

WSPBR 2026 BY-LAWS & RULES



Membership

Membership is open to any person who will be 35 years of age during the calendar year. A rider will participate in their age division only.

No rider will be able to participate until his/her membership paperwork is completed and turned in to the secretary and dues are paid. No exceptions.

All riders must obey and follow the rules of the WSPBR.

Membership may be denied, withdrawn completely, suspended, with or without cause, at any time by the WSPBR, at its sole and absolute discretion. Fines and other disciplinary measures may also be imposed for violation of any of the applicable membership rules or violation of terms and conditions governing a member's behavior or participation at any time.

Acceptance of your membership application by the WSPBR does not make you, and should not be construed as making you, an employee or partner of the WSPBR, or any other related entities.

Age Groups:

35 to 42

43 to 49

50 to 57

58 and over

Membership Dues

New membership dues are \$200.00 per year and are due prior to the first draft of the first event you attend.

Consecutive year membership dues are \$150.00 per year, must be consecutive to apply (no lapse of years).

Dues must be paid before a rider will be allowed to accrue points.

Bullfighters', judges, and stock contractors membership fees are \$50.00 per year.

Non-compete membership fees are \$50.00 per year, and non-compete members do not have voting privileges.

Promoters are responsible to have at least one WSPBR approved judge and two approved bullfighters that are current members.

Only Judges and Bullfighters with a membership will be eligible for the finals.

The board of directors may change the annual dues payable to the WSPBR by its members.

The board of directors, executive advisory board and lifetime members are excluded from membership fees.

Voting Rights

All paid members, competing, executive advisory board, and/or board over 18 years of age shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the entire membership. (Finals Voting Excluded-see finals section of bylaws)

Nominations for officers and directors will be accepted August 1st through September 17th of the voting year. The nomination will be in writing and turned in to the secretary. The officers and directors will hold a two-year term. No stock contractor may run for a board position due to conflict of interest per 501(c)(3) laws and regulation.

At the general membership meeting for the WSPBR members attending the finals, during the election year, the members will sign in and receive their voting ballots with the names of the nominated. Each nominated individual will have the opportunity to speak on their behalf for the position they were nominated for. No ballots will be re-issued. Only voting members will be allowed in the meeting.

A director may be released by two-thirds of the vote by the board of directors. They will not be eligible to run in the future.

Termination of Membership

The board of directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of the board, may disqualify, suspend, or terminate a member for cause after an appropriate hearing.

If any member disobeys any rules or regulations, he/she can be fined, disqualified or his/her membership can be terminated.

If any member is fined three times for any offense, his/her membership will be terminated indefinitely. (This excludes turn out fines.)

In some cases, the member can be terminated immediately with no exceptions.

Harassment of any member, judge, stock contractor or production producer can result in disqualification, suspension or termination.

Reinstatement

Upon written request, signed by a former member and filed with the secretary, the board of directors may, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of members of the board, reinstate such former members on such terms as the board of directors may deem appropriate.

No one with a lifetime ban may apply for reinstatement.

Before the board can consider reinstatement, all unpaid dues, fees, fines or other money owed by the former member must be paid in full.

New Business

All new business must be brought to the existing board of directors to be reviewed before going to general membership. Members using any WSPBR social media platforms to attempt to circumvent the board for rule changes may be fined.

Membership Cards

Each member, upon payment of dues, shall receive a membership card. This card will show the member's name and membership number and should be retained by the member. In some cases, it will be mailed to the member. Every member should always have a membership card available, as it may be required for admittance to rodeos, etc.

Scheduling Events

All New events will incur a \$100.00 sanction fee.

The minimum for added money is \$500.00

All events must be approved by the board of directors.

There must be a minimum of fifteen (15) members entered, including permit riders, for it to be a WSPBR sanctioned event.

The promoter is responsible for stock, Judges, Bullfighters and secretary overpayment.

Double Points

The Roger Crouch, Les Hood and 1 Misc (Memorial /Benefit) will be allowed per year.

Entry Fees

Entry fees are \$100.00 per event.

In the event you elect not to compete, after your fees are paid and chip has been drawn, you will not be refunded your entry fee, nor will you receive any points towards your total year end points.

A \$50.00 check fee will be assessed with any returned check. A rider with a returned check will not be able to compete until the check and all the fees are paid. After a second returned check, the rider will be required to pay by cash ONLY for the remainder of the year. If a rider pays fees by check, that rider is responsible no matter who writes the check.

There will be no gate fee for competing members plus one.

Finals & Year End Awards

To be able to compete at the finals:

A member must compete (compete is defined as crossing the plane), in a total of ten events in order to qualify for the finals. No Exceptions

Qualified injured: Will be determined by the board of directors for qualification and awards.

Finals awards will be based upon finals entry only.

In the case of ties, awards will be determined by points, amount of money won, and the number of events entered.

If a military member of the WSPBR gets deployed (orders verification required), there will not be a minimum show requirement to qualify for the finals.

The finals entry fee is \$300.00. The first payment of \$100.00 will be due by April 4, 2026. The second payment of \$100.00 will be due by June 6, 2026., the third payment due August 29, 2026 If a new member starts after July 15th.

The final fees will be due August 29, 2026 No fees will be accepted after September 6th-NO EXCEPTIONS.

If payment of Finals \$300.00 has been paid, no cash refund will be refunded for any reason. Rider will receive Jacket and finals buckle as of close of year end points.

Amendments to By-Laws

These by-laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new by-laws may be adopted by a majority vote from the board of directors at any regular or special meeting.

Stock Contractor

Each stock contractor is responsible to bring one person to work the back pens.

Hot flanks are banned

WSPBR Rules

General

Any person becoming a member of this association shall comply with all its rules and by-laws and shall be bound by the same.

You must enter by Tuesday at 5:00 pm before the event. Include full name, hometown, bull rating, and age group. The finals and out of state events may require an earlier entry.

You must draw out or change bull level by Thursday at 5:00 before the event; if not, there will be a \$50.00 fine. Events will be listed on the WSPBR Facebook announcement page and on the website schedule.

Members must pay current dues and all outstanding debts and or fines to WSPBR before being allowed to participate in any event approved by the association.

Riders must be on hand and ready to compete when it's their turn. If the rider is not there, stock will be turned out. A \$50 no show / no call fine will be assessed. No stock shall be brought back after turning out.

The stock turned out can be used for re-rides at contractors' discretion.

The Board of Directors will approve all stock. If a Board member sees any reason for taking a certain bull out of the draw, it will be at the Board of Directors discretion.

The Bulls must be tipped to the size of a fifty-cent piece.

A protective vest is required for any competing member or permit rider. If a protective vest is not worn, the rider will be disqualified from the event with no refund.

A helmet and vest are required for anyone under the age of 18. If not worn the rider will be disqualified from the event with no refund. Per state law Title 9 Subtitle A chapter 768.001.

Under Texas Law (Chapter 87, Civil Practice and Remedies Code), a farm animal professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in farm animal activities resulting from the inherent risks of farm animal activities.

The judge's decisions are final as long as they do not overrule WSPBR by-laws or rules.

Permit riders will be required to pay a \$100.00 entry fee plus a \$25.00 permit fee. If you ride on a permit, you lose your consecutive membership. Your fees will then be \$200.00 when you buy your membership.

A permit rider will not accumulate points and the first \$200 won will be applied to membership fees. No exceptions. The event that the rider places and fills their card, at that one event will count towards the end of season points and qualification.

Code of Conduct

All members of the WSPBR will always conduct themselves in an exemplary manner representing the WSPBR in a positive manner in and out of the arena.

Anytime a WSPBR member speaks of or to other members, judges, stock contractors, etc. in a negative manner they will be subject to a fine or (revoke of membership).

Dress code is enforced one hour before any event.

Alcohol or profanity is not permitted at any church or school venue.

No alcohol is allowed in the arena or behind the chutes before or during any event.

Fighting, quarreling, taunting, intimidation, cockiness, rudeness, whining, etc. are not acceptable. You are expected to conduct yourself as an adult and abide by the rules of the event as set by the producer / promoter.

When the contestant appears to not be in his normal faculties or good health, the contestant will not be allowed to participate in the event, in assessment by two board members.

The WSPBR has a zero-tolerance policy for any illegal substance possession or usage. Members or permit riders will be automatically terminated without any refunds.

An event will be over at the producer's discretion.

Please see the fines list.

The Chute

Time starts – when any part of the bull breaks the plane of the gate.

Time stops – when the rider's hand is no longer touching the bull rope for 7 seconds, whichever comes first.

A rider must be ready when it comes his turn. No more than three hands pulling a bull rope will be allowed. The first offense will be a verbal warning, a second offense will result in a \$500.00 fine.

A rider must make two attempts to get out on the bull, if not able, the rider will receive a re-ride of the same level of bull.

Rider shall be disqualified for any of the following offenses:

- If the rider gets bucked off.

- If the rider's free hand or arm touches the bull, or any other object intentionally. If the rider's free arm comes into contact while making a bull riding move, he/she will not be disqualified. This rule will be interpreted by the judges.

- If spurs are hooked in the bull rope when a rider leaves the chute.

- Using sharp spurs or placing spurs or chaps under the rope when the rope is being tightened.

- If a bull is cut, the rider's spurs are to be checked by two board members. The stock contractor may be present.

Re-Ride

If the bull fouls the chute coming out or if the bull falls, a re-ride option will be available for all bull levels.

The rider does not have to declare himself on a foul, it will be at the judge's discretion.

If the flank rope comes off during the ride, the contestant must complete the ride up until the flank comes off for a re-ride to be awarded.

If a bull leaves the chute without a flank, it will be an automatic re-ride.

If a bull stops, the bullfighters will not restart the bull. If the rider completes the 7 second ride, a re-ride option will be offered. If the rider bucks off, he/she will not be offered a re-ride.

If a low-end bull stops, the contestant will not be eligible for a re-ride.

If the rider accepts the re-ride, the rider must take it. If not, the rider will receive no score.

The re-ride bull must be the same level as the original bull drafted.

Re-ride must be taken in the same performance.

If a high or medium rated bull does not perform to its rating, the rider will be offered a re-ride of the same rating.

A low rider is only eligible for a re-ride if the rider is fouled on the gate, the flank comes off or the bull falls to knees or completely down.

The bull rider has the option of all bulls with a remaining out in his chosen level. All bulls with a remaining out are eligible as re-rides in their level. The rider may get the same bull back at the discretion of the contractor.

The Arena

Bull rider, member or contract help may be disqualified and fined to be determined by a majority vote of the board of directors for any of the following offenses during an event:

Being under the influence of alcohol or narcotics in the arena or behind the chutes.

Not wearing western hat or long sleeve shirt with collar in the arena or behind the chute.

Riders not wearing western hat or helmet, boots, protective vest and long sleeve shirt with collar will be disqualified with no refund. (Per previously noted state law, anyone under 18 years of age must wear a helmet.)

Dress code may be waived due to inclement weather by the board or producer. The rider must still wear boots, jeans, a short-sleeved shirt and protective vest.

No show boating on the back of a bull. If you are caught showboating, the score will be deducted at the discretion of the judges.

No mistreatment of stock in or out of the arena.

See fines list

Drafting Bulls – Weekly Events

Bulls will be rated low, medium and high by the board of directors. (A bull may or may not perform at the level that it was rated.)

The board will re-rate bulls as needed.

On an average event, and in the finals event, the rider cannot pick the same bull twice. The rider must pick from the same bull level which was entered for. The rider has until Thursday at 5:00 pm of the event week to change their bull level. No exceptions. (This does not apply to the finals. See finals rules for specified date of change.)

Announced events: A rider must compete on the same bull level that was entered for. A low rider may pick up to a high bull after the high draft is completed, a rider picking up will ride for the bonus points of the level he entered. The rider will have until Thursday by 8:00 pm the week of the event to make a bull level change, with the exception of the finals. No exceptions.

Drafting Bulls – Finals

At the finals, the bull rider cannot pick the same bull twice.

The rider must draft from the same bull level that was entered for.

The rider has until three weeks prior to the start date of the finals, to change their bull level.

Order of draw is from year standing points:

1st round – top to bottom

2nd round – bottom to top

3rd round – top to bottom

Regular Drafting

A chip will be drawn per rider after fees are paid.

Bulls will be chosen by high , med, and low

A Medium rider can pick up to a high bull during his turn that is available

A Low rider can pick up to a high or medium bull during his turn that is available.

Judges and Judging

Judges must be experienced and must be approved by the Board of Directors.

All judges will carry and use a stopwatch.

The decisions of the judges will be final and no protest by riders will be permitted.

A judge is not responsible for injury or unlawful acts.

Judges agree they are bound and will act in accordance with the by-laws and official rules set forth by the WSPBR.

Only a Card carrying Judge is Eligible to judge the finals.

Bull Fighters

Agree they are bound and will act in accordance with the by-laws and official rules set forth by the WSPBR.

Two Board approved bullfighters, per event.

If provided, a bull fighter will wear a sponsorship jersey or WSPBR jersey.

Only a card-carrying bull fighter is eligible to fight the
finals.

A bullfighter is not responsible for accidents or injury.

Point Awards & Payoff

The association point award system is a ten-point system. Points will be awarded to the top ten

(10) places on qualified rides per age group. Points will be awarded as follows:

100/90/80/70/60/50/40/30/20/10.

Each rider will receive 20 points and 1 point for each rider that breaks the plane of the chute. High riders that cross the plane will receive 30 bonus points.

Medium riders that cross the plain will receive 10 bonus points.

Bonus Points: On money won per event:

1st place = 50 points

2nd place = 40 points

3rd place = 30 points

4th place = 20 points

5th place = 10 points

If the score is tied, the total points will be split.

End of year for points is November 2026. (TBA)

The following payoff will be used:

1 to 5 riders – 1 money – 100%

6 to 10 riders – 2 monies – 60% - 40%

11 to 15 riders – 3 monies – 50% - 30% - 20%

16 to 20 riders – 4 monies – 40% - 30% - 20% - 10%

21 to 49 riders – 5 monies – 30% - 25% - 20% - 15% - 10%

50 & over – 6 monies – 30% - 24% - 18% - 13% - 9% - 6%

Producer added money (example 500.00 added)

\$300.00 added to total pot

100.00 to Highest Medium rider

100.00 to highest Low rider

Entry fee break down:

Entry fee = \$100

Association charge = \$10

To pot = \$50

Stock = \$35

\$5.00 Secretary charge per rider

Fines List

Members not in dress code behind the chutes 30 minutes prior to the event will be subject to be fined \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the 2nd offense and the 3rd offense fine will be determined by the board of directors.

Harassing of officials, producers, contractors or members is a \$500 fine.

Any WSPBR member or Permit rider, does any form of sexual harassment will be subject to a \$500 fine or immediate life time ban.

Quarreling in the arena or behind the chutes.

1st offense is a verbal warning

2nd offense is a \$250 fine

3rd offense is a \$500 fine with the possibility of suspension / loss of membership for the year.

Assaulting or striking an official will be a lifetime ban from the association.

Anyone under the influence of alcohol before or during an event (or any time at a school or church arena) will be fined \$500 and disqualified from that event and be assessed a 2-event suspension. A second offense will result in termination of membership.

There is zero tolerance for illegal drugs and will result in immediate termination for the current year.

Slander of the WSPBR or its members on Facebook / social media will not be tolerated. Members will be fined \$500 and suspended from six events following the date of comment and/or have membership revoked.

Abuse or mistreatment of livestock (soaking, cutting, etc.) will result in the following fines:

1st offense = \$500 fine and disqualification from the event

2nd offense = termination of membership for the remainder of the season and future membership is subject to board review

3rd offense = lifetime ban from the WSPBR

There will be no refunds for the event if a fine or disqualification occurs.

The board of directors reserves the right to add, change, or modify this list at any time throughout the year to protect the WSPBR. If a member (rider) is fined three times for any offense, their membership may be terminated indefinitely at the discretion of the board (this excludes turn out fines).

Show Boating on a Bull 1st. Offence \$25.00, 2nd. Offense 50.00

Chain of Command

If a WSPBR member has discrepancies, shortcomings, ideas, or input, which needs to be addressed, he/she will follow a chain of command, which is your board of directors:

Northern Texas Director = Bubba Stewart / 817-455-8250

West Texas/New Mexico Director = Rick Wampler / 512-596-7720

East Texas Director = Clint Carter / 972-762-4551

Oklahoma Director= Corey Green / 918-944-0399

Secretary = Cathey Saunders / 817-312-2091

Treasurer= Bubba Stewart / 817-455-8250

Media Director = Steven Still / 214-480-0634

Directors will bring discrepancies, shortcomings, etc., to the board of directors either by a phone call or a meeting.

Members will have their response from the board of directors by the following event.
The Board of directors' decisions are final.
After your area directors, chain of command is as follows:

President = Gary Johns / 817-458-6567

Vice-President = Chris Kirby /817-819-9129

Duties of the Officers

President

The president is elected by the general membership. The President shall be the principal officer of the WSPBR. The president shall, in general, supervise and control all the business and affairs of the WSPBR as well as preside at all meetings of the members and the board of directors. The president may sign with the secretary of the WSPBR, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or instruments which the board of directors have authorized to be executed, except in cases where signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the board or by the by-laws or by statute to some other office or agent of the WSPBR. In general, the president shall perform all duties pursuant to the office of president and such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors from time to time. The president will only vote in the event of a tie by the board of directors. The president must be a charter or participating member of the WSPBR. The outgoing president will remain on the board of directors as an ex-officio non-voting member until the next incoming president would assume the position. Nomination for president requires the nominee to have previously held a board position for no less than two years.

Vice-President

The vice-president is elected by the general membership. In the absence of the president, or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the vice-president shall perform the duties of the president. The vice-president shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the president or the board of directors. The vice-president must be a charter or participating member of the WSPBR. The vice-president will back up the secretary, assisting in the entry and pay-out process. Vice- president is responsible for the treasurer's event sheet. Vice-president should be able to take over for the secretary if she is ill or is unable to attend an event. If two events are scheduled for the same day, the vice-president will be responsible to secretary one of the performances. (The secretary will still receive payment for the second event. Vice-president is not eligible to receive any compensation.) Vice- president will be a co-signer on the WSPBR bank account and share duties and custody with the Secretary and treasurer

Secretary

The secretary shall be assigned by the officers and the board of directors to perform those duties necessary for the operation of the WSPBR. The secretary will share duties and custody with the Vice-President and the treasurer and be responsible for all funds and securities of the WSPBR, receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the WSPBR from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of the WSPBR in such banks. The secretary may also be assigned other duties from time to time by the president or board of directors. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the board of directors' meetings as well as general membership meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose. The secretary shall give all notices in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws as required, be custodian of the WSPBR records, keep a record of each member which shall be furnished to the secretary, and in

general, perform all duties incident to the office of secretary. The secretary will have a vote on all WSPBR business.

Treasurer

The treasurer provides a finance report at each meeting, keeps an accurate accounting of all monies, and provides auditor's reports when requested. The treasurer shall share charge duties and custody with the secretary and be responsible for all funds and securities of the WSPBR. The treasurer will receive weekly updates of each event, provided by the secretary and/or the vice-president.

The treasurer will create and be responsible for accurate financial books at all times, reflective of information given by the secretary / president / vice-president.

The treasurer will give a copy of financial information to the secretary / president / vice-president. There will be at least four documented finance meetings with the secretary / president / vice-president / treasurer (beginning of year, May, August, end of year) to go over all check / deposits / bills / etc.

The treasurer will be responsible for monthly check and balance.

The treasurer will be responsible for giving the members an update of finances at the membership meeting, during the the summer, and at the finals,

Directors

The directors are voted in by the general membership. A director has to be a current member in good standing. Directors are responsible for their area. Directors will bring discrepancies, shortcomings, ideas, etc. to the board of directors either by phone or in a meeting. The directors shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the president or by the board of directors. The board of directors must approve all stock before it's allowed to buck. If a Board of Director sees any reason for taking a certain bull out of the draw, it will be taken to the available board of directors at the event. All Directors are responsible to check in with the Secretary before leaving an event.

No person will be allowed to hold an office or position on the WSPBR board of directors if they are currently on another senior rodeo or adult bull riding association board, excluding military or youth organizations. No board member can hold a board of director position on two boards – senior rodeo or bull riding association board.

WSPBR will not co-sanction with any Senior Association.