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OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Promote the bucking horse and the breeders that raise them, the organizers of the events, and the sport of rodeo by:

- a) Arranging futurity venues for breeders of bucking horses to compete in friendly and safe competition.
- b) Organizing and maintaining a points' system to track results of competition towards year end achievements
- c) Organizing a finale competition yearly to highlight top horses and their breeders at season end.
- d) Working together with Members and Event Producers to build an association that recognizes the value of the bucking horse and maintaining a high level of integrity in the bucking horse industry.
- e) Promoting the style of bucking horse and the judging thereof to facilitate long and prosperous careers of that horse in the rodeo world, the style that bring cowboys to the pay window and help promote the stock contractors that will own them.

BYLAWS

Interpretation

1. The expressions defined hereinafter shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings:
 - a. WFA – World Futurity Association



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- b. FUTURITY – an approved futurity event within the World Futurity Association
- c. MEMBER – a stock contractor, breeder, partnership, or individual that has been granted a membership in the WFA and will accumulate points from competition
- d. STOCK CONTRACTOR CARD – a membership card covering an individual, a company or a partnership to have membership in the World Futurity Association. Each entity must have purchased their own card to accumulate points.
- e. PERMITS – can be purchased for a one-time entry of horses into a WFA event, no points will be accumulated by the purchaser – subject to acceptance.
- f. OFFICIAL JUDGE – a WFA approved judge based on experience and feedback on training. These Official Judges must purchase a yearly Official Judge Member Card with the WFA. Each WFA event must have at least two (2) Official Judges at their events
- g. OFFICIAL JUDGE MEMBER CARD – a WFA approved judge that has purchased his or her card, will also be eligible to be voted in to judge at the Finale.
- h. EVENT PRODUCER – any individual, company, association or group that applies for and holds a World Futurity Association event.



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RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1. Subject to other provisions contained in these By-Laws and Rules, membership shall be open to such persons or companies as the executive may or may not decide to admit.
- 1.2. The WFA is a privately-owned corporation. The owners of the WFA reserve the right to deny membership, permitting or participation or suspend indefinitely any breeder for any reason at any time.
- 1.3. Members agree to abide by all rules as set forth by the WFA and will be subject to those rules at all times in conjunction with any WFA event.
- 1.4. The Stock Contractor Card covers membership for an individual breeder, a company, or a partnership.
- 1.5. Membership applications can be made and paid for online at www.worldfuturity.com and if required, a hard copy can be emailed or faxed for those that don't have internet access. This card is effective for the current competition year it is purchased in, ending in December after the year-end Finale or as otherwise stated.
- 1.6. A one-time PERMIT may be purchased for a WFA event in order for an individual to buck horses at that event only, no points will accumulate for those horses covered by that permit, and points are not retroactive if a Membership is purchased at a later date. This permit is also subject to approval and membership Rules.



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- 1.7. Prices for a Stock Contractor Card per year is \$225 until May 31st, where it will go to the full price of \$250. A Permit can be purchased for \$75.
- 1.8. Prices for an Official Judge Member Card per year is \$50.

2. FINES AND SUSPENSIONS

- 2.1. Any member or permitted participator or judge may be fined, suspended or both from the WFA for any of the following reasons, but not limited to:
 - 2.1.1. Verbal or physical abuse or bullying to any WFA official, judge, committee, or other member
 - 2.1.2. Issuing or tendering bad checks/cheques for membership fees, WFA fees or entry fees.
 - 2.1.3. Cheating or misconduct in any form, including knowingly entering an older horse in a younger class, or using a foreign object or electrical device on a horse.
 - 2.1.4. A member not using proper and safe equipment on a horse. ex: MUST have sheepskin-lined flank and properly padded dummy box.



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3. HORSE CLASSES AND FORMAT

- 3.1. Yearlings – colts shall be bucked with a dummy and flank for 6 seconds; it is permissible to put a halter WITHOUT a lead on the colt during bucking. At 6 seconds, the dummy and flank must be tripped to release. Yearling colts age for competition must be born the PRIOR YEAR to competition between January 1st to December 31st. A yearling colt can compete a maximum of three (3) trips in a competition year with the top two (2) qualified trips counting points for year-end awards.
- 3.2. Open 2 Year Olds – colts shall be bucked with a dummy and flank for 6 seconds; it is permissible to put a halter WITHOUT a lead on the colt during bucking. At 6 seconds, the dummy and flank must be tripped to release. 2-Year-Old colt's age for competition must be born TWO YEARS PRIOR to competition between January 1st to December 31st. A 2-year-old colt may compete in a maximum of four (4) events in the competition year with the top three (3) events counting points toward the Finale.
- 3.3. Open 3 Year Olds – colts shall be bucked with a dummy and flank for 6 seconds; it is permissible to put a halter WITH OR WITHOUT a lead on the colt during bucking. If bucking WITH a lead, it must be secured to the dummy to simulate a bronc rein. At 6 seconds, the dummy and flank must be tripped to release. 3-Year-Old colt's age for competition must be born THREE YEARS PRIOR to competition between January 1st and December 31st. A 3-year-old colt may compete in a maximum of four (4) events in the competition year with the top three (3) events counting points toward the Finale.



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- 3.4. Futurity Bareback Horses – horses shall be bucked with a rider in the Bareback class for 8 seconds. It is permissible to buck the horse with a halter. Horses must be born no more than FIVE YEARS PRIOR to competition between January 1st to December 31st. Bareback horses top three (3) events only will count toward year end awards and/or Finale.
- 3.5. Futurity Saddlebronc Horses – horses shall be bucked with a rider in the Saddlebronc class for 8 seconds. Horses must be born no more than FIVE YEARS PRIOR to competition between January 1st to December 31st. Saddlebronc horses top three (3) events only will count toward year end awards and/or Finale.
- 3.6. Women's 2 Year Olds – colts shall be bucked with a dummy and flank for 6 seconds; it is permissible to put a halter WITHOUT a lead on the colt during bucking. At 6 seconds, the dummy and flank must be tripped to release. 2-Year-Old colt's age for competition must be born TWO YEARS PRIOR to competition between January 1st to December 31st.
Stipulation: this is a new class, colts must be bucked and managed by the woman the entire competition year. Ex. Woman MUST flank her colt out. Points will be awarded to that colt from the Women's class for that class. To be eligible for the Finale in the current Finale configuration Open 2-year-old class, this colt must also have entries paid in both classes in a maximum of four (4) open events in the competition year with the top three (3) events counting points toward the Finale. If colt is to be eligible for the Finale, then the points accumulated, will follow with the Open 2 Year Old class placing. When entering an event, it must be stipulated at entry time if the colt will compete in both classes.



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4. ENTRIES AT EVENTS

- 4.1. Members will register horses online for each event during the period that entries are open, unless otherwise agreed to by the WFA Administration. Members are required to pre-register horses for each event, as the WFA continues to promote professionalism and consistency in the Association for ALL members and Event Producers. If horses are NOT registered online, there will be a \$10 per horse penalty enforced at WFA events at the discretion of WFA Administration. There is much behind-the-scenes work that goes on to put on these events, as well as keeping accurate records for the Members, and we appreciate your understanding. Entries can also be texted in to WFA in the circumstance of no online access within the entry timeline.
- 4.2. WFA fees which consist of \$25 finals fee, \$5 awards fee and \$5 office fee totaling \$35 per head will be paid at the time of registration online for that event. This permits the event producer and coordinator to focus on production of event, intake of entry fees and payout amounts. Entry fees for the event itself will be paid at time of event, unless otherwise stated.
- 4.3. Members require their membership number for event registration and that shall also be purchased online.
- 4.4. Members require a permanent identification number on each of their competition horses. This ID brand must be listed in event registrations. For early-in-the-year events, if no permanent ID brand is on the horse yet, please contact WFA



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Administration immediately. Horses will only be allowed to compete at that first event without the permanent ID. After that, points will be revoked, and no further points will be awarded to that horse. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

- 4.5. Owners of each horse brought to an event are strongly encouraged to have a current NEGATIVE COGGINS (ELISA OR AGID) test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA). WFA is being proactive as many Clubs and Events like ourselves are doing our very best in preventative maintenance to protect Member's horses. A copy of the current negative test needs to be submitted to the WFA office.
- 4.6. Entries of horses for event registrations shall include the *Class, Brand, Name (optional), Description & color of horse, Gender and Delivery*. This ensures proper handling and penning of your horse for competition and enables the WFA to maintain accurate records, especially when going through videos to find the appropriate horse for media exposure.

5. JUDGING

- 5.1. All WFA events will have four (4) judges to judge each horse. At least two (2) of those Judges need to be WFA Official Judges. Judge's points (from 1 – 25 and marked in quarter point intervals) for each horse will be added together for a final score for that horse. Four judges (with at least two Official Judges) for the rider classes are required to mark the horse (from 1 – 25 and marked in quarter point intervals). Two of those judges must be designated to mark the cowboy, those



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marks will be added to the $\frac{1}{2}$ half average of the total horse score and will make the final score of the cowboy.

- 5.2. Judges &/or Administration will oversee drawing order for horses to buck, all horses to be drawn and draw order to be followed.
- 5.3. Judges will mark the horse based on the FULL six (6) seconds of competition time in the dummy classes and the FULL eight (8) seconds in the rider classes.
- 5.4. Horses in the dummy classes shall be marked as equivalent to horses in the rider classes with the following notations:
 - 5.4.1. Any fall in the dummy classes that would cause a reride in the rider events shall receive a zero (0) mark, meaning if they fall to their torso. A knee stumble would still be marked, but appropriate points deducted. If there is a fall AFTER the 6 seconds, the horse shall be marked as usual.
 - 5.4.2. *Horses in the dummy classes should be docked for turning back hard or spinning. The horse shall be marked in the same way as in the rider classes where the cowboy is able to put a spur ride on. The ideal dummy bucking horse will be bucking in a continuous forward bucking motion covering as little ground as possible, jumping and kicking out every jump.*
 - 5.4.3. Any horse competing that has an equipment malfunction in the dummy class that results in the release of flank and/or dummy before the six seconds shall receive a zero (0) mark. It is the member's responsibility to make sure that all equipment is rigged and working properly.
 - 5.4.4. Any horse competing in the rider classes that has an equipment malfunction will be marked for the full eight



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(8) seconds, but the rider will be given the option for a re-ride.

5.5. A minimum of two judges must be approved by WFA (Official Judges). Every effort must be made by both event producers and WFA Administration to ensure judges are schooled and aware of their requirements in judging WFA events. The focus of this Association is to promote bucking horses that will advance in the rodeo industry and bring cowboys to the pay window. This focus creates a level 'playing' field for all competitors.

5.6. Judges marks are final.

6. AGE VERIFICATION

6.1. Horses are all subject to random age verification. If there is a question of improper age for the class it is competing in, and another member would like verification, they can request a certified veterinarian to mouth the horse. If a horse is found to be too old for a class it is registered into, that member shall pay the veterinary fees for mousing and the horse shall be disqualified from the competition. No entry fees or WFA fees shall be refunded to the member. If that horse is found to be the proper age, the requesting member needs to pay for the verification.



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7. POINTS AND PAYOUTS

7.1. Points - Each WFA event will use a point marking system to track horse placings in each class as follows:

7.1.1. WFA will use a 20-point marking system: 1st place receives 20 points, 2nd place receives 19 points, 3rd place receives 18 points all the way down to 20th place receiving 1 point. If there are not at least 20 entries in a class, the points will start at 20 and go down to the number of entries. Ex. 5 in a class, last place would receive 16 points.

7.1.2. If a horse received a 0 marking in competition, it is not eligible for points, regardless of amount of entries in that class.

7.1.3. If there are team classes in the rider events (ex: 3-horse team), points will still be awarded per individual horse towards year end awards and/or Finale, based on the marking of that horse in its class.

7.1.4. If a single horse competes in a class and there are no other competitors, no competition points will be awarded. Also, if that horse is judged as a Re-ride, no ground money will be awarded. The cowboy that received the re-ride option must get on a re-ride, if there is one available; if there is no re-ride available, then the cowboy will receive ground money or payout.

7.2. Payouts – WFA event producers will pay out 1 place per every 4 entries in a class to a maximum of **10 payout positions**.



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7.2.1. Payout details

Entries	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	4 th place	5 th place	6 th place	7 th place	8 th place
1 – 4	100%							
5 – 8	60%	40%						
9 – 12	50%	30%	20%					
13 – 16	40%	30%	20%	10%				
17 – 20	35%	22%	18%	14%	11%			
21 – 24	32%	20%	17%	14%	10%	7%		
25 – 28	28%	21%	17%	14%	10%	7%	3%	
29 – 32	26%	19%	16%	13%	11%	8%	5%	2%
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33 – 36 Entries: 1st – 23%, 2nd – 17%, 3rd – 15%, 4th – 13%, 5th – 11%, 6th – 9%, 7th – 6%, 8th – 4%, 9th – 2%

37 – 40 Entries: 1st – 23%, 2nd – 16%, 3rd – 14%, 4th – 12%, 5th – 10%, 6th – 8%, 7th – 6%, 8th – 5%, 9th – 4%, 10th – 2%



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8. FINALE QUALIFICATIONS & YEAR END AWARDS

- 8.1. The Yearling class will be the colt with the highest amount of points of the maximum two (2) WFA competition trips. Any tie breaker goes to the highest marked colt in that competition season. If there is still a tie, then the second highest mark will be considered until a winner is decided. The top finisher award will be a buckle.
- 8.2. Qualification into the World Futurity Finale for the Open 2-year-old and Open 3-year-old dummy classes will be the top ten (10) horses in the Open 2-year-old class and top twenty (20) horses in the Open 3-year-old class throughout the WFA. A colt must have a minimum of 9 points in order to qualify.
 - 8.2.1. 2-year-old and 3-year-old dummy colts that qualify AND are entered by the Member for the World Futurity Finale will automatically be entered into the Sale. Finalists, after you agree and are booked into the Finale by the noted cutoff date, and then pull out after that date, you are still required to pay your consignment and entry fee. By this time, there is little chance to fill your spot, and this puts the remaining contractors at a disadvantage.
 - 8.2.2. Horse of the Finale - Judge's marks will be tallied, and the colts ranked from 1st place to last, to determine Horse of the Finale and Finale payout in each class. The same WFA Judging criteria used during the competition year will be used for the Finale.
 - 8.2.3. Horse of The Year - Points for the Finale will be awarded based on the WFA point marking system and those points will be added to the cumulative points for each horse at



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the Finale. The top point horse will be the Horse of The Year in each class.

- 8.3. WILD CARD Finale Qualification – there will be two stand alone Wild Card events at the end of each competition year; one in Canada and one in the United States. The top horse in each class from each event will get an automatic entry into the year end Finale in each class. Qualifications for the Wild Card event: A Member's horse must not have qualified in the top 10 - 2 year old class or the top 20 – 3 year old class at year end.
- 8.4. The Bareback class, the Saddlebronc class and the Women's 2 Year Old class top Horse of the Year will be determined by the top three (3) WFA points markings in that competition year, including any Finale points.
- 8.5. The WFA will have the IRONMAN COWBOY award for the greatest amount of WFA horses which that cowboy gets on in each competition year in both the Bareback horse class and the Saddlebronc horse class. There will be a buckle and a cash bonus to the top cowboy.
- 8.6. There will be an award for the top Canadian and the top American Official Judge at year end voted on by membership. Those two Official Judges will also be eligible to judge the Finale.

9. EVENT PRODUCTION AND REQUIREMENTS

- 9.1. The event producer shall supply, at their cost the following:



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- 9.1.1. Four judges including Two (2) Official Judges for the WFA event, approved by WFA Administration
- 9.1.2. Pick-up Men - Depending on the classes offered, suitable pick-up men for smooth production of the event and for safety of cowboys/colts/etc.
- 9.1.3. Secretary, and a timer for the WFA event - Personnel hired must be familiar with the WFA point marking system, judging system, and reporting to WFA Administration. Where available, WFA personnel may be hired for those positions.
- 9.1.4. The event producer shall supply, at their cost, a Chute Boss and back-pen workers to help keep the WFA event running smoothly. Production is key for all events to maintain a professional event for both members and spectators.
- 9.1.5. Insurance. Event producer must have insurance to cover that event. The WFA is not liable for any issues at an event.
- 9.2. The event producer shall provide at least the minimum amount of \$500 of added money per each class offered at the WFA event *excluding the Yearling Class. Yearling Class has no minimum added money.* The new Women's 2 Year Old Class will have a minimum of \$250 added. Entry fees per horse shall be a minimum of \$100 per head *excluding the Yearling Class. Yearling class has no minimum entry fee. Cowboys have no minimum entry fee.*
- 9.3. The event producer shall deduct a maximum of 20% of the entry fee/horse to cover event expenses. The deduction shall be noted so members are aware of that detail prior to event



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registration. There is no deduction allowed on Cowboy entry fees.

- 9.4. There are no minimum amount or configuration of classes required at a WFA event. i.e.: WFA event has an Open 2-year-old class only.
- 9.5. WFA events shall be held no later than the end of October of that competition year, any exceptions (like a special event) must be communicated to the WFA in a timely fashion. This requirement allows the WFA to get all horses in all classes tallied and ready for Year End Awards and the World Futurity Finale of that year.
- 9.6. Results from WFA events shall be provided to the WFA Administration within the week of the event competition.
- 9.7. Event producer shall make every effort to have both a photographer and videographer at their events for media coverage and promotion of event and breeder/horse.

10. PARTICIPANT RISK

- 10.1. The WFA, it's owners, directors, employees, or contractors shall NOT be responsible for any injury, death, or loss of any animal entered or present or for any other reason at any WFA produced event. The WFA shall NOT be responsible for the injury or death to any person attending or participating in any WFA produced event.



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- 10.2. If an animal competes at a WFA event and an injury occurs, WFA fees will NOT be refunded. If an animal can not compete, WFA fees shall be refunded.

11. WFA HEALTH REQUIREMENTS & DRUG POLICY

- 11.1. All horses competing at WFA events must be in good health or will not be allowed in competition.
- 11.2. All horses competing at WFA events must meet the requirements of the state, province, or territory that it competes at. This may require a negative COGGINS test. Different states, provinces or territories may require additional certificates (a Veterinary Health Certificate) or permits.
- 11.3. FOREIGN OBJECTS / ELECTRICAL DEVICES – absolutely NO foreign objects or electrical devices, including any object in the flank or on the body of the horse is allowed or will be tolerated. Any Member not adhering to this rule is subject to disqualification of the horse in the event, and all entry fees and/or winnings shall be forfeited. Disciplinary action will be taken to the Member involved, including Fines or Suspensions.
- 11.4. The WFA will not tolerate any abuse or mistreatment of any horse at a WFA event.
- 11.5. All horses entered into competition are expected to be chute broke and in good handling demeanor.
- 11.6. The WFA prohibits and will maintain a zero tolerance for the use of Prohibited Substances on competition horses, including, but not limited to Anabolic Steroids, Beta Blockers, Hormones, Analgesics, Narcotics, Stimulants, Antidepressants, or any



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other substance that chemically changes the performance of a horse. WFA reserves the right to allow testing on any horse entered and/or competing at a WFA event, and the cost of such shall be borne by the Member if appropriate testing is positive. Disqualification of the horse at competition and forfeiture of all entry fees, WFA fees and winnings shall take place if the horse tests positive to any Prohibited Substances.