

The World Futurity Association

2021 Rulebook

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#### Building Better Buckers

The World Futurity Association is passionate about developing venues for bucking horse breeders across America to showcase their horses from yearlings until they are 5 years old. We are dedicated to creating a competitive, yet positive, environment where these colts can get the exposure that they need to set them up for success in their rodeo careers. By Building Better Buckers, we are able to create an impactful effect on the lives of the bucking horse breeder, the stock contractors, the rodeo cowboys, the event producers, and the bucking horse fans.

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**ARTICLE Ⅰ**

**NAME**

This association shall be known as the **WORLD FUTURITY ASSOCIATION, LLC.**

**ARTICLE Ⅱ**

**OBJECTIVES**

**The objectives of this Association shall be:**

1. To promote the bucking horse and the breeders that raise them, the organizers of the events, and the sport of rodeo.
2. To arrange futurity venues for bucking horse breeders to compete in friendly and safe competition.
3. To organize and maintain a points system to track results of competition towards year end achievements.
4. To organize an annual finale competition yearly to highlight top horses and their breeders at season’s end.
5. To work together with our 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.
6. To promote 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 takes cowboys to the pay window and helps promote the stock contractors that will own them.

**ARTICLE Ⅲ**

**Interpretation**

The expressions defined hereinafter shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. **WFA–** World Futurity Association
2. **FUTURITY–** an approved futurity event within the World Futurity Association
3. **MEMBER–** a stock contractor, breeder, partnership, or individual that has been granted a membership in the WFA and will accumulate points from competition
4. **STOCK CONTRACTOR CARD–** a membership card covering an individual, a company or a partnership to have membership in the World Futurity Association.
   1. Each entity must have purchased their own card to accumulate points.
5. **PERMITS** can be purchased for a one-time entry of horses into a WFA event.
   1. Permits are subject to acceptance.
   2. No points will be accumulated by the purchaser.
6. **EVENT PRODUCER–** any individual, company, association, or group that applies for and holds a World Futurity Association event.

**ARTICLE Ⅳ**

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** Membership with the association is a privilege, not a right. Memberships shall be open to all persons, companies, and partnerships interested in furthering the objectives of the association.

**Section 2.** The WFA is a privately-owned LLC. The owner of the WFA reserves the right to deny membership, permitting, or participation or suspend indefinitely any breeder for any reason at any time.

**Section 3.** Memberships are subject to other provisions contained in these By-Laws and General Rules; membership shall be open to such persons or companies as the executive may or may not decide to admit.

**Section 4.** 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.

**Section 5.** The Stock Contractor Card covers membership for an individual breeder, a company, or a partnership.

**SECTION 6.** Membership applications can be made and paid for online at [www.worldfuturity.com](http://www.worldfuturity.com). If required, a hard copy can be emailed or faxed for those who 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.

**Section 7.** A one-time PERMIT can 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. Points are not retroactive if a Membership is purchased at a later date. Permits are also subject to approval and membership Rules.

**Section 8.** Prices for a Stock Contractor Card is $225 (USD) until May 31st, when it will go back to the full price of $250 (USD). A one-time Permit can be purchased for $75 (USD).

**ARTICLE Ⅴ**

**AMENDMENTS**

All amendments made to these bylaws must be made by the executive board.

General Rules

**ARTICLE Ⅰ**

**HORSE CLASSES AND FORMAT**

**Section 1. Yearling 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 for competition must have been born anytime in the PRIOR YEAR to competition between January 1stto December 31st. A yearling colt can compete a maximum of three (3) trips in a competition year with the top two (2) qualified trips points counting for year-end awards.

**Section 2. Women’s 2-year-old 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. A 2-Year-Old colt’s age for competition must be born TWO YEARS PRIOR to competition between January 1st to December 31st. A Women’s 2-year-old colt may compete in a maximum of four (4) events in the competition year with the top three (3) events points counting toward the Finale.

**Stipulation:** this is a new class EXCLUSIVELY for women. Colts in this class MUST be bucked and managed by the same woman the entire competition year. Ex. The women MUST flank their colt out. Points will be awarded to that colt from the Women’s class for that class. The Women’s 2-year-old colts will also be able to compete in the open 2-year-old class (the colt will only buck in the women's class and will transfer over), 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 the colt is to be eligible for the Finale, then the points accumulated in EACH class are to follow the class in which they were awarded class placing. If the colt will compete in both classes, it must be stipulated when entering the event which class they wish to be entered in.

**Section 3. Open 2-year-old 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. A 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.

**Section 4. Open 3-year-old 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. A 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.

**Section 5. 4/5-Year-Old Bareback 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 horse’s top three (3) events only will count toward year end awards and/or Finale.

**Section 6. 4/5 year old Saddle Bronc Horses** shall be bucked with a rider in the Saddle bronc class for 8 seconds. Horses must be born no more than FIVE YEARS PRIOR to competition to between January 1st and December 31st. Saddle Bronc horse’s top three (3) events only will count toward year end awards and/or Finale.

**ARTICLE Ⅱ**

**FINES AND SUSPENSIONS**

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:

1. Verbal or physical abuse or bullying to any WFA official, judge, committee, or other member.
2. Issuing or tendering bad checks for membership fees, WFA fees, or entry fees.
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.
4. A member not using proper and safe equipment on a horse. Ex: MUST have sheepskin-lined flank and properly padded dummy box.

**ARTICLE Ⅲ**

**ENTRIES AT EVENTS**

**Section 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 into WFA in the circumstance of no online access within the entry timeline.

**Section 2.** A WFA fee of $35 per head will be paid at the time of registration online for that event; this fee consists of a $25 finals fee, a $5 awards fee, and $5 office fee. This permits the event producer and coordinator to focus on production of the event, intake of entry fees, and payout amounts. Entry fees for the event itself will be paid at time of event, unless otherwise stated.

**Section 3.** Members require their membership number for event registration and that shall also be purchased online.

**Section 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 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!!!

**Section 4.** All horses MUST be branded prior to ARRIVING to a WFA event.

**Section 5.** Owners of each horse brought to an event MUST have current NEGATIVE COGGINS (ELISA or AGID) test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA). The WFA is being proactive as many Clubs and Events like ours are doing their absolute best in preventative maintenance to protect members’ horses. A copy of the current negative test needs to be submitted to the WFA office.

**Section 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.

**DISCLOSURE:** Any and all videos and photos taken at WFA Events may be subject for use in WFA Promotions and media exposure.

**ARTICLE Ⅳ**

**JUDGING**

**Section 1.** All WFA events will have two (2) judges to judge each horse. The 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. The judges for the rider classes are required to mark the horse and rider EACH (from 1 – 25 and marked in quarter point intervals).

**Section 2.** Judges &/or Administration will oversee the drawing order for horses to buck, all horses to be drawn and the draw order to be followed.

**Section 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.

**Section 4.** Horses in the dummy classes shall be marked as equivalent to horses in the rider classes with the following notations:

1. Any fall in the dummy classes that would cause a re-ride 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.
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.
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.
   1. It is the member’s responsibility to make sure that all equipment is rigged and working properly.
4. Any horse competing in the rider classes that has an equipment malfunction will be marked for the full eight (8) seconds, but the rider will be given the option for a re-ride.

**Section 5.** 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.

**Section 6.** Judges marks are final.

**ARTICLE Ⅴ**

**AGE VERIFICATION**

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 mouthing 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.

**ARTICLE Ⅵ**

**POINTS AND PAYOUTS**

**Section 1. Point**s- Each WFA event will use a point marking system to track horse placings in each class as follows:

1. WFA will use a 20-point marking system: 1st place receives 20 points, 2nd place receives 19 points, and 3rdplace receives 18 points all the way down to 20th place receiving 1 point.
   1. 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.
2. If a horse received a 0 marking in competition, it is not eligible for points, regardless of the amount of entries in that class.
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.
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.

**Section 2. Payouts-** WFA event producers will pay out 1 place per every 4 entries in a class to a maximum of ***10 payout positions***.

**Section 3. Payout Detailed Table**

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| **Entries** | **1st**  **place** | **2nd**  **place** | **3rd**  **place** | **4th**  **place** | **5th**  **place** | **6th**  **place** | **7th**  **place** | **8th**  **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%**

**ARTICLE Ⅶ**

**FINALE QUALIFICATIONS AND YEAR END AWARDS**

**Section 1. The Yearling class** will be the colt with the highest number 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.

**Section 2. Qualification into the World Futurity Finale**

A colt must have a minimum of 9 points in order to qualify for the WFA Finale with the top three (3) events counting points toward the Finale. The colts which will qualify for the finale are as followed:

1. The top twelve (12) horses in the Women’s Futurity 2-year-old.
2. The top twelve (12) horses in the Open 2-year-old Futurity.
3. The top twenty (20) horses in the Open 3-year-old Futurity.
4. The top 16 four (4) and five (5) year old Bareback Horses.
5. The top 16 four (4) and five (5) year old Saddle Bronc Horses.

**Section 3. 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.

**Section 4. 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 the Finale. The top point horse will be the Horse of The Year in each class.

**Section 5. The IRONMAN COWBOY Award** will be given to the cowboy who gets on the greatest number of WFA horses in both the Bareback Horse Class and Saddle Bronc Horse Class. There will be a buckle and a cash bonus to the top cowboy.

**ARTICLE Ⅷ**

**EVENT PRODUCTION AND REQUIREMENTS**

**Section 1.** The event producer shall supply the following at their own cost:

1. Two (2) Official Judges for the WFA event, approved by WFA Management.
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.
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. When available, WFA personnel may be hired for those positions.
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.
5. Insurance. Event producers must have insurance to cover that event. The WFA is not liable for any issues at an event.

**Section 2. Added Money**

The event producer shall provide at least the minimum amount of required added money for each class at their event, the minimum amount is as following:

1. The Yearling Class has no minimum added money.
2. The Women’s 2 Year-Old Class and the 2-Year-Old Open Class have a minimum of $250 in each class.
3. The 3 year old open class, the Bareback Horse Class, the Saddle Bronc Class, and the Team Events have a minimum of $500 each.

**Section 3. Entry Fees**

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 and no minimum added money.*

**Section 4.** 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 registration. There is no deduction allowed on Cowboy entry fees.

**Section 5.** 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.

**Section 6.** 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 at the end of the year.

**Section 7.** Results from WFA events shall be provided to the WFA Administration within the week of the event competition.

**Section 8.** Event producers shall make every effort to have both a photographer and videographer at their events for media coverage and promotion of event and breeder/horse.

**ARTICLE Ⅸ**

**PARTICIPANT RISK**

**Section 1.** The WFA, its 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.

**Section 2.** The WFA shall NOT be responsible for the injury or death to any person attending or participating in any WFA produced event.

**Section 3.** If an animal competes at a WFA event and an injury occurs, WFA fees will NOT be refunded.

**Section 4.** If an animal cannot compete, WFA fees shall be refunded.

**ARTICLE Ⅹ**

**WFA HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND DRUG POLICY**

**Section 1. Health Requirements**

1. All horses competing at WFA events must be in good health or will not be allowed in competition.
2. All horses competing at WFA events must meet the requirements of the state that it competes at. This may require a negative COGGINS test. Different states may require additional certificates (a Veterinary Health Certificate) or permits.

**Section 2. 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.

1. 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.
2. Disciplinary action will be taken to the Member involved, including Fines or Suspensions.

**Section 3.** The WFA will NOT tolerate any abuse or mistreatment of any horse at a WFA event.

**Section 4.** All horses entered into competition are expected to be chute broke and in good handling demeanor.

**Section 5.** 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 other substance that chemically changes the performance of a horse.

**Section 6.** The WFA reserves the right to allow testing on any horse entered and/or competing at a WFA event.

1. 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.
2. The cost of such shall be borne by the Member if appropriate testing is positive.

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