



## **PURPOSE**

The purpose for which this association was formed shall be exclusively for recreational, social fellowship and promotion of good nature in competitive rodeo sport for youth from the age of three years through and including the age of nineteen.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The association shall be composed of members meeting the following qualifications:

1. Any person being the age of three (3) years of age through and including the age of seventeen (17), and who have not reached their eighth (18) birthday prior to January 1 of the rodeo year. Mutton Busters (sheep) must be under 70 lbs. A birth certificate (photocopy) must accompany membership application AND personal insurance information (photocopy or insurance number).
2. The Member and Custodial Parent(s), Legal Guardian(s), Natural Guardian(s) of a minor child will provide completed AK BUCKING BULLS Membership Application and Release and Waiver of Liability Forms, Parental Protection of AK BUCKING BULLS Agreement, copy of insurance and birth certificate.
3. Members shall be in good standing, have paid all dues, fines and fees owed to AK BUCKING BULLS.
4. **EVERY MEMBER MUST SALE RAFFLE TICKETS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR END AWARDS. THIS IS A REQUIREMENT NOT AN OPTION.**

## **ANNUAL DUES**

Annual membership dues will be determined at the beginning of each rodeo season. Dues must be paid for the current rodeo season as determined by the board to keep your membership active. Youth may apply for reinstatement of membership at any time during the year, however any/all points earned prior to dues being paid will not count towards current year standings.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A Volunteer Board of Directors will be established to oversee the workings within the organization. They will also act as arbitrator, when needed. The Board of Directors will have the best interest of the members in mind with any and all decisions. Board will consist of a minimum of three members. If the nomination process does not produce a candidate or produces a candidate who is no willing to accept the position then the elected board will appoint a member in good standing to fill the position.

## **CONTESTANT REPRESENTATIVES**

If determined by the Board of Directors, Contestant Representative from the current membership may be appointed by the Board of Directors. Subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, it shall be the responsibility of the Contestant Representatives to review rule change proposals concerning the fairness or conduct of competition, the safety of contestants and livestock and the definition of bull riding at events. Unless otherwise stated by the Board of Directors, the Contestant Representatives may attend all Board Meetings.

## **GENERAL RULES**

All approved rodeos must comply with the rules set forth herein, with NO EXCEPTIONS

1. Every contestant and/or member entering AK BUCKINGBULLS arena must have adequate insurance and show proof thereof.
2. NO ALCOHOL will be permitted in the arena, behind the chutes or restricted areas before and during an AK BUCKING BULLS rodeo. Although the AK BUCKING BULLS recommends no alcohol to be served at the AK BUCKING BULLS rodeo, it is recognized that the Producer (separately) may serve and be responsible for alcohol on the grounds at one of their rodeos. Alcoholic beverages will be sold on the premises of the rodeo grounds due to the contract with AK BUCKING BULLS and WILD WEST ARENA AND SALOON. Any contestant or contestant's parents found drinking any type of alcoholic beverage prior to their ride or in the arena will be subject to being disqualified or have said child disqualified and entry revoked immediately with no refund.
3. Emergency Medical Service (ambulance or EMT) must be on the grounds at all times.
4. The use of abusive, profane language, fighting by a contestant, parent or any person attending the AK BUCKING BULLS events, as well as any parent or contestant speaking badly about each other may be subject to suspension and or disqualification from the finals or any AK event or organization. THIS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!!!!!
5. Non-sportsmanship-like conduct will NOT BE TOLERATED. Any riders, members, or parents caught slandering or speaking in a negative manner about AK BUCKING BULLS, AK Riders or the AK Board Members will be terminated from the organization with no warning.
6. All contestants and parents/guardians should know and understand all the rules, but particularly the ones that pertain to your age group. By joining AK BUCKING BULLS and paying the membership dues, you agree to abide by these rules.
7. ALL scores are UNOFFICIAL until at least TWO (2) Board Members have gone over Judge's sheets. ALL DECISIONS MADE BY THE JUDGES WILL BE FINAL. ALL ANNOUNCED TIMES AND SCORES ARE UNOFFICIAL.
8. Sponsors for the AK BUCKING BULLS may be obtained by any and all members of the group.
9. There will be no video replay to overturn or mark a ride.
10. Judges may disqualify a rider who has been advised he is next to go, if he/she is not above the animal with his/her glove on, when the previous animal leaves the arena. Rider has one minute in the chute to get ready and call for the gate, unless the bull is uncooperative in the chute, this will be the judge's decision.
11. The Back Judge (or Latch-Side Judge if no back judge) will be the official time or decision.
12. If a re-ride is given or an option is offered, the rider must give the Judge his/her decision immediately before leaving the arena.
13. Awards for each event will be determined by AK BUCKING BULLS Board Members.
14. Every member must sale raffle tickets to be eligible for year end prizes.

## **DRESS CODE**

The Dress Code will apply to ALL AK BUCKING BULLS members and contestant help behind the chutes at all AK BUCKING BULLS rodeos:

1. Western attire with appropriate footwear, western hat and a long sleeve shirt with collar, are to be worn at all times by contestants in the arena and behind the chutes.
2. NO baseball caps or T-shirts permitted, except persons working stock in back pens.
3. Cowboy Hats are not required in the arena when wearing a helmet or face mask during competition.
4. One sleeve is permitted to be rolled up during competition ride on the riding arm only.

5. Violations of the Dress Code may result in the disqualification from your event. The Judges will notify the contestant.

## **PERSONAL CONDUCT**

Any official or the AK BUCKING BULLS, its members, their parents/guardians or any person associated with the AK BUCKING BULLS are expected to conduct themselves in a polite, fair and respectful manner at all AK BUCKING BULLS functions or at any time representing the AK BUCKING BULLS.

1. The intentional falsification of a name, age, or other personal information, (such as address, etc.), pertaining to a member or guardian will not be tolerated; this is cause for immediate suspension.
2. The consumption or possession of Alcohol and/or Drugs\* by a Member or Contestant before or during any AK BUCKING BULLS event is strictly prohibited. Immediate disqualification and forfeiture of all entry fees will result.
  - a. \*If you are under a Physician's care and use a prescribed drug, please bring it to the attention of the rodeo secretary at time of entering an AK BUCKING BULLS event. This is for our files and for your medical safety, in case of an emergency.
3. Mistreatment, endangerment or neglect of rodeo stock will not be tolerated. Flank ropes will be of soft cotton rope at least 3/4 inch in diameter. Pull flanks or (horse flanks) may be used, as long as they are 3/4 inch in diameter. The use of electric prods will be used sparingly, only touching the animal on the hip or shoulder area. Any person mistreating stock on the grounds will be disqualified and asked to leave the grounds.
4. Fighting, quarreling or the use of profane language or gestures will result in disqualification, fines or possible suspension, as deemed appropriate by Arena Director.
5. Any attempt made by a contestant or agent of any member, to fix, bribe, threaten, influence or harass the judge(s) at any time, before-during-or-after an AK event will be dealt with severely by Board of Directors.
6. Parents, or other persons, inappropriately approaching, engaging or in any way distracting the judges or officials during an event, for any reason, will be subject to the penalties described below.
7. Turn out fines may be assessed for entering an event and failing to show. You may call-in withdraw the Wednesday prior to the event without incurring this fine. (Emergency/medical situations will be taken into consideration). The fine will be stock charges for that age group.

## **FINES AND PENALTIES**

MISCONDUCT by an AK BUCKING BULLS member, parent/guardian or companion could result in a suspension, disqualification, entry fee forfeiture and/or fines accordingly. Judges, Arena Director, Officers or Board Members have the authority to disqualify a contestant from an event for any serious rule infraction. Suspension from the association, either temporary or permanent will be determined by the Board of Directors in response to witnessed events, or complaints by spectators, contestants, stock contractors and judges.

## **RODEO ENTRY**

Contestants should refer to the entry information in the Official Newsletter for entering rodeos. Entries may be taken by phone, walk in or mail in, depending on the rodeo producer's preference. Entry fees, Stock Charges, Purse Payout and Office fees are all subject to change. If rodeo Producer elects to use another Entry Fee Schedule, it will be posted and designated as "Non Standard" Entry Fee Schedule. Stock and Office Charges are included in Entry Fees. Ages are determined by their birthdate as of January 1 of the rodeo year.

### Standard Entry Fee Schedule

6 years & under . . . . .	Mutton Bustin . . . . .	\$50.00
*7 – 9 years of age . . . . .	Micro PeeWee . . . . .	\$60.00*
10 – 11 years of age . . . . .	PeeWee . . . . .	\$60.00
12 – 13 years of age . . . . .	Junior Mini . . . . .	\$70.00
14 – 15 years of age . . . . .	Senior Mini . . . . .	\$80.00
16 – 17 years of age . . . . .	Novice . . . . .	\$90.00

### AGE GROUPS and RESTRICTIONS

Contestants can ride in their age group - determined by their birthdate as of January 1, of the rodeo year. Contestants can only double enter in the Sheep and Micro PeeWee event, no other event. All riders/members will be subject to division entry determined by Board Members, pending riders' age/weight/experience. **Five (5) pound weight variance (+/-) for each age group.**

#### **Sheep (Mutton Bustin)- 3-6 years of age with a weight limit of 70 pounds**

Must wear mouth piece, protective vest and head gear. The ride will be six (6) seconds. Time will stop and the contestant will be considered bucked off if any part of their hand or any part of their body touches the ground during the ride. If a one-handed rider touches the animal with their free hand, the time will stop and 0 score will be awarded. Re-rides for falling, stopping or fouling the rider will be at the discretion of the judge. The Arena Director may override the judge's decision for a re-ride. All member contestants must ride one handed with rope. Member contestants may not lay down and hold on to the rope, lie down without a rope, or ride with two hands. Only contestants using a rope, one handed, will get points for the Year End Finals.

#### **\*Micro PeeWee- 7-9 years of age with a weight limit of 80 pounds**

Must wear mouth piece, protective vest and head gear. The ride will be eight (8) seconds. Time will stop and the contestant will be considered bucked off if any part of their hand or any part of their body touches the ground during the ride. All member contestants must ride one handed with rope. **THERE WILL BE NO RE-RIDES GRANTED IN THIS DIVISION.** Stock will be drawn for and **WILL NOT** be flanked. This division is strictly for riders who need more time to develop skills and structure. Six and under will only qualify for IMBA finals. Riders over the age of 6 (as of January 1 of rodeo season) will only qualify for AK year end finals and 406 rodeo finals buckaroo Calf riding.

**\*This division will only be for riders who need more time. Please see above description for what the rider qualifies for.**

#### **PeeWee Mini Bulls- 10-11 years of age with a weight limit of 90 pounds**

Must wear mouth piece, protective vest and head gear. The ride will be eight (8) seconds. Time will stop and the contestant will be considered bucked off if any part of their hand or any part of their body touches the ground during the ride. One hand only. Stock will be drawn for and will be flanked. Top three (3) riders will qualify for events depending on age of riders and how they correlate with other organizations divisions. This division will qualify for AK rodeo finals, 406 rodeo, YBR and IMBA.

#### **Junior Mini Bulls – 12-13 years of age with a weight limit of 100 pounds**

Must wear mouth piece, protective vest and head gear. The ride will be eight (8) seconds. Time will stop and the contestant will be considered bucked off if any part of their hand or any part of their body touches the ground during the ride. One hand only. Stock will be drawn for and will be flanked. This division will qualify for AK rodeo finals, 406 rodeo, YBR and IMBA.

### **Senior Mini Bulls- 14-15 years of age with a weight limit of 130 pounds**

Must wear mouth piece, protective vest and head gear. The ride will be eight (8) seconds. Time will stop and the contestant will be considered bucked off if any part of their hand or any part of their body touches the ground during the ride. One hand only. Stock will be drawn for and will be flanked. Top three (3) riders will qualify for events depending on age of riders and how they correlate with other organizations divisions. This division will qualify for AK rodeo finals, Jr. NFR\*, 406 rodeo, YBR and IMBA. \*Will qualify depending on age of rider.

### **Novice- 16-17 years of age with a weight limit of 180 pounds**

Must wear mouth piece, protective vest and head gear. The ride will be eight (8) seconds. Time will stop and the contestant will be considered bucked off if any part of their hand or any part of their body touches the ground during the ride. One hand only. Stock will be drawn for and will be flanked. Top three (3) riders will qualify for events depending on age of riders and how they correlate with other organizations divisions. This division will qualify for AK rodeo finals, 406 rodeo, YBR and IMBA.

- **NO LIQUID ROSIN, Rosin MUST only be in rock form**
- **Bull Rope, mouth piece, head gear (helmet), protective vest, glove and spurs with a 1/4-1/2 turn are required (no locked Rowels) for all riders**
- **Western attire (Appropriate footwear, western hat and a long sleeve shirt with collar, are to be worn at all times by contestants in the arena and behind the chutes)**
- **All weight limits are with FULL GEAR ON**
- **NO SOAKING of animal, if caught soaking, rider will receive and automatic DISQUALIFICATION with NO WARNING**

### **DRAWS**

All draws will be random drawn, approximately one half hour before the performance with at least one judge present. Animals may be doubled back if necessary. The stock contractor will make every effort to keep the stock in each age division even as far as size and ability to buck. Stock may be either ear tagged or named, and they do not have to have the same name each week. Each animal is to be numbered and listed with his or her corresponding draw number. It shall be up to the judges to see that contestants compete on the stock drawn for them. In the event of a mistake, stock drawn for must be run during that performance and only that time of score taken. In a two or more go round event, a rider cannot draw the same bull for back to back events. If the same bull is drawn, it will be held out until another bull is drawn for that rider. The first draw will then be replaced and used for another rider.

### **POINT SYSTEM**

Points will be accumulated throughout the rodeo year to determine Series Winners, AK Bucking Bulls Finalists and Year End Champions. Only Active Members will get points. Members will receive the riding points they earn during an event based on the entries that are Active Members Only. All active members will receive 10 points for participation at a sanctioned event. All riders present for each event will receive their covered points plus their participation points. No points will be awarded for turning out an event. You must attend 80% of the rodeos to be eligible for year end awards (in addition to selling member raffle tickets).

## **LIABILITY**

Including without limitation, member, contestants, parents, observer, helper, volunteer, cowboy protection, stock contractors, rodeo producers, committees, contract personnel, and any other affiliates of AK Bucking Bulls, agree to discharge, waive, and release and covenant not to sue AK Bucking Bulls, Patty Porter, Wild West Arena and Saloon, officers or owners, employees, family members, heirs or agents, the participants, sanctioning organization or any subdivision thereof, rodeo committee, stock contractor, rodeo association, arena operators or owners, officials, cowboy protection, gate pullers, medical personnel, any persons in any restricted areas, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, any affiliates, owners or lessees of premises used to conduct the event and each of them, each doing business under their own names or any other names (hereinafter the "Releases"), from all claims, demands and liabilities from any and all property damage, personal injury and/or death, foreseen or unforeseen arising from observation, help or participation in a AK Bucking Bulls event. By paying the AK Bucking Bulls Riders Entry fee it is stated that these terms have been read, understood, and AGREED to.