



# 2025 UBHA Rules

## Classes

+ **Yearling** colts shall be bucked for 6 seconds with a dummy and a flank. At the buzzer, the dummy shall be tripped remotely and fall off taking the flank with it. It is permissible to put a halter without a lead on the horse. In addition, it shall be permissible to use a halter and a lead to simulate a bronc rein, with the rein configured to release tension with the release of the dummy. Both styles, bareback and bronc, shall compete in the same class and shall be judged using the same criteria.

+ **2-year-old** colts shall be bucked for 6 seconds with a dummy and a flank. At the buzzer, the dummy shall be tripped remotely and fall off taking the flank with it. It is permissible to put a halter without a lead on the horse. In addition, it shall be permissible to use a halter and a lead to simulate a bronc rein, with the rein configured to release tension with the release of the dummy. Both styles, bareback and bronc, shall compete in the same class and shall be judged using the same criteria.

+ **3-year-old** colts shall be bucked for 6 seconds with a dummy and a flank. At the buzzer, the dummy shall be tripped remotely and fall off taking the flank with it. It is permissible to put a halter without a lead on the horse. In addition, it shall be permissible to use a halter and a lead to simulate a bronc rein, with the rein configured to release tension with the release of the dummy. Both styles, bareback and bronc, shall compete in the same class and shall be judged using the same criteria.

+ **4/5 year old** Bareback horses shall be bucked for 8 seconds with a rider. It is permissible to put a halter without a lead on the horse in the Bareback class. This event will be judged using the criteria below listed under Judging.

+ **4/5 year old** Saddlebronc horses shall be bucked for 8 seconds with a rider. This event will be judged using the criteria below listed under Judging.

### + **UBHA Slide Option**

Event producers have the **option** to include a slide sidepot; entry fee collection & payout based on producer.

Example: 10 pt. slide

\$100 fees, 100% payback, pay 1 for every 5 entries (discretion of producer)

Class winner is 90 pts. Therefore, the paid slide entry at 80 pts., or closest to wins.

## Entries

+ Entries open 2 Mondays before event & CLOSE Wednesday @ NOON before event.

+ TO BE CONSIDERED ENTERED:

TEXT Kay-Lee Bryant at (218) 349-1861 with the following:

> Contractor Name to be Listed

> Class/Age

> Horse Brand #

> Horse Name if Applicable

> Delivery

> Gender & Description

> Hauling Contact Name & Phone #

> Penning Preference if Entering 1+

OR - Enter online at: <https://ubhabucks.com/ubha-event-entry-form>

+ Minimum entry fee for any UBHA sanctioned dummy class is \$100, plus the \$35 UBHA fee.

+ Minimum entry fee for the UBHA rider class horse is \$250, plus the \$35 UBHA fee.

- + \$35 Sanctioning Fee required for all entries at UBHA Event.
- + Minimum entry fee for cowboys will be determined by each event host committee.
- + A host committee may limit the number of entries for their event but it may not be less than 20 entries per class.
- + Any monies held back by the host committee may not exceed 40% of the base entry fee. All added money must go into the “pot” and not considered for any hold back for the host committee.
- + All horses competing at a UBHA sanctioned event that compete in any class shall pay a sanctioning fee, even if the class is designated “jackpot” or non-sanctioned.

Any UBHA member or nonmember whose check given in connection with the exhibition of bucking horses or other related UBHA business is returned by the maker’s bank shall be assessed a fee of \$50.00 per occurrence. Full restitution for the face value of the check plus the \$50.00 fee must be received within fourteen (14) business days.

Failure to make full restitution, including all fees, within fourteen (14) business days will result in an automatic suspension with disciplinary hearing. Suspension will be sustained until full restitution, including all fees, are received.

### **Event Sanctioning**

- + UBHA Sanctioning Application must be submitted to UBHA Management for approval. Event approval may be granted with tentative details, including event date.
- + UBHA will provide host Committee / Producer with: Entries, Daysheet / Draw, Judges’ Sheets

**Each Committee/Producer should have results, score sheets, memberships, and money to the UBHA within 7 days. Failure to comply may result in fines, event not being sanctioned in future and/or event points/results not counted towards Season Standings.**

### **Age Verification**

Any UBHA member may question the age of an entered animal anonymously prior to the animal being bucked. The member must notify a director or member of the host committee of such request and post a \$100.00 bond. The animal will then be mouthed for age verification after the animal is bucked. UBHA Management will be responsible in the approval of a professional to age verify. If the protest is found to be valid the \$100.00 bond will be returned and the member entering the animal will be fined \$100.00, plus the cost of mouthing the animal. The Member will not be able to enter another event until fine is paid. The member making the request shall remain anonymous. All animals are subject to random age verification as per request by UBHA Management. Any animal competing in the wrong class will be disqualified. Repeated violations of this rule will result in board action, fines and/or suspensions.

### **“Re-bucks”**

If a horse falls during competition, (any part of the horse’s torso above the legs touching the ground constitutes a fall), the horse shall be marked zero. If a flank falls off, prior to the buzzer, the horse shall be marked zero. In both scenarios, the contractor will be offered an opportunity to re-buck at a price of \$200 (\$175 to pot, \$25 to producer). Contractors must declare intention to re-buck or deny opportunity prior to the next horse bucking. “Re-bucks” will be bucked at the end of the class. *There will be no “Re-bucks” at UBHA Finale or Finals due to any reason other than contract personnel error. In such scenario, UBHA Management will determine as to whether horse will receive a “re-buck.”*

### **Drawing for Positions**

The host committee may choose one of the following:

- + Draw positions per horse or by contractor for that class.
- + Draw a load order and buck at the discretion of the chute boss.
- + Draw a buck order and make every effort to stick to the drawn order.

## Judging

All events will have 4 judges to judge each animal. Judges must be approved by UBHA Management. Each judge will score the animal from 0-25 points in quarter point increments. In rider events, each judge will also score the cowboy from 0-25 points in quarter point increments as well. All 4 judge scores must be utilized.

*Each animal should be scored on the following criterion:*

- + **Pattern** - Beginning and ending with a fluid motion and pattern, proximity to the chutes and amount of ground coverage should be considered.
- + **Intensity** - fire, energy, determination and force.
- + **Rhythm/Timing** - Regular recurrent motion or natural flow.
- + **Kick** – Extension of the hocks with each jump.
- + **Elevation** – Horizontal leap and amount of suspension with each jump
- > Horses shall be docked for bucking in an “eliminator” erratic style, walking on front end, double kicking, and being out of line.
- > In the event that a horse falls during the competition, (any part of the horse’s torso above the legs touching the ground constitutes a fall), the horse shall be marked zero. (see “Re-Buck” ruling above)
- > If a flank falls off, prior to the buzzer, the horse shall be marked zero. (see “Re-Buck” ruling above)
- > It is the Contractors responsibility to ensure that all equipment is rigged properly.
- > All Scores shall be posted and available for Contractors to view as soon as possible.
- > If a horse fights the chute, after three attempts to mount the dummy, UBHA management or judges have the right to disqualify the horse if, in their opinion the health and welfare of the horse or event personnel is at risk.
- > In all UBHA Sanctioned events, deliveries may not be changed once the draw has been completed and/or posted. Exceptions to this rule will only be made if the error is that of UBHA/Event Administration in transferring the information from the signed entry form.

Event Management shall report to the UBHA office any judge who is absent from his duties after accepting an assignment. The judge shall be removed from the UBHA Approved Judges List until the judge submits a written statement to UBHA Management. A judge will be reinstated to the UBHA approved Judges List only after UBHA Management determines that a judge’s absence was for just cause.

A judge must present in writing any grievance that he/she may have against contestants or Event Management to the UBHA. A complaint by a judge must be filed (post- marked, faxed or hand delivered) within seven (7) days of the alleged rule violation.

Event Management is not authorized to dismiss a judge for any reason relating to the actual performance of his judging responsibilities once a UBHA sanctioned event has commenced. However, event management may dismiss a judge for blatant misconduct immediately before or during an event such as consuming alcoholic beverages or drugs or any conduct in violation of state or federal law immediately prior to or during an event. A judge may be dismissed for any reason by the UBHA if, in their opinion, it is in the best interest of the UBHA to do so.

## Health Requirements

All animals must be healthy and fit for competition.

All horses exhibited at a UBHA event shall meet the health requirements required by the state and/or locale of the event. This may include a negative Coggins test and/or health certificates. The host committee of an event shall bear the responsibility for checking health papers.

All animals must have a permanent identification brand. Any animal competing without a permanent brand will be warned after the first event entry (points will count). At the second event, entry/competing will not be allowed. The identification numbers must be legible at all times. If they are blurred or haired-over, the numbers must be clipped or renumbered. UBHA Management must approve any exceptions to the above in writing.

*Horses are not required to be DNA registered to compete at UBHA events.*

### **Year-End Awards**

Year-End awards will be awarded to the Top 3 Horses in each class based on money won in the season.

Ties will be broken for awards only.

### **Contractor of the Year Award**

Contractor of the Year is determined by the **total money of ALL the contractor's colts from ALL EVENTS.**

Money earned by horse will follow the contractor/partnership name, not individual contractors.

Money earned by an individual or partnership may not be transferred to any other card or member. Only money may be transferred with proof of sale. Money will only be transferred if there was a current UBHA Membership for the contractor's name under which the horse was listed/competed.

### **Payout scale**

The host committee must pay UBHA payout scale below, unless otherwise approved by UBHA Management based on special event format.

1-5 entries pay 1 money (100%)

6-10 entries pay 2 monies (60%/40%)

11-15 entries will pay 3 monies (50%/30%/20%)

16-20 entries will pay 4 monies (40%/30%/20%/10%)

21-25 entries will pay 5 monies (30%/25%/20%/15%/10%)

26-30 entries will pay 6 monies (32%20%17%14%10%7%)

31-35 entries will pay 7 monies (25%21%18%14%10%7%5%)

### **Ground Rules**

In all UBHA sanctioned events under no circumstances should event management refund entry fees or compensation of any nature to any horse owner for any reason (after event entry deadline has completed), unless deemed absolutely necessary by the event management. UBHA, under no circumstances, will be obligated to make any refund or compensation on any fees including but not limited to; sanction, drag, penalties, or entry fees in any fashion or for any reason.

Equipment must be checked by competing UBHA Contractor prior to event or between classes, including dummy boxes & control clickers. Contractors shall not be "testing" dummy box clickers during event classes. Doing so, is grounds for disqualification at UBHA Management's discretion.

### **Withdrawal**

Horses may be withdrawn at any time prior to entry closing date without forfeiture of any fees or penalty.

Horses withdrawn after event entries close, will be subject to pay the \$35 sanctioning fee per entry to the UBHA & posted drag (% or #) to Event Producer. Turn-out fees must be paid prior to entering further events. Vet-outs will not be charged, but must be confirmed by UBHA Management. Withdrawal, and any fee refunds, due to weather or arena conditions will only be approved at the discretion of UBHA Management.

## **Vet Release**

In the event an owner chooses to withdraw a horse that is entered in a UBHA sanctioned event due to injury AFTER entry deadline, he/she may do so with a vet release. If release is not presented to UBHA or Event Management prior to event, turn-out will be treated as a withdrawal & result in fee. Withdrawal and a replacement of entry after entries close will require UBHA Management approval with Vet Release – unless UBHA Special Event details do not allow a replacement and/or refund of fees.

## **Foreign Objects**

In all UBHA sanctioned events the use of electrical devices or foreign objects in the flank or on the horse will not be allowed. Foreign objects are defined as but not limited to: flopping objects to imitate legs, objects/arms welded to dummy to attach bungee to, anything foreign to how the dummy is built by manufacturer, unless approved by UBHA Management. In the event an electrical device or foreign object in the flank or on the horse is detected the horse will be disqualified and all entry fees and or winnings will be forfeited. First offense shall result in a \$500.00 fine and 1 event suspension. Additional offenses shall be subject to lifetime ban. Rule does not apply to back pen personnel performing the duties of loading horses in alleys and/or chutes. The UBHA is expected to uphold the safety of the horses and pick-up men and will reserve the right to ban a dummy if there is a safety concern. The UBHA requires that event management designate an individual to monitor and observe the bucking chutes for any rule violations.

## **Treatment of Livestock**

Inhumane treatment or abuse of a horse in any manner in the event arena or on the event grounds is prohibited.

If Event Management or a judge at any UBHA sanctioned event discovers inhumane treatment or abuse of a horse, it may immediately bar the responsible party and horse from further competition in the event. Event Management must notify the UBHA of any action taken regarding enforcement of this rule within seven (7) days of the closing date of the event involved. After further review, the UBHA may impose additional disciplinary actions for violations of this rule.

The UBHA will not tolerate mistreatment or abuse of any kind to a bucking horse while in the bucking chute by any person.

UBHA sanctioned event management is expected to handle all stock with the finest efforts and attention. It is the responsibility of the owners to have their stock prepared, chute broke, arena and horse savvy when they arrive at any UBHA event. Owners must respect that the event management will do their best to accommodate all stock and their welfare. Owners will be required to sign entry forms stating that in no way will UBHA, event management or any of its affiliates, agents or employees be responsible for any accident, death or injury to any animal or person at any time on the event grounds during the said event.

Event management shall have a veterinarian on call in the event of an animal emergency. In addition, they shall have a contingency plan and the necessary equipment to handle an animal injury in the event one should occur.

## **Banned Substances**

The UBHA prohibits the use of anabolic steroids, drug masking agents, diuretics and specifically reserves the right to test, or to allow the event management to test, any horses at any time using accepted scientific methods in the industry. Testing expense may result in a minimum lab fee of \$30 deducted per entry. Any entrant of a horse testing positive for anabolic steroids, drug masking agents, diuretics may be subject to sanctions including forfeiture of any prize money and accumulated points, expulsion from the UBHA, a minimum fine amount of \$5000 and any other sanctions deemed appropriate at the discretion of the UBHA. Any animal testing negative but repeatedly showing high testosterone levels may be subject to additional testing at the discretion of the UBHA.

*The UBHA defines the following as prohibited “anabolic steroids”: Boldenone Undecylenate (Equipoise®); Stanozolol (Winstrol®); Clenbuterol (Clenbuterol Hydrochloride); Ventipulmin and any form of Testosterone. The UBHA may update the list at any time as deemed necessary.*

The UBHA will not allow the administration of any medications to a horse prior to competition at a UBHA event without the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Violations of this rule shall result in a minimum fine of \$250.00 and disqualification of said horse at the event in question. Fines shall be levied by the UBHA. Failure to pay fines shall result

in suspension of member until such fines are paid. Medications may be administered after competition by the owner without veterinarian supervision, however a UBHA and/or host committee representative must be notified and be present during administration of medications.

### **Dress Code**

All UBHA sanctioned events shall require a dress code of proper western attire to be behind the bucking chutes or in the arena during a competition. This shall include long sleeve shirts and western hats. Event management is responsible for monitoring dress code violations. Any violations must be reported to the UBHA for action.

### **Membership**

Membership is required to participate; however, UBHA Membership can be paid the day of event at check-in.

Annual Lifetime - Membership Card... \$1000

Annual - Competitor Membership Card... \$175

One-Event Permit... \$50

Annual - Partnership Card\*... \$100

*\*Partnership Membership must be accompanied with a "UBHA Competitor – Annual (\$175) Membership" & cannot be listed alone or with another Partnership Membership without an accompanying Annual UBHA Membership.*

### **Membership Rules and Regulations**

Membership in the Association is a privilege, not a right. Application for membership shall be made on forms and by fees and procedures prescribed from time to time by the Association. Membership or application therefore, may be terminated or rejected for cause detrimental to the interest of the Association, or to its policies, objectives, or the harmonious relationship of its members. Termination or application rejection proceedings under this paragraph shall be conducted under the Association's disciplinary procedures for notices, hearing and temporary suspension; the effect of termination or rejection may be the denial of the privileges of the Association, as set forth in the Association disciplinary procedures. The categories of membership in the Association, and the fees, benefits, qualifications, and guidelines for each category, shall be set forth in the Association's Official Handbook of Standing Rules, as such handbook may be amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the "Standing Rules"). Each member of the Association hereby acknowledges the UBHA's authority to promulgate and amend the Standing Rules, subject only to the UBHA's right to approve the Standing Rules or any amendments thereto.

### **Disciplinary Procedures**

Any UBHA member may be disciplined, fined, placed on probation, or suspended from the UBHA, and any member or nonmember may be denied all privileges, including event privileges, of the UBHA whenever it shall have been established by a preponderance of the evidence that such member or nonmember has violated any rule of the Association. Further, UBHA Event Producers may deny entry of UBHA members with UBHA Management approval. When the rule in question contains a specific punishment provision, any disciplinary action taken must be consistent with that provision.

- + When a member or nonmember is accused of any violation, other than an age violation in a competing horse where there is no appeals process, the individual shall be given not less than fifteen (15) days' notice of a time and place for hearing such accusation. At the designated time and place of the hearing, the individual shall have an opportunity, in person or by counsel, to be heard and to present evidence in his/her behalf and to hear and refute evidence offered against the individual.
- + A disciplinary and/or appeal hearing may be held in person or by telephonic means at the UBHA President's direction.
- + No continuance shall be granted unless requested in writing at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing and good cause is shown. A continuance shall be granted or denied at the sole discretion of the UBHA President.
- + The decision of the UBHA shall be final and binding on all parties.

- + A suspended member of the UBHA will not be allowed to participate or enter the arena of any UBHA sanctioned bucking horse event as an owner of a horse or an agent. In the event such suspended member enters a sanctioned event during the period of the member's suspension either as an owner, or agent, an additional six (6) months will be added to the member's suspension. The member may only come to an UBHA sanctioned event as a spectator.
- + Any UBHA member who threatens or inflicts bodily harm or injury to another person based upon that person's actions, conduct, or decisions while acting in any official capacity for the UBHA or for a UBHA sanctioned event shall be suspended from membership in the UBHA for a period of not less than one (1) year.
- + Any member instituting litigation in which the UBHA is included as a defendant in an effort to recover damages, to overturn enforcement or interpretation of the Bylaws, Standing Rules, or for any other reason whatsoever shall be suspended from the association until such time as the UBHA lifts said suspension, if member does not prevail in said litigation by the recovery of all relief requested, said member shall be liable to the UBHA for its attorney's fees, costs of courts, and other expenses incurred in connection with such litigation.
- + No person shall make a derogatory remark, nor take, or threaten to take, adverse action against a UBHA sponsor, its agent, servants, or employees, relating in any manner to the sponsor's involvement with the UBHA or an UBHA sanctioned event. Any person who violates this rule is subject to disciplinary action and is also responsible to the UBHA for any monetary loss or damage caused by a violation of this rule.
- + Every notice required by these standing rules may be served by delivering a copy of the notice to the person to be served, or his/her attorney, either in person or by mail, postage prepaid, to his/her last known address as it appears on the UBHA records and upon mailing, such notice shall be deemed received by such person when it is deposited in the United States mail.

## **Code of Conduct**

### **Fraud**

Presenting or verbalizing any fraudulent information to the UBHA and/ or Event representatives shall result in major disciplinary action.

### **Cheating**

Cheating or attempting to cheat shall result in major disciplinary action.

### **Striking**

Striking or protesting of any kind may result in major disciplinary action.

### **Arrest**

Arrest or conviction of a major crime (felony) constitutes grounds for revoking or suspending UBHA membership.

### **Alcohol**

Alcohol is not allowed in the arena during a UBHA event. Violators will be asked to leave the arena and are subject to fines.

### **Conduct**

UBHA reserves the absolute right to discipline individuals whose:

- + Honesty, integrity, and professionalism do not reflect the image expected of members of the UBHA.
- + Personal conduct reflects badly upon UBHA, its Members, and/or the bucking horse industry.
- + This provision is not restricted to UBHA venues and events, but also encompasses personal and business conduct in society in general.
- + The UBHA shall, in its sole discretion, determine whether, when and what discipline will be imposed and may include fines, suspensions, and denial or withdrawal of membership.

+ Without limiting the foregoing, the UBHA may, in its discretion, impose a fine for a first violation which may double with each subsequent or additional violation, and require the preparation and submission of a personal letter of apology from the offending individual.

Any complaints or concerns are to be emailed to [unitedbuckinghorse@gmail.com](mailto:unitedbuckinghorse@gmail.com) in order that they may be addressed by the appropriate management contact.

***The United Bucking Horse Association (UBHA) reserves the right to deny membership or participation or suspend indefinitely any member for any reason at any time without appeal.***

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