting. A Director may be released by two-thirds of the vote by the Board of Directors. If an Officer/Director has been released from duties as a Board Member, he or she must come before the existing Board of Directors to be eligible for re-nomination for a Position on the Board. Re-nomination will require two-thirds of the vote by the Board of Directors.

## **Termination of Membership**

- The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board, may be suspend, disqualify, 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 may result in termination of membership.

## **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 members 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 two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

## **New Business:**

**All new business must go before the existing board of Directors to be reviewed.**

## **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 to awards or to equal \$500.00.
- There must be a minimum of fifteen (15) members entered, including permit riders, for it to be a WSPBR sanctioned event.
- Promoter is responsible for stock over payment.

## **Entry Fees**

- Entry fees are \$100.00 per event.
- In the event you elect not to compete, by choice, you will not be refunded your entry fee, nor will you receive any points towards your total year end points.
- 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. If a rider pays fees by check, that rider is responsible no matter who writes the check.
- 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 to qualify for the finals.
- Any member, who gets a sponsorship for WSPBR of \$250.00 will receive \$50.00 towards their finals fees; \$1000.00 or more in sponsorship the riders Finals Fees will be paid in full.
- Qualified Injured: Will be determined by the Board of Directors for qualification and awards.
- Finals awards will be based upon Finals Entry only.
- Finals Committee will present Finals Jackets and Buckles to the Board of Directors for approval.
- 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.
- Final's entry fee \$300.00, payments of \$100.00 will be due April 30, 2022, and the 2nd payment will be due June 30, 2022 and third payment

August 20, 2022. If a new member starts with the WSPBR after July 17, 2022, the Finals fees will be due by Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 amount of \$300.00.

### **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.

### **Contract Labor**

- Event Secretary will be contract 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.

### ***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 with Full Name, Hometown and Bull Rating. If text leave Full Name, Hometown and Bull rating anytime Sunday.
- Call out of an Event is by 8 pm on Thursday before date of the event, if not there will be a \$50.00 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 \$100.00 no show /no call fine will be assessed. No stock shall be brought back after turning out. The Stock turned out can be used for re-rides at contractors' discretion.
- There must be a minimum of fifteen (15) members entered, including permit riders, 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 Board's 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 protective 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 they do not overrule WSPBR by-laws or rules.

- Each WSPBR member will be responsible for his/hers 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 \$100.00 entry fee plus a \$25.00 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 10 weeks prior to finals.
  - A permit rider will not accumulate points and have last pick in the draft 10 weeks prior to the finals.

### **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 revoke 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. No alcohol is allowed in the arena or behind the chutes before or during any event.
- 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 or good health, the contestant will not be allowed to participate in the event, in assessment by 2 board members. 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 discretion.

## The Chute

- Time starts – When any part of the bull breaks the plane of the gate.
- Time Stop – When the rider's 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Offense will be a verbal warning, a 2nd. Offense will result in 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 riders 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 from the front. 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 a medium level pick. Your re-ride bull will be the level of bull the rider originally picked.
- Re-ride must be taken in the same performance.
- If a High or Medium rated bull does not perform to its rating, the rider will be offering 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:
  1. Please see fines List.
  2. Being under the influence of alcohol or narcotics in the arena.
  3. Being rowdy or quarreling at any Invitational or WSPBR event
  4. Not wearing western hat, boots and long sleeve shirt with collar in the arena or behind the chute.
  5. Rider not wearing western hat, boots, protective vest and long sleeve shirt with collar and helmet on age requirement. Rider will be disqualified with no refund.
  6. No Show boating on the back of a bull. If you are caught showboating the score will be deducted at the discretion of the Judges.
  7. Mistreatment of Stock in or out of the Arena

## **Drafting Bulls**

- Bulls will be rated Low, Medium, and High, a bull may or may not perform at the level that it was rated by the Board of Directors.
- On an average, double points, and the Finals event, the rider cannot pick the same bull twice. The rider must pick from the same bull level, that was called in and specified. The rider has until Thursday 8 PM of the event week to call /text their change in Bull Level.
- Announced events: a rider must compete on the same Bull level that was Called in/texted. The rider will have until Thursday by 8 PM the week of the event to make a Bull level changed, except for Finals. No Exceptions.
- The board will re-rate bulls as needed.

## **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 can only carry 1 membership card. Judges will not be eligible to ride after Judging events during current year.
- Judges must be experienced and be Member of the WSPBR.

- Judges' membership fees are \$50.00 per year
- New Judges will work 2 nonpaid events to be Certified as a WSPBR Judge upon approval of the WSPBR Board of Directors, or have current Association Judges Card.
- Judge's totals must be turned into 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.
- A bull fighter must wear a Protective Vest while fighting bulls.
- If provided a Bull Fighter will wear a Sponsorship Jersey or WSPBR Jersey.
- Only a card-carrying bull fighter is eligible to fight the finals

## **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 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.
- End of Year for points is November 2022
- 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%
- Entry Fee Break Down:
- Entry Fee \$100.00 - Association Charge \$10.00 / To Pot \$40.00 / \$35.00 Stock / Sect. \$5.00 // \$10.00 to be divided up between Med. riders 60% And Low riders 40% . Split will be determined by number of entries per level. (Reference Above)

### **Fines List**

- No one will be allowed behind the chutes that is not in dress code; cowboy hat, shirt with long sleeves a collar, and jeans.
- 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 will go before the Directors.
- **Harassing of Officials:** Producers, Contractors, or Members \$500.00 Fine.
- **Quarreling:** In Arena or behind chutes 1<sup>st</sup> offense is a verbal warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> 250.00 fine, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense \$500.00 Fine w/ possibility of suspension /Loss of Membership for the year.
- **Assaulting or Striking an Official:** With be a Lifetime ban from the association
- **Under Influence:** Alcohol before or during an event \$500.00 Fine and Disqualification from that event (no refund) and a 2-event suspension. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense will result in termination of membership.
- **Drugs:** Zero Tolerance, immediate termination, and no refunds. Immediately termination that the current year.
- **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).

### **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:** Jrod Richardson ( 469) 236-9470
  - **Texas Northern Director:** Chris Kirby (817) 819-9129
  - **Texas West/New Mexico Director:** Cody Gilbert (325) 895-5156
  - **Texas East Director:** Terry Stough (903) 571-7489
  - **Texas Southwest Director:** Lee Newman: (830) 317-1373
  - **Eastern Oklahoma, Eastern Kansas Missouri & Arkansas Dir.:** Billy Turner (405) 612-7958
  - **Western Oklahoma & Kansas & Director:** Russ Rogers (580) 470-6188
  - **Chaplains:** Charlie Stephens (254) 396-5290 & Matt Malone (469) 343-7771
  - **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:** Gary Johns (817) 458-6567
  - **Vice President:** Kerry Meuir (214) 923-3298

## **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 will only vote in the event of a tie by the Board of Directors. 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 for no less than two years.

## **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 as needed.

### **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 will share duties and custody with the Treasurer 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. 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.

### **Treasurer**

Pending further discussion and approval by the Board of Directors.

### **Directors**

The Directors are voted in by the General Membership. A Director must be a current member in good standings. 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/her 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 an Office or 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.**