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# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA YOUTH BULL RIDERS

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## 2024 RULE BOOK

### ARTICLE II.

#### PURPOSE

##### Section 2.1 PURPOSE

The purpose for which this association was formed is to promote Bull Riding in Southern California as a sport and profession. Always striving and committed to the betterment of the community, giving the Youth an alternative sport to participate in.

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**OFFICIAL RULES & CODE OF CONDUCT**

**MEMBERS MUST DOWNLOAD THE BAND APP TO RECEIVE EVENT INFO & UPDATES**

1. All contestants and parents are always required to read the rules carefully and to abide by rules during SCYBR and sanctioned SCYBR events. FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN EXCUSE. By joining SCYBR and paying the membership dues, you agree to abide by these rules.
2. SCYBR reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone for any reason. SCYBR is dedicated to ensuring that the environment is hospitable and ethical. If we observe or learn of anyone engaging in behavior that we feel is detrimental to our association or to the atmosphere that we are trying to promote, then we reserve the right to terminate that person's membership immediately. In such event, SCYBR will NOT provide a refund.
3. All age groups are determined by the contestant's age on or before January 1, 2024.
4. All membership packets will be signed by at least (1) parent or legal guardian and Notarized, unless otherwise noted by Secretary, to be accepted as a valid member.
5. Any falsification of information or documentation from contestant will result in immediate denial or membership/disqualification.
6. Appropriate western attire will be in effect and enforced for riders, parents/helpers behind the chutes and in the arena. Such attire will consist of jeans, cowboy boots, long-sleeved button-down shirt with collar, cowboy hat. Contestant must always wear cowboy hat when entering the arena, including Grand Entry.
7. ALL CONTESTANTS MUST PARTICIPATE IN GRAND ENTRY WITH COWBOY HAT, FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION & ENTRY FEE WILL NOT BE REFUNDED.
8. Appropriate riding equipment will be met by all members along with western attire, which includes helmet with face mask, protective vest, spurs, mouthpiece (optional but recommended), riding glove, bull rope with bell and bell strap. Rope, string or wire is not acceptable and will result in DQ after 1<sup>st</sup> time warning. Chaps are optional but recommended. Refer to Rule 6 for proper dress attire.
9. All members are required to sell raffle tickets to receive year-end awards at banquet. Raffle tickets are to be turned in upon due date.
10. SCYBR members/their parents and any other affiliating parties of a member are expected to conduct themselves in a fair, polite, respective manner at all SCYBR events. This includes any event you are representing SCYBR as well.
11. There will be ZERO tolerance for fighting; quarreling, threatening, spreading rumors, slandering, and discrediting SCYBR, its members, stock contractors, and directors, or any other organization; or the use of profane language: It will result in fines and/or possible suspension or expulsion forfeiting membership, as deemed by the Board of Directors.

12. There will be no un-sportsman-like conduct allowed by parents, members, sibling, friend, or any family member of any contestant. **NO EXCEPTIONS. CONTESTANT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
13. Mistreatment, endangerment, or neglect of the livestock will not be tolerated and will result in expulsion, without warning!
14. **NO ALCOHOL /ILLCIT DRUGS (including marijuana)** will be permitted in the arena, behind the chutes or restricted areas before, during or after an SCYBR event. Although SCYBR recommends no alcohol to be served at a SCYBR event, it is recognized that the Producer (separately) may serve and be responsible for alcohol on the grounds at one of their events. Your child will be subject to disqualification if caught consuming alcohol or drugs, this includes parking lots.
15. **Entries-** Due date will be 1 week prior to Event. You have until the Tuesday prior to the event date to withdrawal, notifying Secretary, and receive a refund. Withdrawal requests after the Tuesday prior will be accepted but only with documental proof of unforeseen reasons, i.e. Medical notes.
16. All entries must be paid online. All deadlines will be met, **LATE ENTRY FEE WILL BE APPLIED IF ENTRIES ARE ACCEPTED LATE FOR THAT EVENT.**
17. Raffle Tickets will be due upon date specified by Secretary. If they are not turned in by the deadline, member will not receive an invitation to the Annual Awards Banquet and no awards will be given. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Parent of member must turn in Raffle Tickets.
18. Saddles/Banquet are not guaranteed upon membership. Due to rising costs of stock, hauling, paying judges/bull fighters, event buckles etc; SCYBR relies solely upon monetary sponsorships and if not obtained, we cannot afford to fund such awards and/or year end Banquet.
19. If member is riding in 2 separate divisions and would like to qualify for year end awards in both divisions, he/she will have to sell double the raffle tickets to cover both divisions for Awards.
20. Turn out fines will be assessed for entering and failure to show. Fine will be your full entry fee. If contestant enters event and turns out stock at the event, no refunds will be given.
21. Member will receive points accordingly to their perspective qualified ride.
22. The ride is scored from 0-100 points. Both the rider and the animal are awarded points. Usually, there are at least 2 judges, each scoring the animal from 0-25 points and the rider from 0-25 points. The combined point total from both judges makes up the final score of the ride. Rider does not receive extra points for participating.
23. **All announced scores are unofficial.** It will not be tolerated to have any members, parents/guardians to dispute points upon the argument of an announced score to the final score. This can lead to disqualification.

24. During and after event, no unauthorized personal will be allowed in the Secretary area, period. When sheets have been tallied for that event, the results will be posted. This will help eliminate the possibility of errors, as we want each rider to receive the most accurate count. Please allow up to 72 hours for scores to be posted to website.
25. Score sheets will be turned into Secretary and are unofficial until Secretary, Witness and (1) judge have reviewed them.
26. **PROTEST MUST BE MADE TO SECRETARY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE RIDE WITH \$250 FEE.** The event will be stopped, and judges will be notified. If the protest is found valid, the contestant will receive what is coming to them and have the protest fee returned. If the protest is found invalid, the rule or ruling stands and the protest fee is not refundable.
27. **All members of the association may obtain Sponsors and are encouraged to do so for the Southern California Youth Bull Riders.**
28. No person(s) other than contestant and one companion will be permitted behind the chutes unless approved volunteer by the board of directors. Absolutely no infants, no infant wearing, or strollers will be permitted, No Exceptions, rider will automatically be disqualified.
29. If a member has been injured and seeks medical attention, whether it happened at an SCYBR event or not, a signed medical release for return to riding from the attending physician is required. No release-No riding, NO exceptions.
30. A parent/guardian must be present at all SCYBR events for a contestant to participate. Please contact Secretary if you know a parent/guardian will not be in attendance and have a letter of responsibility of child prepared for Secretary. If the child is 18 years old, they may take responsibility of themselves.
31. After the rider completes his/her ride, whether they made their time or not, they must exit the arena gracefully. Celebrations may be brief and not illicit. A warning will be issued if any un-sportsmanlike conduct is noticed upon first offense. Second offense will be subject to disciplinary actions; i.e. DQ, suspension and or expulsion. (Remember we are here to have fun, but doing so appropriately)
32. To qualify for the YBR in Abilene, member must be in good standing, have won an event or finished Top 3 in their division. If a member in Top 3 moves up a division, SCYBR may qualify the next member in the standings. YBR takes WILD CARD entries, those who did not qualify, it will be up to the President's discretion if said member's name be sent in.
33. Parents are responsible for their child if they qualified for the YBR. This means helping him/her behind the chutes unless arrangements are made beforehand with Junior requesting help. Junior may not attend the YBR every year. Although your child qualified with SCYBR, it is not an SCYBR event, and Junior cannot be expected to help every single member, in multiple divisions, as he is only 1 person and is also responsible for his own son. SCYBR IS NOT A DAYCARE WHERE YOU DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AND PICK UP WHEN HE/SHE IS FINISHED RIDING.
34. SCYBR reserves the right to amend or revise any rule at any time during the event or year.

**Riding Division**  
**(ages reflect YBR age groups)**

Contestants will ride in their age group. They may ride up a division, but NOT down. They may perform in more than one age group as a member during a season, if both entries are paid.  
If riding in 2 division, member will sell raffle tickets for both divisions.

*All riders in **ALL DIVISIONS** must wear protective vest, spurs, helmet with face mask, riding glove, mouthpiece(optional), and have a bull rope with bell attached with bell strap.  
Rider will ride with one hand in the upright position to receive score.*

**Wool Riders:**

1. **3-6 years old; 6 Seconds. 60 pd max with equipment**
2. No flank. Prod may be used upon stock contractor discretion. Stock will be drawn.
3. Re-rides will be granted if sheep falls (not if the rider pulls the sheep down) and will be at judge's discretion.
4. Contestants must have a qualifying score to receive points.
5. Riders will not be allowed to lie down on sheep during ride. Rider must be in upright position.

**Calf Riding:**

1. **7-8 years old; 6 Seconds**
2. Calves will be flanked. Stock will be drawn.
3. Contestants must have a qualifying score to receive points.
4. Stock may consist of bull calves, steer calves, or heifers. Stock will not be determined by the size of the animal but by its bucking ability.

**Steer Riding: Jr & Sr**

1. **9-11 years old; 6 Seconds**
2. **12-14 years old; 8 Seconds**
3. Steers will be flanked. Stock will be drawn.
4. Contestants must have a qualifying score to receive points.
5. Stock may consist of steers, young bulls, or heifers. Stock will be determined by stock contractor's discretion.

**Bull Riding:**

1. **15-18 years old (prior to 19th birthday); 8 Seconds**
2. **Must not hold a permit/card for Pro Rodeo.**
3. Bulls will be flanked. Stock will be drawn.
4. Only one person allowed pulling rope, which is over the age of 18 years old.
5. Contestants must have a qualifying score to receive points.
6. Stock will not be determined by the size of the animal but by its bucking ability.

**\*Exhibition Rides will not count for points, buckles or end of the year awards\***

## **SCYBR CONTESTANT RIDING RULES**

1. Judges may disqualify a rider who has been advised he/she 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 must call for the gate, unless bull is uncooperative in chute, this will be judge's decision.
2. The latch judge will have the official time during the event in case of a malfunction from the back-judge's watch or if no back judge is present, then the latch side judge time would be used. Any judge can oversee the 30 second rule and can disqualify you if taking too long in the chutes, as well as any other violations.
3. 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:
  - a. **First offense:** a warning and member will be disqualified from event.
  - b. **Second offence:** membership will be revoked with no refund.
5. A contestant may be disqualified for any of the following reasons:
  - a. Being bucked off before the 6 or 8 second time depending on division.
  - b. Touching(slapping) the animal with free hand.
  - c. Using sharp spurs.
  - d. Placing spurs or chaps under the rope while being tightened, "catching a knot" while in the chute or before leaving the chute.
  - e. Using abusive or profane language, improper gestures.
  - f. Fighting or arguing with a judge, this also includes the parent.
7. **To call for the gate, all riders must nod or voice their call.** Any rider who calls for an animal while it is lying down in the chute will not be given the option of a re-ride if he is fouled at the gate. A re-ride option may be given only when the rider and animal clear the chute gate and the re-ride option is given for a foul in the arena after the rider and animal are clear of the chute gate.
8. After a contestant calls for the gate, if the spotter, rope puller or any other person, interferes with the contestants' ride on purpose, causing the contestant to not make a qualified ride, the contestant will not be offered a re-ride and no score will be issued.
9. Hooks, rings, and/or hay string shall not be used on bull ropes. Bells are required. **NO BELL, NO POINTS**
10. No calf, steer or bull will be put in the draw until horns have been tipped or docked to the appropriate size for safety.
11. All judges' decisions are FINAL.

~AWARDS~  
(Updated MARCH 2024)

***IF SCYBR DOES NOT OBTAIN ENOUGH SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE SEASON, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE A YEAR END BANQUET. AWARDS WILL STILL BE GIVEN.***

***AS MOST MEMBERS KNOW, WE NO LONGER HAVE A “HOME” ARENA, THEREFORE WE HAVE TO TRAVEL TO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS FOR EVENTS AND NEED TO PAY FOR HAULING FEES AS WELL AS JUDGES, BULL FIGHTERS, BUCKLES ETC.***

- Buckles will be given to winner of each division and presented within 1-2 Bull Ridings Events since they are custom made. Winner must be present to receive buckle.
- Saddles will be given to the year-end Champion of each division **IF** SCYBR receives Sponsorship for them. We cannot guarantee saddles will be given every year. We encourage members to try and obtain Sponsorships. You can get the Sponsor Packet from Jackie.
- YEAR END AWARDS: Member must be present at the Year End Banquet to receive awards (excluding apparel items such as jacket, vest, shirts, hats etc.) if they are the Champion or Reserved Champion for their division.
- SCYBR/BULL RIDING/RODEO IS NOT A “TEAM” SPORT AND EVERYONE IS NOT A WINNER THEREFORE NOT EVERYONE WILL RECEIVE A BUCKLE/SADDLE ETC; UNLESS YOU WIN AN EVENT.
- *SCYBR understands emergencies situations, i.e. Death in the immediate family, illness to member, or any other unforeseeable situation. Those above-mentioned reasons will be excused at the discretion of the President and arrangements for the pickup of Awards will need to be made with the Secretary. All other reasons and/or excuses grant automatic forfeit of awards such as saddles, buckles, spurs, gear bags, chaps etc;*

*At any given time during the season, SCYBR reserves the right to make rule changes.*

*If any changes have been made, Contestants and Parents will be notified, and the updated Rule Book will be posted to the website.*

**ALL CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN SCYBR EVENTS.**

- COWBOY HAT
- BULL RIDING OR HOCKEY HELMET WITH FACE MASK
- PROTECTIVE VEST
- BULL ROPE WITH BELL AND STRAP
- GLOVE
- BULL RIDING SPURS
- MOUTHPIECE & CHAPS ARE OPTIONAL BUT RECCOMENDED.

FOR QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO EQUIPMENT, CONTACT  
SCYBR PRESIDENT, JUNIOR SAENZ @ 760-214-0186

EQUIPMENT CAN BE PURCHASED AT:

[WWW.RODEO.MART.COM](http://WWW.RODEO.MART.COM)

[WWW.SADDLEBARN.COM](http://WWW.SADDLEBARN.COM)

[WWW.BARSTOWPRORODEO.COM](http://WWW.BARSTOWPRORODEO.COM)

[WWW.MXBULLROPES.COM](http://WWW.MXBULLROPES.COM)

[WWW.BEASTMASTERRODEO.COM](http://WWW.BEASTMASTERRODEO.COM)