



## **RULE BOOK**

SEBRA, Inc (Revised December 2024)

*The purpose of the SEBRA is to provide an organization that will promote the sport and industry of bull riding & barrel racing.*

*Our goals are to increase the number of participants, improve the quality of events and enhance the image of bull riding, while helping to make everyone's effort more profitable. These rules have been made to address the needs of SEBRA members, promote fairness, eliminate confusion, and assist all in their endeavors. These rules apply to all members and permit holders with no exceptions.*

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## **1 BULL FIGHTERS**

- 1.1 Bull Fighter's Card** – Bull fighter must be a card member to work a SEBRA sanctioned event OR pay the day permit if working as a non-member. A bull fighter must work at least three (3) events as a card member to be eligible to be voted for the National Finals. The bull riding finalists will vote on the bullfighters. There must be two (2) bullfighters working per performance, no more than (3) three.

## **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 scoring shall range from zero (0) to twenty-five (25) (including quarter, half and three-quarter 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 Riding Requirements** - Riding must be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 Bell** - The rope must have a bell. Bell must be under the belly of the bull when the contestant leaves the chute entering the arena. No bell results in disqualification.
- 2.7 Hooking Bull Ropes or Loops with Spurs or Rowels** - Hooking bull ropes or loops with spurs or rowels will result in disqualification of the ride for the first offense, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense will result in disqualification and a fine of \$100. Each subsequent offense will be disqualified of the ride and the fine will double each time.
- 2.8 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.
- 2.9 Spurs** – Any spur shank deemed unsafe or illegal will not be allowed for use. Any shank with an upward bend that resembles a hook shape will not be allowed. Sharp Spur Rowels will not be allowed. Rowels are not to be altered in any way.

(ex., filed sharpened, chipped, blunted, bent, or altered any other way.) Contestants will be disqualified and/or fined if sharp spurs are worn.

**2.10 Bull Tails** – The bull tail will not be allowed under the flank straps.

**2.11 Pulling Rider's Rope** - No more than two (2) persons may be used to pull the riders rope, one of which is the rider. Of those two (2) persons only three (3) hands may be used. 1<sup>st</sup> time offense is a warning. The 2<sup>nd</sup> offense is at the judge's discretion.

**2.12 Excessive Time in Chute** – Riders taking too long in the chute before calling for bull may be disqualified, fined, and/or suspended at the discretion of the judges and/or SEBRA personnel. Once the contestant is put on the clock they have .30 seconds to nod. After .30 seconds the contestant is disqualified.

**2.13 Protective Vests** - Protective vests for all SEBRA members/permits competing at a SEBRA event are required to be worn.

**2.14 Short Round & (2) Two Head Event Riding Requirement** – When an event has a short round or is a two header the rider is required to make an honest attempt on the second bull to be eligible for the average payoff. The honest attempt will be at the judge's discretion.

**2.15 Disqualification of Contestant** - Any of the following shall disqualify a contestant.

**A. Buck Off:** Riders riding hand loses contact with any part of the bull rope before 8 seconds

or if the rider loses leg contact with the bull and any part of the riders' body touches the ground before 8 seconds.

**B. Slap:** Defined as touching the bull, excluding the horn or tail, the riders' equipment or himself with the free hand, free arm, or extension thereof.

**C. Sharp Spurs or Chaps Under Rope:** Using sharp spurs or placing spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.

**D. No Bell:** Not having a bell on bull rope.

**E. Delay of Event:** When a contestant has been advised he is next to go and is not prepared as determined by the SEBRA judges and official personnel, such as not being in position above the bull with his glove on when the previous bull leaves the arena.

**F. Catching Knots:** Intentionally leaving chute with spurs hooked or lodged in the bull rope. (For clarification, in addition to the judges' discretion, it shall be considered intentional if a rider's spurs are hooked or lodged in the bull rope when the rider calls for the gate.)

**G. Use of Arena Panel:** If the use of the arena panel is used in any way to help assist the ride.

**H. Excessive time in the chute:** Contestants taking too long in the chute before calling for the bull may be disqualified, fined, and/or suspended at the discretion of the judges and/or SEBRA personnel. Once the contestant is put on the clock they have .30 seconds to nod. After .30 seconds the contestant is disqualified.

**I. Improper Safety Equipment:** Rider competes without a required safety vest.

**J. Bull Mistreatment by a Rider:** If the judge determines, in his sole discretion, that a rider is mistreating the bull in the chute in any way, the judge

K. **Too much rope pulled/soaked in stock:** Any contestant caught pulling his/her rope excessively in the alleyway or lead up can lead to a disqualification. This is at the discretion of the judges and/or SEBRA official.

### **3 CONDUCT & DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

- 3.1 Discipline** - All members & non-members may be subject to reprimands, fines, suspension, or expulsion for the violation of the SEBRA rules.
- 3.2 Alcohol and Illegal Drugs** - Being under the influence of or consuming alcoholic beverages and/or drugs at the venue of a SEBRA Event will result in a fine and shall result in major disciplinary action. The amount of the fine will be determined by a SEBRA representative.
- 3.3 Fighting and Horseplay** - Fighting and Horseplay in the arena will result in fine, disqualification, and/or expulsion. SEBRA Representative at the event will determine the appropriate discipline.
- 3.4 Obscene gestures or cursing out loud** - Making obscene gestures or cursing out loud while in the arena or on the chutes will result in a \$100 fine. This will be determined by the two event Officials and/or SEBRA Representative at the event.



**3.5 Arguing with an Official or Event personnel** – Arguing with an Official or Event personnel in the arena will result in a fine, disqualification, and/or expulsion. The SEBRA Official or SEBRA representative at the Event will determine the appropriate discipline.

**3.6 Derogatory Remarks concerning the SEBRA via Social Media sites.** - SEBRA member or Non-Member, may be fined and/or suspended. The fine amount & any other disciplinary action will be determined by a SEBRA Representative.

**3.7 Conduct** - SEBRA reserves the absolute right to discipline individuals whose:

(a) Honesty, integrity, and professionalism do not reflect the image expected of Members of the SEBRA.

(b) Personal conduct reflects badly upon SEBRA, its Members, and/or the sport of bull riding.

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 the committee's review.

## **4 COWGIRLS BARREL RACING**

**4.1 Membership Dues Payment** – Member Dues are \$150 per season and must be purchased prior to competing for monies won to count in the standings.

**4.2 Fees Amount** – The required entry fee at all regular season events is \$60 for members and \$70 for non-members. The weekly and bi-weekly events do not have a required entry fee amount.

**4.3 Notified Turn Outs (NTO) & Non-Notified Turn Outs (NNTO)** Once the draw is posted you are entered and responsible for your entry fee unless you have a doctor/vet release or bereavement excuse. Only three (3) vet/doctor outs a season, any more than two (3) will result in a \$25 fine per use. A Vet/Doctor note is required to be sent to [chan@gosebra.com](mailto:chan@gosebra.com) or text to 336 669-8076 within 24 hours of Vet/Doctor out. Any competing member or permit contestant wishing to make a Notified Turn Out must do so by contacting the SEBRA office. Notified turnouts are responsible for paying the entry fee for the event they are turning out of. Turn Out may be paid by contacting the SEBRA office.

Non-Notified (NNTO) will result in contestants having to pay the entry fee for that event and a \$20.00 additional fine. Contestants will not be able to compete in a SEBRA event until all fines are paid.

**4.4 The contestant must begin run from mouth of gate or alleyway and move in a**

**forward direction** (cannot enter the arena and set horse), if the gate or alleyway is in the center of the barrel pattern.

**4.5 The bars in the alley MUST BE REMOVED OR BURIED (6 or more inches deep)** so that the center alley will be completely level, to be deemed safe by the judges. Any gate that barrel racers are required to enter, either center or side, the bar must be removed or buried. When using a center alley in the barrel racing, the barrel racers must leave through the center alley, unless the gate has been closed. Failure to comply will result in a \$100 fine for the producer.

**4.6 The barrel racer can be disqualified for turning her horse off before going out the center alley.** This is the sole opinion of the judges whether the rider causes this, or he can waive the disqualification if he thinks someone or something in the alley scares the horse.

**4.7 There will be a sixty (60) second time limit** once the barrel racers name is called to begin their run. One of the judges will keep time and enforce this rule.

**4.8 Contestants cannot be required to begin their run from an off-center gate or alleyway.** When there is a split or double alleyway, contestants may be required to run from the mouth or alleyway, if they have a choice of either alleyway. When center alleyway is used, it will be posted whether the gate will be open, closed or barrel racer's option to run out. Once a contestant is disqualified, she cannot work her horse.

**4.9 Barrel racers are required to wear western attire** (long sleeved shirts with collar, wrist length) western hats and boots in the arena, on the back of the bucking chutes and on the

back of the timed event chutes one (1) hour prior to and during the performance time. Barrel racers may not wear worn out jeans while competing. Shirts must be tucked in. Failure to comply will result in a warning for first offense, thereafter a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per occurrence. Barrel Racers can wear helmets while competing.

**4.10 Contestants are required** to be in western attire during open arena and grand entry.

**4.11 Barrels are to be set** on the inside of each stake in a cloverleaf pattern.

**4.12 Judges are responsible for** measuring, staking and marking of the barrels and score-line, before the beginning of the first performance and thereafter measured off by judges before each performance from such stakes, to determine if stakes are still in their original places, measuring to be done with tape measure. Judges must turn in barrel stake and score-line measurements, in feet and inches, to rodeo secretary for recording before the first performance. Electric timers will be staked or marked and reset over that stake or mark for each performance. Judges will be responsible for setting up electric timers. Before setting the barrel pattern, take into consideration where the electric timers are to be set. Allow enough room to get cord to announcer's stand or suitable area. Make sure there is access to power if needed. Do not set course too wide for the electric eye to line up.

**4.13 Secretary is responsible for posting** barrel stake and score line measurement sheet prior to the event, as well as the draw, and the order of events before check- in. Failure to comply will result in a \$50 fine.

**4.14 The standard barrel course shall be:** ninety (90) feet between barrels one (1) and two (2), one hundred five (105) feet between barrels one (1) and three (3) and two (2) and three (3); sixty (60) feet from barrels one (1) and two (2) to score-line; Sixty (60) feet from score-line to the end of the arena for stopping room if the arena allows; no less than 45 feet. Decision is subject to Director Approval. To set course, measure length and width of arena to determine if standard course can be set. Measure score-line and stopping distance, then set barrels one (1) and two (2). Make an arc on the ground from barrel one (1) and barrel three (3) - then from barrel two (2) to three (3). Set the marker for barrel three (3) where the arcs cross, being sure that barrel three (3) is at least twenty (20) feet off the back of the arena fence. Measure score-line from both barrels one (1) and two (2) to be sure that the distance is equal for contestants going to either the right or left barrel first. Barrels one (1) & two (2) will be set a minimum of eighteen (18) feet off the arena fences unless arena is one hundred (100) feet or less in width, then barrels one (1) & two (2) will be possible. If arena size does not permit standard course, measurements in proportion to the size of the arena shall be used, shortening the distance between barrels. The standard course lengths cannot be exceeded. If score-line is less than the maximum sixty (60) feet, there must be a minimum of fifty (50) feet from the chutes or arena fence for stopping room, unless the arena has a center gate or alley, and contestants are allowed to run out the gate. When distance between barrels (1) one & 2 (two) is reduced from standard pattern, for every 10 feet barrels are reduced between (1) one & (2) two. The maximum distance between barrels (2) two & (3) three shall be reduced by (5) five feet.

- 4.15 When staking barrels** for a center alleyway the patterns will be staked starting with the alleyway and measuring equal distance from each side of gate (not the arena).
- 4.16 The arena must be worked** after twelve (12) barrel racers have run. The arena must be worked before each performance and before slack. During the slack arena must be worked after the same number of positions offered in performance, not to exceed twelve (12) barrel racers. (Clarification: Rodeo management may work the ground after fewer than twelve (12) barrel racers have run, but no more than twelve (12) barrel racers may run without working the arena.)
- 4.17 The performance must be filled before allowing slack.**
- 4.18 A contestant will not be disqualified** or penalized for touching a barrel.
- 4.19 Over aggression on a horse** may result in a fine or disqualification. The fine amount or disqualification will be at the discretion of the Officials and/or SEBRA representative at the event.
- 4.20 If a contestant knocks a barrel over**, there will be a five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over.
- 4.21 If all barrels are standing** when a contestant crosses the score-line after completing a qualified run, it is considered a qualified run, even if a barrel falls after she is flagged.
- 4.22 The use of an electric timer is REQUIRED** and must be backed up with a flag and two (2) stop watches. The manual times are to be averaged between the two (2) timers and recorded in hundreds and one zero (0) added to have a time recorded in thousands. If the electric timer fails three (3) times during one performance or two (2) times on the same

contestant, times will revert back to hand flagged times with original stopwatch times to be used on all contestants. Manual times will be used for payoff only when the automatic timer is no longer serviceable.

- 4.23 There shall be no talking** to flagmen, secretary, timekeepers or judges during the barrel racing event.
- 4.24 Both judges will be required to be present** during the barrel racing event with one judge flagging line and the other judge back up timing & watching to see that a qualified cloverleaf pattern is run. The flag judge will flag nose at the start and finish of the race. The line on fence for flagman shall be marked.
- 4.25 Judges may appoint** responsible persons to replace barrels in proper position if barrels have been knocked down by a contestant during a run.
- 4.26 A SEBRA Official will draw** the order in which the contestants will run.
- 4.27 Slack times cannot change after books are closed.**
- 4.28 Barrels used must be (55) fifty-five-gallon size.** Steel or plastic barrels may be used, and barrel covers are permitted. Plastic barrels must be equal weight of steel barrels.
- 4.29 After the barrels have been staked,** no one will be permitted to go around the stakes or barrels for the duration of the barrel racing closer than fifteen (15) feet from the stakes used. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
- 4.30 A barrel racer must compete in three (3) events** to be eligible to compete at the finals. Barrel only events do count toward the (3) three event eligibility. The barrel only events must follow the same rules as if there were bulls & barrels. Barrel Only Events may be held

in conjunction with horse show events only if the SEBRA Barrels is run before any other classes or exhibitions. You do not have to compete at events in (3) three different locations. For example: If you compete at Giddy Up Ranch Arena in Somewhere, NM on (3) three different dates these count toward the (3) three event rule.

**4.31 Contestant will be disqualified**, if after crossing score-line and being flagged by the flagman, she re-crosses score-line before completion of a true cloverleaf pattern run.

**4.32 Reruns in the barrel race** will be taken at the barrel racer's discretion. Barrel Racer may choose to run again at the designated time (at the end of the event or end of slack if event has slack) OR take the average stopwatch times recorded by the timers if they do not wish to run their horse again. Contestants must make their decision before the end of that section of barrel racing. The same rule applies to the slack. If the barrel racer chooses to make their rerun, the ground must be worked regardless of the number of horses that run.

*NOTE: A barrel racer will not be asked or given the choice to run immediately after their first run if the timer malfunctions or a foul happens, due to the draw positions to be upheld for the rest of contestants. If the judge cannot decipher the rule as it is written please contact Jeff Canter; Chan Canter immediately and/or a barrel racing director. See contact information for each listed-on page 2 of the directory.*

**4.33 If the timer malfunctions** equal to or MORE than three (3) times all the barrel racing at that event will default to the average stopwatch times kept by the officials.



**4.34 It is highly recommended** that stock is not watered within twenty-five (25) feet of the barrel stakes.

**4.35 No one on foot or horseback, besides contestant,** will be allowed to remain in the arena during contestant's run.

**4.36 A contestant shall compete in the performance** in which they are entered and be ready when called upon to compete or be disqualified from that go round of competition.

**4.37 The same horse can run more than one time** but with a different rider. The event secretary or the SEBRA office personnel will draw at least five (5) contestants, splitting the contestants riding the same horse.

**4.38 You are only allowed to enter one time** per performance you are competing/entered.

**4.39 Barrel Only Events must have minimum added money of \$500 and at least 10 contestants** must enter before the event can be held. Contestants must enter during the specified call-in time. The barrel only events must follow the same rules as if there were bulls & barrels. The only rule exception is that only one judge is required. These may be held in conjunction with horse show events **ONLY** if the SEBRA Barrels is run first before any other classes or

exhibitions.

**4.40 Exhibitions are allowed at the producer's discretion.** Contestants cannot run the horse they exhibition in any SEBRA performance/slack in the same event or multiple day event. If contestant fails to comply, there will be an immediate disqualification, and a \$100 fine.

**4.41 Required Barrel Racing payoff** for SEBRA Barrels sanctioned events. The following Barrel Racing Payoff is required for all regular season events.

<b>Total Contestants</b>	<b>Paid Places</b>	<b>Payback Percentages</b>
1-6	1	100%
7-12	2	60%, 40%
13-18	3	45%, 33%, 22%
19-24	4	40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
25-30	5	33%, 25%, 19%, 13%, 10%
31+	6	32%, 24%, 18%, 12%, 9%, 5%

## **5 DRAWING PROCEDURES**

**5.1 Stock Draw** - Stock must be drawn with at least one judge and/or staff member present. The event Producer may set the buck order & submit to the SEBRA office

or event secretary to complete the draw. If the event producer fails to adhere, he/she will be subject to a \$100 fine.

- 5.2 Short Go Round Stock Draw** - Short 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.
- 5.3 Draw Back Procedure for Short Go Round** - If not enough qualified rides for the short round the Judges will either draw or take contestants back on time to fill the remaining positions. This is done by randomly drawing riders who did not receive scores in the long go or determining the riders who rode the longest without making an 8 second qualified ride.
- 5.4 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 round, a coin flips with only two contestants, random draw with three or more will decide which contestants will advance to the short go round. A contestant eliminated from short go round due to flip/random draw is eligible for average payoff.
- 5.5 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.

## 6 **DRESS CODE**

**6.1 Dress Code** - All competing members and permits must wear a long sleeve collared western shirt, cowboy hat, and cowboy boots at any SEBRA Event. Anyone assisting that is visible on, behind the bucking chutes, or in the arena must adhere to the dress code, including cowboy hat. A warning will be issued for first offense, thereafter a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per occurrence.

## 7 **ENTRY GUIDELINES & ENTRY FEES**

- 7.1 Entry Requirement** - Competing members and contestants riding as permits must enter at the specified way listed on the schedule.
- 7.2 No Recorded Message** -For Turn Outs and doctor releases contact Chan Canter. If no answer, leave a text message, (336) 669-8076
- 7.3 Alternates** - Alternates will be determined for each event after books have closed. Alternates will be put in a performance according to order of TOs DRs, DOs, etc. Alternates are added on first come, first in basis with members having priority over non-members if the member entered during the specified call-in time on the schedule. After the books close members do not have priority over

non-members.

- 7.4 Book Closure** - Event entry books close after the time of the call in, unless otherwise specified.
- 7.5 Local Entries/Permit Contestants** - Local / Permit Contestant entries can be taken after books are closed to fill available positions. Permit contestant must complete the permit application to the event secretary with the permit fee. Money earned while competing on a permit will not count in the year end standings.
- 7.6 Entering other contestants**- Any contestant, member or non-member entering for another contestant will be liable for the entry fee and turn out fines of that person.
- 7.7 Enter by Close Time** - Close time will be the time specified in the SEBRA schedule on stated date.
- 7.8 Entry Fee Payment** - Entry fees must be paid unless drawn out due to legitimate doctor's release, vet note, bereavement excuse or if you have notified the office before the books close for the performance you are competing in. Contestants must pay entry fees to the SEBRA office prior to the event. A \$10 service charge will be added to all credit card transactions.
- 7.9 Check In** - Contestants must check in with the event secretary at least 1 hour prior to the event show time. Contestants who do not check in or paying entry fees will be replaced by available alternates.

## **8 INJURY OF PARTICIPANTS**

**8.1 Injury of Participants** - SEBRA Members and local non-member participants acknowledge that rodeo related events expose the participant to a substantial and serious risk of personal injury. Being fully aware that such participation in SEBRA sanctioned events will expose members and local nonmember participants to substantial and serious risk of personal injury or death of said members and local non-member participants hereby release the SEBRA, its sponsors, committees, SEBRA sanctioned production entities, their affiliated related or subsidiary companies, and the officers, directors, employees and agents of such entities or organizations, from liability for any and all property damage, personal injuries, or other claims arising from participation in a SEBRA sanctioned event, including claims that are known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, future and contingent. Each local non-member shall be required to sign a release form before participating in an SEBRA sanctioned event.

**8.2 No Person shall be allowed in the arena** – No person shall be allowed in the arena during a SEBRA sanctioned event unless entered in an event or unless he or she has signed a waiver releasing SEBRA Officers, Event Producers, Venue Management, & Event Sponsors from liability.

## 9 JUDGES

- 9.1 Judge Cards** - A judge must be a card member to work a SEBRA sanctioned event or pay the day permit if working as a non-member. The bull riding finalists will vote on the judges. A judge must work at least three (3) events as a member to be eligible to be on the ballot.
- 9.2 Judge from inside the arena or on the back of the bucking chutes.** Event judges must judge from inside the arena or on the back of the chutes during the bull riding. Event judges must be present in the arena during the cowgirls barrel racing warm up for the performance & slack barrels to make sure the barrel racers are not working the stakes.
- 9.3 Changing judges** - Event judges may NOT be changed during the course of an event except in the case of an illness or emergency or by request of SEBRA Officials.
- 9.4 Selection** - Event judging staff at SEBRA Events must be selected from an approved judges list.
- 9.5 Scores** - Scores will be totaled by both judges, verified by the event secretary, and posted after each performance.
- 9.6 Turnouts** - must mark TO on judge sheet.

- 9.7 Judge's Stop Watches** - Each judge carries a stopwatch 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. Horn must be at a volume that can be heard by contestants & officials.
- 9.8 Judge's Decision is Final** - Judges have the authority to have interfering individuals removed.
- 9.9 Sign & Date each judge's sheet** - Be descriptive about turnouts, visible injury, and doctor releases. Record buck-off times & mark the bull.
- 9.10 Grievances** - Grievances may be submitted in writing to the SEBRA office by any contestant protesting event procedures or judge's decision and will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Grievance's filings must be received within 7 days of the incident in question.
- 9.11 Standard Judges Pay** - Judges are to be paid \$200.00 per performance. Any other amount must be approved by the SEBRA office prior to the event. Weekly and Bi-Weekly Events are the only exception to this rule.
- 9.12 Judges must be approved by the Director of Judging** - Event Promoters/Producers must contact the judging director for approved Judges for all SEBRA Events.



- 9.13 Judges Authority** - SEBRA Judges have full authority to remove animals, personnel, media or any individual that interferes with the safety or quality of the event.
- 9.14 Judges on site 2 Hours before Event Starts** - Event judges are required to be at the event 2 hours before the start time. Judges are to check all bull horns for the required diameter of the horns, the arena ground, and the bucking chutes and back pens for unsafe conditions. Judges are also to assist the Event Secretary with drawing procedures and any other help the Secretary may need that is Event related.
- 9.15 Judging your own bulls** - Judges are prohibited from judging their own stock at any event. The ONLY exception to this rule would be in the case of a judge not showing up and the stock contractor being a certified judge may judge if there are no other certified judges available.

## 10 **MEMBERSHIP**

- 10.1 Membership dues** shall be designated annually– Membership will be valid until the end of the season. Each year the season start, and end date will be posted on the schedule.

- 10.2 Sign Membership Application and if under eighteen (18) have it notarized.** Each member shall, at the time of joining the association, sign a statement (included on the membership application) relieving the association, producers, stock contractors, rodeo committees, and all others of liability in case of injury. Members less than eighteen (18) years of age must have membership application signed by their parent or legal guardian and notarized.
- 10.3 Right to use name, photo, biography.** Each member of the association releases to the association the right to use their name, photograph, biography, and/or all other information pertinent to publicity and promotion. Such materials are to be used only for the good of the association and will not involve resale or commercial endorsement.
- 10.4 Returned Checks** - There will be a \$35 charge for all returned checks.
- 10.5 No Preferred Contestants** - Event promoter/producer will not be allowed to choose preferred contestants. Members have preference for performance over day permit contestants.
- 10.6 Membership dues automatically deducted** – If a bull rider contestant wins 1<sup>st</sup> place and is not currently a member the event secretary will automatically deduct \$150 from the prize money. The money won will count in the standings. This is for the bull riders only, not applicable for barrel racers. If the secretary fails to deduct the membership dues, she will be responsible for paying the

membership and collecting the fee from the contestant.

## **11 NATIONAL FINALS EVENT**

**11.1 Finals Contestants** - Each year SEBRA will determine how many Bull Riders & Barrel Racers will be taken to the finals. This will be posted on the official website [www.gosebra.com](http://www.gosebra.com) The Top Bull Riders & Barrel Racers taken to the Finals will be determined by money won. National Champions will be determined by the contestant winning the most money during the season year which also includes the Finals event.

**11.2 Number of Events Required- Bull Rider, Barrel Racer, Bull Fighter, Judge, Secretary, Announcer, Barrel Man & Roper.** - A bull rider must compete in at least five (5) SEBRA events following the purchase of his card to be eligible for the finals event. A barrel racer must compete in at least three (3) SEBRA events following the purchase of her card to be eligible for the finals event. A bull fighter must work at least three (3) SEBRA events following the purchase of his card to be eligible to be voted for finals. A judge must work at least three (3) events following the purchase of his card to be eligible to be voted for finals. A secretary must work at least three (3) events following the purchase of her card to be eligible to be voted for finals. An announcer must work at least 3 events following the purchase of his card to be eligible to be voted for announcer of the year. A barrel

man must work at least three (3) events following the purchase of his card to be eligible to be voted barrel man of the year.

**11.3** Finals & Year End Awards - Any bull rider and barrel racer that qualifies for the SEBRA National Finals must compete in the Finals to receive any awards he or she has earned unless he or she has a valid doctor release or if the bull rider contestant has qualified for a PBR produced top tier event. The PBR 2<sup>nd</sup> tier events & below will not be excused. If the contestant chooses to compete at the PBR 2<sup>nd</sup> tier events & below instead of the National Finals, he waives his right to year end & Finals awards.

**11.4** **Finals & Special Event Payoff.** The SEBRA National Championship Finals and Invitational Events may choose to pay additional holes. Number of holes will be determined by SEBRA staff.

**11.5** **Bull Rider Rookie of the Year** - First year in SEBRA and riding less than 5 years. 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. A valid doctor release is the only excused reason for contestant to receive the award.

**11.6 Year-end Finals Bulls** - SEBRA Staff will select the bulls to be taken to the National Finals Event. A bull must be bucked at least (5) five times to be eligible. Producer/Stock Contractors with eligible bulls will submit a list of bulls to be considered. Bulls are only selected from the event Producers who own the bulls. All other Stock Contractors hired to provide stock at any SEBRA sanctioned event are not eligible. You must produce a SEBRA solely sanctioned event and the bull must have been bucked five (5) times to be eligible to be considered.

**11.7 Stock Qualifications for Finals requirements –**

- 1- Must be a Producer/Stock Contractor member.
- 2- Bull must be owned by the Producer/Stock Contractor member.
- 3- Bull must be bucked at least five (5) times to be considered.
- 4- Producer/Stock Contractor must meet the required added money amount of \$7,500 for the season for bulls to be considered.

**11.8 Voting for Year End & Finals Awards** - Contestants will be required to submit voting ballots for various year end and finals awards such as Producer of the Year, Stock Contractor of the Year, Announcer of the Year, Barrel Man of the Year, Event of the Year etc.

**11.9 Year End Awards to be voted that count for personnel to work the Finals.**

Three (3) Bull Fighters

Three (2) Judges

One (1) Secretary

**11.10 National Finals announcer and clown/barrel man** - The announcer and clown/barrel man who receive the “Announcer of the Year” and Barrel Man of the Year” award will receive the award, but the National Finals Announcer and National Finals Clown/Barrel Man will be determined by the SEBRA Staff. The Announcer & Clown Barrel Man must be a card member to be eligible to be selected.

**11.11 Finals Personnel set pay** - The Executive Committee will set pay for the following SEBRA Finals Event personnel, at not less than the stated minimum:

Secretary: \$250 per performance

Judges: \$300 per performance

Bull Fighters: \$400 per performance

Announcer: \$750 per performance

Barrel Man: \$750 per performance

Specialty Act: \$750 per performance

## 12 PASSES

- 12.1 All contestants who pay entry fees** shall be entitled to admittance for themselves during all performances. The contestant shall only be entitled to admittance for one additional person during the performance in which they compete. All guests must accompany contestant when entering the event. **If the event does not allow a guest this will be posted on the schedule. This rule does not apply to weekly series events.**
- 12.2 All SEBRA Officers and Event Director's** shall be entitled to admittance for themselves and one additional person during all performances.
- 12.3 The event secretary will furnish a list** of contestants and other personnel to be admitted to each event to the person on the contestant gate.

## 13 POSTPONEMENT

- 13.1 In the event of inclement weather,** if a performance is postponed and contestants cannot be present for the rain date performance, they will be refunded their entry fee. Contestants who intend to draw out must do so by advising the secretary.
- 13.2 If a rainout occurs** and it is agreeable to the producer & judge's, contestants that are to contest during that performance shall have the right to vote whether to

contest or not. Fifty one percent (51%) of the vote will govern.

**13.3 Unsafe Arena Conditions** - An Event Judge, SEBRA representative, or Producer can stop an event until an unsafe condition is corrected.

#### **14 PRODUCER / PROMOTER PROCEDURES**

**14.1 Producer Card** - Producer must pay membership dues for the season his event is scheduled. Dues are to be paid when the first event date is submitted.

**14.2 SEBRA Advertisement** - SEBRA Logo must be included on all posters, fliers, billboards etc. Two SEBRA banners must be displayed in arena. Banners will be provided by SEBRA & two SEBRA sponsor banners must be displayed providing they do not compete with producer sponsors.

**14.3 Event Bullfighters** - Event must have at least two (2) bullfighters, no more than three (3).

**14.4 Event Judges** - Event must have SEBRA approved Judges. See rule 9-10. for recommended Judges pay.

**14.5 Ambulance and EMT crew on site or Paramedics**– Producer must have an ambulance and EMT crew on site or paramedics on the grounds.

**14.6 Event Approval** - Event approval is determined by SEBRA Directors. Consideration is given to time and distance parameters along with market area.



(a) SEBRA will not sanction another event within Sixty miles (60) of another event scheduled, and within thirty (30) days ahead and thirty (30) days after such scheduled event.

(b) Exemptions to this policy can only be authorized by SEBRA Directors approval. The promoter of the established event must also approve the conflicting event.

There shall be no more than five (5) SEBRA Events on one weekend, unless approved by SEBRA Directors.

**14.7 Minimum Added Money** - Event producer is responsible for having the amount of added money at the event. The producer must have the amount that was posted in the schedule. If the producer wishes to increase the added money, they may do so no later than the opening of entries. SEBRA Directors will determine the required minimum amount of added money on a yearly basis.

**14.8 Ground Preparation** - The arena ground must be approved by an Event judge, a SEBRA representative, or producer. The arena ground must be flat and not too deep.

**14.9 Chutes** - The chutes must have support for feet. A platform in back must extend the full length of the chutes.

**14.10 Unsafe Arena Conditions** - An Event Judge, SEBRA representative, or producer can stop an event until an unsafe condition is corrected

**14.11 No Additional Fees**- Producers may only take the stock charge amount listed on the current year bull riding payoff sheet. Producers may only take the (Producer Charge) barrel racer fee listed on the current year barrel racing payoff sheet.

Additional fees such as facility ground fees are not prohibited, unless approved by SEBRA Directors prior to sanctioning of the event.

## **15 RE-RIDES**

- 15.1 Re-rides** - Event Producers / Stock Contractors have the option to use the re-rides as they see fit. (Example- The first turn out bull may be used, or they can go to the set re-ride pen. This should be pre-determined by the Judges, Producer and Stock Contractor before the events begins.
- 15.2 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 before leaving the arena 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. If the rider accepts the re-ride, the judge must clearly mark RR or Option on the judge sheet.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 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.

- 15.5 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 re-ride.
- 15.6 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.
- 15.7 Bull Riders knocked off at the Chute, Fence, or Bull Falls** - Riders who are knocked off at the chute, who are fouled or whose bull falls will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the judges.
- 15.8 Flank Strap 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.
- 15.9 Bull Stops** - If a bull stops, provided the contestant has qualified up to the point of the stop, the contestant may pull his wrap and will be awarded a re-ride.

The contestant may have the option of a re-ride, or upon qualifying, of accepting a score.

- 15.10 Bull Hips Himself** - If, in the opinion of the judges, a bull hips itself while leaving the chute and causes the buck-off, he will receive a re-ride.
- 15.11 Bull Injury or Bull Not Shipped** - Designated Re-ride - In the case of bull injuries or bulls not shipped after the draw has been done, replacement stock should be the designated re-ride for the performance for which the injured bull was scheduled for competition.
- 15.12 More Re-rides are awarded than bulls available** - If all the bulls have been used, the contestant may take his last score or be drawn-out and entry fees less the Finals Fee, The Office Fee and Stock Fee (if applicable) will be refunded. (in Long-go only).

## **16 SECRETARY & PAYOFF PROCEDURES**

- 16.1 Arrival time at the arena.** The secretary must be at the arena two (2) hours before each performance.
- 16.2 Secretary is not to leave the announcer stand.** Secretary will remain on the announcers stand during the entire performance and slack and will be responsible for recording official times and scores.
- 16.3 Payoff Errors** - The event secretary will be responsible for reviewing the

individual event results and correcting any errors before submitting results to the SEBRA office. An error may occur and may not be found until after the prize money has been awarded. In this case, the SEBRA office will be responsible for correcting the payout error. Members/Permits who have been underpaid will be paid the appropriate amounts when the money is received from the contestant who was overpaid. Members/Permits who were overpaid will be notified and required to reimburse SEBRA for the over payment. Members/Permits who were overpaid and do not reimburse SEBRA will not be eligible to participate in SEBRA events until the amount due is paid.

- 16.4 Results.** - Arena Secretary is responsible for recording and submitting to the SEBRA office all results from the event. This includes the original judges' sheets, secretary sheets, payoff sheet and a list of turnouts & doctor releases. The results 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 \$50 fine
- 16.5 SEBRA Fee** - There is a \$13.00 charge deducted from every cowboy's & cowgirl's entry fee, including card holders & permits for each performance. For weekly events there is a \$8.00 charge deducted from every cowboy's & cowgirl's entry fee, including card holders & permits for each performance. The event

secretary is required to submit the total amount of the SEBRA fee to the SEBRA office.

**16.6 Call in Procedure** - SEBRA Office will be responsible for taking entries unless stated otherwise. Members have 1st priority during set entry time. Non-Card Holders will be accepted after members.

**16.7 Permits** – A Permit must be purchased at the event the contestant is scheduled to compete in. 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.

**16.8 Short Round & (2) Two Head Event Riding Requirement for Average Payoff** - When an event has a short round or is a two header the rider is required to make an honest attempt on the second bull to be eligible for the average payoff. The honest attempt will be at the Judge's discretion.

**16.9 Receipts-** The event Secretary is responsible for providing receipts to contestants who purchase membership. Copies must also be sent to the SEBRA office with the secretary packet.

**16.10 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. Producer is responsible for Secretary; therefore, he will be responsible for the fine if the Secretary fails to pay.

**16.11 Posting Payoff.** - Secretary must post payoff after event. Secretary must use payoff set by SEBRA.

**16.12** The following Pro Bull Riding Payoff is required for all regular season SEBRA events.

Total Contestants Paid	Entries Places	Payback Percentages
1-6	1	100%
7-12	2	60%, 40%
13-18	3	50%, 30%, 20%
19-24	4	40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
25-30	5	33%, 25%, 19%, 13%, 10%
31-36	6	32%, 24%, 18%, 12%, 9%, 5%
37-42	7	30%, 23%, 17%, 11%, 8%, 7%, 4%
43-48	8	27%, 22%, 17%, 13%, 9%, 6%, 4%, 2%

Note: When only five (5) contestants qualify for six (6) money payoff, money should be divided 33%, 25%, 19%, 13%, 10%. When only seven (7) contestants qualify for eight (8) money payoff, the money shall be divided 30%, 23%, 17%, 11%, 8%, 7%, 4%. Clarification: If only one (1) qualified ride is made, that contestant shall receive all the prize money; if two (2) rides are made those contestants shall receive the prize money, divided 60%, 40%, same as a two (2) money payoff, etc. If there are no qualified scores, deduct the SEBRA Fee (\$13.00 per contestant) & send to the SEBRA office. Deduct the Stock Charge, if applicable and give to the stock contractor. The remaining entry fee (ground money) will go back to the contestants.

The following Barrel Racing Payoff is required for all regular season SEBRA events.

Total Contestants Paid		Entries Places	Payback Percentages
1-6	1	100%	
7-12	2	60%, 40%	
13-18	3	45%, 33%, 22%	
19-24	4	40%, 30%, 20%, 10%	
25-30	5	33%, 25%, 19%, 13%, 10%	
31+	6	32%, 24%, 18%, 12%, 9%, 5%	



**16.13 No Qualified Rides in Pro & Crossfire Bull Riding.** In the case of no qualified rides during an entire performance, the secretary will refund contestants' entry fee less (minus) the SEBRA fee (\$13) & Finals Fee (either \$1 or \$2 depending on the entry fee). Do not take the stock fee out if there are no qualified rides. For weekly and bi-weekly events the SEBRA fee is \$8.00

## **17 SERIES & TOUR EVENT RULES**

**17.1 Series Awards** - When a series begins in one season and ends/concludes in the next, money earned counts toward buckles and awards beginning the date you buy your card, regardless of which season it was purchased. You must have purchased a card during the duration of the series to qualify for a buckle or awards. Money toward SEBRA year-end standings counts for the year in which your card was purchased. If a series runs into a new season, a new card is needed to count money won/earned for the current year-end SEBRA season standings.

## **18 STOCK CONTRACTORS & LIVESTOCK**

- 18.1 Unsatisfactory Bull** - A SEBRA Representative or judge may declare bulls unsatisfactory. Upon verbal notification, the stock contractor or Event promoter must eliminate the bull(s) from the draw.
- 18.2 Blunting of Horns** - All horn bulls used in SEBRA events will have their horns blunted to at least the diameter of a half dollar (1 - 3/8 inches). Bulls not meeting this requirement will be removed from the draw until the requirements are satisfied.
- 18.3 Tipping Bull Horns** - Stock Contractors are prohibited from tipping bull horns at any SEBRA Event. Bull Horns must be tipped before arrival at the event. The bull will be removed from the draw and the Stock Contractor is subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, a fine of \$100 per bull not tipped correctly. The Stock Contractor may also face ineligibility in addition to fine.
- 18.4 Humane Treatment** - No sick or injured bull will be used in competition.
- 18.5 Prods / Hot Shots** - Use of a prod / hot shot or similar device is prohibited once a contestant is over the bull in the chute, no exceptions.
- 18.6 Flank Straps** - The tail of the flank strap cannot be more than three (3) feet long after completely pulled.
- 18.7 Stock Contractor Fees** - Stock Contractors must pay their SEBRA dues to be eligible for bulls to be considered for the Year-End Finals and to be voted for Stock

Contractor of the Year.

**18.8 Stock Qualifications for Finals** - A bull must be bucked at least five (5) performances to be considered for the year-end Finals.

**18.9 Judges Inspection** - Event judges will inspect the bull horns prior to the performance. If the bull horns are too sharp, the bull will be removed from the draw. Refer to rule 17.2.

**18.10 Drawn Bull Becomes Sick or Crippled** - A judge must decide on a bulls 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 re-ride bull or be drawn out of the event. If the rider chooses to be drawn out, the entire entry fee will be refunded.

## **19 TURNOUTS**

**19.1 Notified Turn Outs After the Books Close (NTO)** - Any competing member or permit contestant wishing to make a Notified-Turnout after the books close must do so by contacting the number listed on the online entry form/SEBRA office. This will result in the contestant having to pay the amount of the entry fee for the event they were scheduled to compete in.

**19.2 Non-Notified Turnout (NNTO)** - A NNTO will result in contestant having to pay the entry for that event they were scheduled to compete in and a \$20.00 additional fine. Contestants will not be able to compete in a SEBRA event until all fines are paid.

**19.3 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 round and will receive that turn out bull. If the contestant is injured, he will still be eligible for the average payoff. If the contestant simply wishes not to compete, he WILL NOT be eligible for the average payoff.

**19.4 Two (2) Head Event Turnout** - If an event is a two (2) head event and a rider cannot compete on the 2<sup>nd</sup> head due to an injury or simply wishes not to compete he must notify the judges that he will not be competing before the 2<sup>nd</sup> round bulls are loaded. If the rider does not notify the judges, he will not be competing on the second head before the second-round bulls are loaded, he will be fined a \$40 non-

notified second head turnout fine. If the contestant is injured, he will still be eligible for the average payoff. If the contestant simply wishes not to compete, he WILL NOT be eligible for the average payoff.

**19.5 Doctor /Vet Releases** – Only medical releases, vet releases, or death in immediate family will be accepted as excuse for failure to pay entry fee. Releases must be mailed or faxed to the SEBRA office within 5 days of the performance for which fees were unpaid. Notification must be given to event secretary or SEBRA office 2 days prior to performance. Doctor verification must be received into SEBRA office 5 days after intended date of competition. Fraudulent abuse of Doctor's Release will result in a \$200.00 fine and subject to member disqualification.

**19.6 Ineligible Days to Compete due to Injury** - With the submission of a Doctors Release, the released contestant will be ineligible to compete in SEBRA events for a period of no less than five (5) days. Contestant failing to comply with this rule will be held liable for entry fee and any fines incurred. Contestants wishing to compete in the ineligible five (5) day period must pay a fee of \$100 to return to competition before the 5-day period is up.

**19.7 No Refund of Entry Fees** - Contestant entry fees will not be refunded once a

contestant has competed. The only exception to this policy is at the judge's discretion as addressed by rule 19.8.

**19.8 Injury Draw-out due to injury in the chute** - When injured and physically unable to compete due to being injured in the bucking chute in the (long go only), an injured contestant can draw-out or be drawn out and entry fees less the SEBRA Fee and Stock Fee (if applicable) will be refunded.

## **20. CROSSFIRE (Novice Bull Rider Division)**

**20.1 Age requirement-** There is no age requirement. You may compete in the Crossfire division if you are a beginner at any age BUT must have some experience. This division is not for first time/no experience riders.

Note: Bull Riding schools or one on one training are recommended to get started in bull riding.

**20.2 How long can a contestant compete in Crossfire-** Contestant can compete in the Crossfire division until they have qualified for the National Finals two times. Once the contestant qualifies two times they must move up to the Pro Division.

**20.3 Crossfire division contestants may compete in Pro division-** Crossfire contestants may compete in the Pro division if Crossfire is not offered. Any monies won in the Pro division do not count in the Crossfire division standings. Once you move up to the Pro division from Crossfire you cannot move back down to the Crossfire division.

**20.4** All other rules from the Pro division apply to Crossfire Riders.