

# **Buckers Unlimited LLC**

**2026**

## **Rules and Regulations**

**The board has exercised due diligence in developing the rulebook; however, no document can anticipate every circumstance. The board retains final authority over the interpretation and application of the rules.**

### **Board Members:**

Casey Decker, Clint Decker, Josh Koschel, Phil Markoff & Tenneile Rice

### **Acknowledgment of Authority:**

By payment of annual dues participants agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in this document by Buckers Unlimited LLC.

### **Members:**

Annual contractor and rider membership of \$150 is due at the first event competing. A member application needs to be completely filled out and sent along with payment for the full membership to the Buckers Unlimited LLC PO Box 149 Platteville, CO 80651 Attn: Tenneile Rice. If membership is not paid before an event a participant has the option to pay in cash at his first event. Any nonpaying member will not be allowed to compete at any BULLc produced event.

### **General Regulations:**

#### **1. Misconduct & Cheating:**

In the event a participant becomes verbally or physically abusive to any official, judge, employee, sponsor or other participant, BULLc reserves the right to disqualify that person and their entries from that event and/or revoke their participation rights in the future events. Any winnings or entry fees will be forfeited. Misconduct and/or cheating or attempting to cheat shall result in major disciplinary actions, including, but not limited to suspension and/or fine. A second offense will result in suspensions from entering BULLc events and a \$10,000 fine. A third offense will result in a lifetime suspension from entering any BULLc events.

All Buckers Unlimited members are expected to treat our sponsors with the upmost respect, any disrespect is subject to fines, disqualification and/or a ban from events.

## **2. Bad Checks:**

In the event a participant pays his or her entry or membership with a check that is returned, the first offense will result in a **\$100 fine** and replacement with another check. The second offense will result in a \$1000 fine, forfeiture of any winnings and replacement with a cashier's check or money order. After a second offense, payment of all fees will be on cash, cashier check or money order basis only. Thirty days will be given after the second offense to reconcile your account or your membership will be suspended for one year from the date of the bad check. You may become eligible after the one-year penalty upon receipt of your balance due plus any incurred penalties.

## **3. Penalties:**

In the event a participant competes with an ineligible animal resulting in disqualification, the first offense penalty is disqualification of that animal from that and future events of that age classification and forfeiture of winnings and entry fees only. The second offense is punishable by disqualification of that animal from that and future events of that age classification, forfeiture of all winnings and entry fees and a \$10,000 fine and one year suspension of that owner from participation.

## **4. Appeal/Grievance/Complaint Procedures:**

Buckers Unlimited member must submit his or her case in writing within 30 days of the incident. The appeal/grievance/ complaint will be reviewed by a board member.

If the person filing the complaint is unhappy with the decision of said board member and wishes to have the appeal/grievance/ complaint reviewed by the board, then a signed written letter and \$250 grievance fee must be sent to Buckers Unlimited. The board will schedule a special meeting to review. Each case will be reviewed on its own merit and the ultimate decision of the board is final. If the board agrees with the appeal / grievance /complaint the \$250 (minus any fees accrued by the board to review) will be returned to the member filing the complaint. If the board disagrees the \$250 will not be refunded.

Only named members on membership form can file an appeal / grievance / complaint.

## **5. Right of Refusal:**

While every effort to accommodate each dues paying member will be made, it is important to note that Buckers Unlimited llc is a private company with obligations to its shareholders. If in the opinion of the board of directors, or the management of the company, it is determined that doing so would comprise the integrity, or in any way be detrimental to the best interest of the company, BULLc reserves the right to elect not to conduct business with whomever it chooses.

## **6. Acknowledgement of Risk:**

By entering an animal and/or attending a BULLc produced or sanctioned event participants assume the risk inherent in any bovine/rodeo type activity and holds BULLc harmless. Buckers Unlimited LLC, nor its shareholders, directors, employees, volunteers, or contractors shall be responsible for any injury, death, or loss of any animal entered or present for any other reason at any BULLc produced or sanctioned event. Nor will BULLc be responsible for the injury or death of any person attending any BULLc produced or sanctioned event.

**7. Acknowledgement of Authority:**

By payment of annual membership dues, participants will agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in this document, and to be subject to the provisions of the same.

**2026 BULLc Yearling, Futurity, Derby, and Classic Rules and Guidelines**

**1. Participants:**

All participants entering bulls in a BULLc produced or sanctioned event must be a paid member in good standing.

**2. Age requirements:**

To be eligible to compete in any BULLc produced or sanctioned

- ❖ Yearling event, bulls or heifers must be born between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025
- ❖ Futurity event, bulls must be born between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.
- ❖ Derby event, bulls must be born between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023.

**3. Age Verification:**

BULLc reserves the right to age verify and/or disqualify any bull entered at any event BULLc produced or sanctioned event.

- ❖ Any member may request a bull be age verified. If the bull is age eligible the member requesting the verification will be required to pay all charges acquired from verification. If the bull is NOT age eligible, the member owning the bull, will pay for all charges acquired from verification.

**4. Animal Identification:**

Bulls must be branded with a permanent identification number and have an ear tag to identify (the only exception to ear tag are bulls with no ears). Bulls not branded as mentioned herein may be disqualified from any BULLc produced or sanctioned event and may forfeit any/all fees and expense paid.

In the event BULLc questions the legitimacy of any animals' permanent identification markings, BULLc reserves the right to take a blood sample on any entered animal in order to compare DNA samples, without notice to or consent from the animal owner.

## 5. Levels of Competition:

### Buckers Entry Fees:

Yearling: \$350

Futurity: \$350

Youth: \$250

Bulls and Bells: \$300

Dummy Derby: \$600

Bullseye: \$300

BULLc reserves the right to cancel any class at their discretion.

ABBI points are available for \$100 and ABBI will be responsible for issuing points. ALL bulls participating in the ABBI Co-Sanction or World Race must be ABBI registered and EID. All ABBI rules apply.

## 6. Entries:

- A. Required pens must be indicated during the entry process. If an extra pen is NOT requested, your bulls will be housed by class (dummy bulls together, rider bulls together). If an extra pen is requested after entries close, BULLc makes no guarantee of pen space. Extra pen fee may be charged. (You will be able to enter the number of pens you need on the online entry form)

Buddy bulls are not allowed.

Cattle not entered in the event will NOT be allowed to unload at said event. If you're hauling an extra bull they will remain on the trailer. BULLc reserves the right to choose if available pens will be made available to a non-entered animal, extra pen fee may be charged.

Any questions or help required for payment or entries should be directed to a **board member**.

## 7. Health Requirements:

All bulls competing at BULLc events will be required to have state required tests. Specific requirements for individual states may differ and will be required for admission to any BULLc event. BULLc will make every effort to request papers, however, It is the owner's responsibility to provide papers. Bulls that do not meet these requirements will not be allowed to unload or compete and will forfeit entry fees. A producer may request additional requirements that must be approved by BULLc.

## 8. Payout:

BULLc produced and sanctioned events payout will be paid 1 place for every 4 entries in all classes and will be rounded up (example 5 entries pay 2 holes, 6 entries pay 2 holes, 7 entries pay 2 holes, 8 entries pay 2 holes, 9 entries pay 3 holes).

Payout and holes paid during Finals will be decided at the end of the regular season and will be based on added money and entries.

Payout for Buckers Class: \$25 held out for finals added money, 30% of balance to be dragged for buckers production.

Co sanction events may adjust drag as the producer sees fit.

Checks will be mailed after the event (if the contractor has provided a 2026 W9) OR direct deposited IF the contractor signs up for the direct deposit option through QuickBooks.

**9. Contestants:**

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**10. Re-Bucks:**

BULLc produced or sanctioned events, re-bucks will be allowed ONLY if in the opinion of any judge, the animal had no chance to perform due to situations out of the control of the animal itself or its flank man. Flank men are fully responsible for flanking their own bull and no re-bucks will be allowed for flank man error.

**11. Electrical Device and Foreign Objects:**

Any and all electrical devices used to stimulate the animal will not be allowed for use inside the bucking chute. Foreign objects in flank will not be allowed. Any owner not adhering to this rule is subject to disqualification of the animal involved in the particular incident, and/or total disqualification from the competition in its entirety and forfeiture of entry fees. In addition, failure to adhere to this rule could result in suspension, fine and/or termination as outlined in misconduct and cheating. Judges reserve the right to inspect flanks.

In the instance a horse flank or pull flank the tail must not exceed 3 feet.

**12. Horns:**

Futurity, Derby and classic bulls must be tipped in accordance with the Professional Bull Riders (PBR) guidelines which is the diameter of a 50-cent piece. Yearling bulls must be tipped to the diameter of a quarter as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, events before July 1<sup>st</sup>, yearling's horns must not be deemed as "sharp". At the discretion of a judge, if an un-tipped or inadequately tipped animal arrives at any BULLc produced or sanctioned event, the bull must be tipped. Any member who has a repeating offense, will be fined \$250 penalty fee. Failure to comply may result in forfeit or loss of any and all fees and related expenses to the owner.

**13. Draw/Chute Position:**

Bucking order will be determined by random draw of an owner by using the ABBI software. The order of the draw will be bucked first to last in the draw order in one round format. Positions may be altered, as needed, by the producer and/or chute boss to allow proper left hand and right-hand deliveries per section.

**14. Tie Breakers:**

There will be no tie breakers employed by BULLc produced or sanctioned events. If animals are tied after scores are audited, a straight split will be used.

**15. Withdrawal:**

Prior to the entries closing a bull may be withdrawn without penalty or forfeit of entry fees. After entry closings, owner may withdraw animal from competition for any reason. However, doing so will forfeit all entry fees, unless a VET RELEASE is obtained. In the event a vet release is provided to BULLc, entry fees will be refunded, but the bull may be ineligible for 30 days from released event. In some cases, a video of the bull may be required in lieu of a vet release (per the discretion of the board). A replacement bull may be entered if a vet release or video has been provided.

**16. Alternates:**

Alternates will be defined as bulls entered but not taken due to unavailable positions and will be created by either, draw or preference. Should any withdraws occur prior to the rider draw, the alternates will be moved into the event replacing the withdrawn bull, in descending order. If no alternates are available, owners may substitute an alternate animal of like ownership provided all requirements are met, and the original animal is withdrawn with notification of substitution prior to the draw for the first round of competition.

**17. Personnel:**

At all BULLc produced and sanctioned events gate men, arena help and production labor will be provided and chosen by the BULLc board. Only these designated individuals will be permitted to conduct their specific tasks.

**18. Bullseye Class**

Bullseye class is for yearling, 2's and 3-year-olds bucked with a dummy. Your target score must be emailed to: BuckersBullseye@gmail.com on or before the Monday of the event. You will not be able to change this score once you submit. If you do not send a score, you will forfeit your fees.

Goal of this class: pick the target score you believe your bull will score, the bull that is closest to that score wins. You can double enter this class with any of the other classes, should you wish.

Bullseye Example 1: You email a target score of 86.4 for your bull. At the event, your bull official scores 87.1. Your deviation is 0.7 points.

Another bull owner's target score is 90.0, and their official scores 88.2. Their deviation is 1.8 points.

You win, because 0.7 is closer than 1.8.

Bullseye Example 2: You forget to email your target score by Monday. You buck your bull and his official score is 90; you lose your entry fees because you didn't email a target score.

Bullseye Example 3: You email a target score of 82.5. On event day, you decide you want to change it to 84.0. Your bull's official scores an 84, Your deviation is 1.5 (Your first score is the one that counts).

Bullseye Example 4: Your target score is 89.3. Your official bull score is 89.4. Your difference is 0.1.

Someone else's target score is 75.0 and their bull official score is 75.9. Their deviation is 0.9.

## 19. Yearend Points:

**Yearend** will be the average of your top 5 regular season + the finals (divided by 6).

Example: **7 event scores:** 90, 80, 90, 82, 94, 75, 89, Finals 88

- **Drop the lowest two of regular season:** 75 and 80
- **Keep 5 scores + Finals score = 6 total scores**
- **Average =  $(90 + 90 + 82 + 94 + 89 + 88) \div 6 = 523 \div 6 \approx 88.83$**

**Bullseye yearend points** will be the 5 lowest deviation average and the final deviation (divided by 6). The lowest deviated average will be the yearend winner.

Example: 7 events deviations: 0.0, 1.5, 0.2, 2.5, 5.0, 1.1, .03 Finals .60

Drop the highest two of regular season: 5.00 and 2.5

Keep 5 lowest deviation + Finals =  $0.0 + 1.5 + .02 + 1.1 + .03 + .60 / 6 = .541$

## 20. Finals:

The top 40 point calves will qualify for the BULLc finals. Any remaining positions may be filled by additional point earning bulls, in descending order, until all positions are filled or entries close.

Bull must have competed at a minimum of 2 regular season BULLc event **in the class they enter to qualify for the finals** (co-sanction events do not count towards the 2 regular season BULLc event).

**Finals Buckers Entry fees:**

Yearling: \$450

Futurity: \$450

Juniors: \$350

Bulls and Bells: \$450

Bullseye: \$400

Dummy Derby: \$700

**BULLc will drag 20% of fees for finals production.**

Payout and holes paid during Finals will be decided at the end of the regular season and will be based on added money and entries.

Yearend champion will receive a year end buckle.

**21. Event Ground Rules:**

Specific ground rules may exist for a BULLc produced or sanctioned event. Failure to adhere to posted ground rules may result in disqualification and or fine.

**22. Latch Man:**

The latch man is optional in the dummy classes and is the sole discretion of the stock contractor.

**23. Judging Guidelines:**

All BULLc produced and sanctioned events will use four (4) BULLc approved judges.

Bulls will be scored 1-25 points (in .10ths) considering their ability in five categories: Buck, kick, Spin, Degree of Difficulty and Intensity.

The clock starts once any part of the bull breaks the plane of the chute.

BULLc will use 4 BULLc approved judges to score from ground level and will drop any score with a 1 point **deviation.**

JUDGING GUIDELNES: (ALL JUDGES MUST CARRY AND USE A STOPWATCH DURING THE FUTURITY EVENTS) Event will use **four (4) judges**, unless otherwise approved by BULLc. BULLc has the right to refuse any judge hired for an BULLc event or sanctioned event. Unless there is a variance of 1 point or more when looking at the high score and low score from the consensus then that score will not count and the average system will be based off of the remaining 3 scores. **EXAMPLE:** 20, 21.5, 21.5, 21.8 In this case, the 20 would be dropped. The three remaining scores are totaled to get the total score of 86.4. In the event that a judge is unable to score a bull (passes out, hit by a dummy, etc.) that particular out from that judge will be a zero and the other scores totaled for that marking. Each instance will be dealt with accordingly

If a bull falls completely down, stopping his bucking action before the :04 whistle that bull will be marked as a DQ. Fall is defined as flat on their side or belly.

### **23a. Conduct Toward Judges:**

Contractors and fans are not allowed to speak and/or stand next to judges during an event. A contractor that speaks to the judges are subject to fines and disqualification of all their entries.

If a bull owner or bull partner confronts a judge in a negative manner and/or uses profanity toward them, they will receive a \$150 fine for the first offense. If it happens a second time, the fine will increase to \$300. If it happens a third time, the fine will be three times the original amount, and they will be removed from the event and not allowed to re-enter for the remainder of the season.

This rule may be enforced by any judge or any board member. All decisions regarding conduct and fines are final.

In regards to the Bullseye class, competitors are strictly prohibited from speaking with judges regarding:

- Their individual scores
- Target scores
- Scoring expectations
- Any discussion related to scoring or judge decisions

### **Violations & Penalties:**

- First offense: Immediate forfeiture of all entry fees for the event
- Second offense: Suspension from the Bullseye class for the remainder of the competition year

This rule applies before, during, and after the event and is enforced to preserve fairness and integrity.

### **24. Dummies:**

BULLc will provide dummies for all events.

Futurity bulls competing in BULLc produced or sanctioned events will buck for 4 seconds using a dummy

Yearling bulls competing in BULLc produced or sanctioned events will buck for 4 seconds using a dummy.

Derby bulls competing in BULLc produced or sanctioned events will buck for 6 seconds using a dummy

Dummy will be applied to yearling, futurity and derby bulls by designated event labor.

**25. Arrival / Check-In:**

Check in times will be event specific. Participants must contact BULLc to make arrangements for early or late arrival outside designated check in times.

Late arrivals may be subject to \$100 per bull late arrival penalty. Habitual late arrivals may be subject to higher penalty and/or disqualification. Late is defined as not being in line at the designated close time for check in of animals. Check-in officials will determine the end of the line and whether a fine will be assessed.

A BULLc judge will be present at check in and will fine any bull that is not tipped, branded, or ear tagged \$50. BULLc stands by the decision of the judge and their estimate is final.

**26. Check Out Time:**

No one is allowed to load out during events.

**27. Dress Code:**

All Participants at BULLc produced and sanctioned events, who are behind the bucking chutes, will be required to adhere to a western dress code and wear jeans, long sleeve shirt with collar and a western cowboy hat. A short sleeve, button shirt with a collar and a western cowboy hat will be accepted during **dummy** competitions. Those not adhering to this rule may be asked to leave the area behind the bucking chutes and are subject to fines and disqualification (this includes partners and family members of contractors).

**28. Drug testing:**

BULLc reserves the right to collect samples including, but not limited to tissue and/or fluids, from bulls for any reason deemed necessary, specific or otherwise.

Participants and BULLc produced and sanctioned events will NOT be allowed to administer any medication or injection for any reason to a bucking bull(s) while on site at an event competing.

If an animal becomes sick, lame or injured on site at an event, and must receive veterinary care or be administered medication on site at the event prior to competing, animal will become ineligible to compete and entry fees will be forfeited.

Any participants or persons found to have tampered with or attempted to tamper with and/or administer or introduce any drug or agent to enhance or sedate any bucking bull(s) at an event will be disqualified and subject to a fine and disciplinary actions.

BULLc will maintain a zero tolerance for the use of anabolic steroids, beta agonists, growth factors and antipsychotics that may chemically enhance the performance of a bucking bull(s).

**29. Co-Sanction events:**

In the instance, BULLc chooses to co-sanction another association's event. BULLc members may request BULLc points and pay a \$50 fee per bull per event for said point. Contestants MUST

request points from BULLc in written form from BULLc and the \$50 fees must be paid BEFORE the bull bucks. If invoice isn't paid, the points will not count. BULLc retains the right to allow or disallow any outside associations to grant the options for BULLc points. To qualify a bull for the finals the bull must have competed at a minimum of 2 regular season BULLc event.

BULLc has the right to cancel buckers points at any co-sanction event at their discretion.

**30. Entries Fees** - Invoices will be emailed the Monday before the event and are due by midnight the same day. Any fees not paid by Tuesday will receive a \$50 fine. Any fees not paid by Wednesday will receive \$150 fine. Any fees not paid by Thursday, all bulls will be removed from competition and their fees must be paid in its entirety before entering the next competition.

**31. Turn Outs** - All turn outs are a 100% forfeit of fees (a turn out is described as any bull pulled from competition after entries close, unless a vet release has been issued). If fees were not paid when you turn out, you'll be expected to pay your fees and late charges before being allowed to enter an upcoming event. The second time you turn out, you'll forfeit all your fees and be banned from entering events. Do not enter if you do not plan on attending!

**32. Right to cancel**

Buckers Unlimited LLC reserves the right to cancel any class or event due to number of entries. All participants will be notified ASAP and fees returned.

**33. Buckles**

The producer may require a minimum of 12 bulls entered for a chance to win a buckle.

**34. Double Entries**

Double entries are allowed only if entering the Bullseye class.

**35. Belles and Bulls**

Women must flank the bull with no outside help. Only BULLc board members and volunteers are allowed on the chute. Belles will be paid 1 for every 4 holes, rolling to the next hole.

**36. Juniors**

Participants in the youth event must be between the age of 9-18 years old and in good standing with BULLc. Participants must not be older than 18 years old on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year. Participants must be 9 years of old the day of the competition (or in the third grade). BULLc will "grandfather" in the 2021 participants who are under the age of 9 and allow them to participant.

A junior must flank the bull. Youth must be able to flank their bull with limited assistance from dummy hanger. Parents may be present behind the chute but may not assist in anyway. Paid

entry fees result in parents authorizing their child to compete and take full responsibility of their child's welfare. Parents are required to pay fees and sign a release waiver for child to compete.

Youth are only allowed behind the chutes during the classes they are entered (unless otherwise approved by BULL).

**The rules outlined are subject to change or modify ONLY if the changes are deemed necessary to better conduct Buckers Unlimited LLC events, members and participants.**