

# OFFICIAL RULES

## 2011 Winter Series

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### MEMBERSHIP

- Members must be 7 to 14 years of age (*as of 1/1/11*).
- Weight limit is 115# (weighed w/full western attire only). All contestants will be weighed at the beginning of each series or prior to getting on their first bull for each series.
- Series Membership Fee is \$50/Sponsorship Fee is \$50; Series Entry Fee is \$50 per event, plus \$6 Arena Fee, unless otherwise posted.
- Points will not be counted until Membership Fees and Sponsorship Fees are paid in full. Only contestants that have paid their Membership Fees and Sponsorship Fees will be eligible A) for series buckles/prizes and B) to accumulate points to go to NWMBR Finals, PBR shows, etc. throughout the year.
- Hometown entries will be accepted without membership/sponsor fee for an additional \$10 per entry.

### REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- Protective helmets and vests are mandatory; you must supply your own equipment.
- Bull rope w/bell, glove, no sharp rowels on spurs--rowels must turn 1/4 of turn.

### ENTRIES

- All contestants must enter by calling Chad Casperson to enter on the date/time posted on website for that rodeo. Entry fees must be paid before getting on bull.
- TURN OUT FEE. If you enter an event and are turned out, there will be a \$50 turnout fee and you will not be able to enter another Casperson Miniature Bull Riding until the fee is paid.

### GROUND RULES

- Full western attire will be enforced behind the chutes.
- If the bull rider is given 3 opportunities to get out on a bull and fails because of fault of the rider, the judge has the option to turn him out and the rider will be given no score.

### ARENA DIRECTOR / JUDGING

- An Arena Director will be designated for each event. Purpose of Arena Director is to ensure that the bull riding is conducted fairly and in accordance with the Official Rules. It shall be the Arena Director's responsibility to ensure that a contestant competes on the stock drawn for them.
- All judges will meet with Arena Director before event starts, stressing importance of consistent judging procedures, including utilizing 1/2 point system.
- The decision of a judge will be final and no protest by contestant or parent will be permitted, except through the Arena Director. Such protest shall be made before the beginning of the next ride if possible. If the Arena Director determines that such protest

has merit, he shall discuss with the judge the concern and, if the judge agrees that an erroneous ruling was made, the correct ruling shall be determined.

### **DRAW**

- Long-Go Round will be divided into “Rookie pen” and “Big pen” and will be drawn by contestant, if available, before start of event. Short-Go bulls for Winter Series will be determined by draft, with bull rider coming in first place choosing his bull first, etc. Top 5 ties will be determined by flip of coin to see who chooses their bull first. If more than 5 contestants qualify for Short Round, stock contractor will determine which Short Go bull(s) will go more than once, and bull’s name will be added a second time to the list of bulls, i.e. HIPPO#1, HIPPO#2, etc. Contestants pushing higher weight limit may not be able to ride smaller bulls at stock contractor’s discretion.

### **ROOKIE STATUS**

A contestant may declare “rookie” status when entering an event and draw from the “rookie pen.”

- Rookies do compete for day money and day buckle when available.
- Points are earned just like standard point system which accumulated towards the series rookie buckle only. A rookie buckle may only be won one time. Points DO NOT count toward series end buckles, year end points, NWMBR Finals, PBR shows, etc.

### **SCORING**

Each ride is worth up to 100 points (50 points for the Bull and 50 points for the Rider) if he successfully rides the bull for 8 seconds. Two judges award up to 25 points each to the rider and the bull.

### **RERIDE**

- Rerides shall be decided by the judges.
- Contestants shall not influence the judges by asking for a reride at any time.
- If re-ride is given, judge shall inform the contestant immediately of his marking and an option of a reride. Contestant may refuse his reride and take his marking.
- No re-ride shall be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by contestant.
- The contestant can take the same bull again (unless the bull is injured) or a pre-designated reride bull. If no re-ride bull is available, judge will draw back into the bulls for that round.

### **PAY-OFFS**

- **Day Money.** \$30 from each \$50 entry fee will be put into jackpot. The amount of places paid will be determined by the amount of contestants entered in that event.
- **Day Buckle.** If there is a tie for a buckle winner, the contestant with the highest rider’s score from the previous round will be awarded the buckle; if there is still a tie, the longest time in the Short Go will determine the day buckle winner.

**POINT SYSTEM.** The Point System for the Winter Series will be based on Long Go/Short Go (see below) with a possible of 700 points per event.

**ONE-HEAD BULL RIDING.** (Possible 400 points)

*Example: Ride Score + Event Average Points*

**LONG-GO/SHORT-GO BULL RIDING.** (Possible 700 points)

*Example: 1st Go-Round Ride Score + 1st Go-Round Points + Short Go Ride Score + Short Go Round Points + Event Average Points*

**MULTIPLE PERFORMANCE BULL RIDING.** (Possible 500 points) *Example: Perf Ride*

<b>Place</b>	<b>1st Go-Round</b>	<b>2nd Go-Round</b>	<b>Short Go</b>	<b>Event (Average) Winner</b>
First Place	100	100	100	300
Second Place	90	90	90	270
Third Place	80	80	80	240
Fourth Place	70	70	70	210
Fifth Place	60	60	60	180
Sixth Place	50	50	50	150
Seventh Place	40	40	40	120
Eighth Place	30	30	30	90
Ninth Place	20	20	20	60
Tenth Place	10	10	10	30