

# EXHIBITING BRANGUS CATTLE

## EXHIBITION RULES

Special rules regarding the exhibition of Brangus cattle, called “Eligibility and Inspection of Exhibits” are enforced at all IBBA sponsored shows. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to become acquainted with the rules and to abide by the procedures set forth by the IBBA. These policies and rules apply to all open shows as well as junior shows, and both will receive IBBA’s full cooperation.

## MAJOR SHOW SPONSORSHIP

An important service role of the IBBA is the planning, coordinating, and sponsoring of national shows as designated by the IBBA Board of Directors.

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1. Owner of record on all animals entered in an IBBA National or Regional point show must be active members of the IBBA in good standing.
2. Animals must be registered Brangus, Red Brangus, Ultrablack or Ultrared with the International Brangus Breeders Association (IBBA) to be eligible to compete in an IBBA-sponsored show. The registration certificate (or photocopy) for each entry must be available for presentation to the Superintendent or show manager at the time entry is verified prior to judging. Ultrablacks and Ultrareds must show separately from Brangus and Red Brangus.
3. Animals recorded in the IBBA Appendix registry are ineligible to show.
4. The registration number, permanent animal identification number (brand or tattoo), birth date and sire of each animal entered in an individual class must be listed on the entry form.
5. Any animal recorded in the IBBA registry that has a “Parentage Dispute” listed in its first three-generation pedigree is ineligible for participation in Brangus shows and exhibitions. If the dispute is resolved, the listing will be removed from the pedigree and show eligibility will be restored.
6. The IBBA, and its representatives, have the authority to require such tests as they deem necessary to verify the accuracy of the classification and pedigree of exhibited animals. Said authority shall extend to, and cover the enforcement of, all show rules as adopted by the IBBA.
7. UPDATED - All animals are required to have completed parent verification on file at IBBA prior to the show check-in. If an animal does not have parent verification completed at that time, they will be ineligible to show. IBBA reserves the right to collect DNA samples at any IBBA-sanctioned show. Collection will be conducted by random draw for retesting of parentage at the association’s expense. At the four national IBBA-sanctioned shows, three random samples will be collected from Brangus and Ultrablack entries and three random samples will be collected from Red Brangus and Ultrared entries. If the calf at side is over 60 days of age by the date of show check-in, it must have parent verification completed by show check-in. If it is under 60 days, parent verification of the calf is not required. Cows in the cow/calf pair classes are exempt from the parent verification requirement if they are born prior to September 1, 2016.
8. Prior to check-in, heads of breeding animals must be clipped of all hair (including topknots) and be free of scurs and/or slick spots.
9. Any animal found to have scurs and/or slick spots, or evidence of incisions, surgical or otherwise, in the following areas: head, testicles, sheath, navel or dewlap; including scars from caesarean sections, will be disqualified from showing. Animals with illegal white (white in front of the navel), any indication of brindling (a color pattern characterized by red streaks mingled with black), or red animals with any unacceptable coloring (according to the IBBA Red Hide Color Scale - available at [gobrangus.com](http://gobrangus.com) - and including Brown, Grey, Yellow, Light to White, White Legs, or Black Muzzle) are ineligible for show. Any animal upon check in which does not have a legible tattoo or brand corresponding to its registration certificate is ineligible to show. Once disqualified due to incorrect or illegible tattoo/brand, animals cannot be re-tattooed Page 2 and rechecked at show. The brand/tattoo can be corrected and rechecked at the next available show.
10. In IBBA sanctioned shows, no animal may be shown that has been artificially filled with any amount of liquid at any time once the animal enters the grounds of a show. The fitter or ranch entity involved with an animal being artificially filled will be banned from the show ring for one year and the animal will be disqualified from exhibition at that particular show. The official show veterinarian may administer liquids orally, if so needed without disqualifying animal(s) from exhibition.

11. No animal may be shown that has had any foreign objects, including ear tags, glued to or otherwise attached in a manner so as to alter its conformation or change its appearance. Animals unethically fitted to alter the conformation or appearance of the animal will be disqualified. Tail ties and hair nets used on the tail and switch are the only exceptions.
12. Paint or coloring agents of any kind are not to be used on any animal exhibited at IBBA sponsored shows. The use of aerosol products of any kind will not be permitted in the line-up area for the show. Animals will be towed in the line-up area prior to entering the show ring. Animals found in violation of these policies will be disqualified from showing.
13. All bulls 15 months of age or older that are exhibited at IBBA sponsored shows must have passed a fertility examination given by a licensed veterinarian to be eligible to show. The results of the examination must be available at check-in. Once a bull has a positive examination, retesting is not required.
14. All bulls (shown as an individual entry) must be shown with a nose ring or nose restraint with lead attached.
15. Weights and scrotal measurements will be taken at check-in at all four of the IBBA National Shows. Any bull can be weighed before they enter the show ring and cannot have more than a 7.5% gain. Anyone may protest a bull's gain and cause them to be weighed by submitting a written protest to the ethics committee prior to the start of the bull show.
16. All females 20 months of age or older exhibited at IBBA sanctioned shows, must have available at the time of check-in, a certificate of pregnancy issued by an accredited, non-owner veterinarian, or blood test results certificate. If the female is open due to being in an embryo transfer program, this fact must be verified in a written statement by a non-owner embryologist. If verification cannot be produced, the female may be allowed to participate if the exhibitor can produce a qualified veterinarian to examine the female at the show site and verify pregnancy. Females showing in the Senior Heifer Division of Spring Shows (January 1 through May 31) must adhere to the classifications and have an IBBA registered natural calf, not older than 250 days of age on show date.
17. All calves exhibited at the side of a female must be registered with the IBBA and meet all rules required for show eligibility and inspections of exhibits. Brangus and Red Brangus Cows exhibited in the cow/calf show must have Brangus or Red Brangus calves at side with R or RR numbers. Ultrablack and Ultrared Cows exhibited in the cow/calf show can have UB, UR, R or RR calves at side.
18. Animals eligible to be shown in group classes must be entered and shown in respective individual classes. Cows exhibited in the cow/calf classes are not eligible for the group classes.
19. Entries that have not complied with all of the above rules will not be eligible to show, to receive premium monies, or earn points in the IBBA's Show Sire of the Year, Show Dam of the Year, Show Bull of the Year, and Show Heifer of the Year awards.
20. All IBBA and IJBBA members will abide by the show rules as adopted and posted online at [gobrangus.com](http://gobrangus.com), regardless of show premium book. In addition, any show, fair, event or display in which Brangus, Red Brangus, Ultrablack or Ultrared cattle participate should follow these rules as adopted by IBBA. All entries are subject to the provision of a rule of the IBBA entitled "Inspection of Exhibits".

## **INSPECTION OF EXHIBITS**

1. The IBBA and its representative have the authority to require such tests as they deem necessary to verify the accuracy of the classification and pedigree of exhibited animals. Said authority shall extend to and cover the enforcement of all show rules as adopted by IBBA.
2. Each exhibitor shall submit his or her registered cattle to such tests and examinations as requested and/or required by the IBBA, its authorized representatives, or those of the relevant show.
3. For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in any function each exhibitor hereby releases the Association, its officers, directors and representatives from negligence, any and all claims, suits, and judgments past, present, or future, arising from or connected with the administration or use of such test or examination and the resulting decision there from.
4. Dental Inspection: All entries may be classified for judging on an age basis and should be entered in class according to age. Teeth may be inspected by a veterinarian designated by the I.B.B.A. in order to determine whether dental development is within allowable limits for the class so entered. If the veterinarian determines that in his opinion dental development exceeds maximum allowable limits, the animal shall be moved to an older class as determined by the veterinarian and shall remain in that class until determined otherwise by subsequent mousing or favorable appeal to the IBBA Board of Directors. If it is not possible to move an animal, the animal may not be exhibited in such show.
5. Any exhibitor desiring to dispute or challenge the results of any such test, exam, or show rule enforcement, as applied to his animals, shall do so in accordance with procedures established by the rules of the IBBA.
6. Appeal: An appeal from the decision of the veterinarian or designated association representatives designated by the I.B.B.A. under sections 2 and 6 of the Inspection of Exhibits may be made to the IBBA Board of Directors if the following requirements are satisfied: 1) the appeal is in writing and is signed by the appealing party; and 2) the appealing party files the written appeal with the IBBA Board of Directors as soon as possible after the veterinarian's or designated association representative's decision is rendered and in any event within six (6) hours of the time the veterinarian's or designated association representative's decision was made. If an appeal satisfying the foregoing requirements is filed with the IBBA Board of Directors, the IBBA Board of Directors shall hold a hearing at which the appealing party and the veterinarian or designated association representatives whose decision is being appealed shall present statements and other evidence that are relevant to the matter, following which the IBBA Board of Directors shall render a decision which shall be final and conclusive.

## **IBBA DNA TYPING FOR PARENTAGE VERIFICATION**

Each Brangus, Red Brangus, Ultrablack or Ultrared animal for which an entry application or registration is received may be subjected to a DNA genotyping test in order to verify accuracy of parentage, according to Rules 5, 6, and 7 of the International Brangus Breeders Association (IBBA) Show Eligibility and Inspection of Exhibits. Staff or a representative of IBBA will supervise the collection of tail hair samples, which can be taken at shows, fairs, and events where IBBA contributes premium money or where IBBA staff personnel participate. If a recorded parent is excluded (as a parent) as a result of DNA analysis, the owner of the animal may request, at his or her own expense, further determination of the actual parent. Failure to determine the sire and dam will result in the animal being listed in the IBBA Registry as a "Parentage Dispute," and the animal will be ineligible for future shows and exhibitions.

## **SHOW RULES VIOLATION POLICY**

1. A show rules violation to be a valid complaint must be accompanied by a written statement describing the violation, the perpetrator of the violation, and signed by an active member of the IBBA. This written complaint will be presented to an Ethics Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and an appointed member. All three people will be current members of the show committee. A minimum of two of these members must be present at the Show where the rule violation occurs. The Chairman shall appoint other members of the Show Committee to ensure a minimum of two on this committee at each IBBA approved show.
2. The Committee shall rule on the validity of the rule violation. The committee shall visit with the perpetrator, present the written complaint, and make a ruling on the complaint if valid.
3. The perpetrator is entitled to appeal any decision made by the Ethics Show Committee to the IBBA Board of Directors but the IBBA Board of Directors has the right to disqualify the perpetrator from the IBBA approved show after hearing an appeal. The IBBA Board of Directors' decision will be final.
4. Without the IBBA Board of Directors' decision, the perpetrator cannot be disqualified from this particular IBBA approved show. However, the animal can be disqualified by the Ethics Committee if the rule violation is deemed valid.
5. For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in any Brangus function, each exhibitor hereby releases the Association, its officers, directors and representatives from negligence, any and all claims, suits, and judgments past, present, or future, arising from or connected with this policy and the resulting decision there from.