

International Brangus Breeders Association
Show Rules for Brangus, Red Brangus, & Ultra Shows
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Mission Statement

The IBBA seeks to provide and support livestock shows and exhibitions that promote all recognized and registered Brangus, Red Brangus and Ultra cattle (collectively Brangus) of our association. The objective of our shows is to provide a fair and collaborative forum where IBBA members may display their cattle, market their Brangus ranches and practice ethical Herdsmanship.

The following rules and guidelines apply to all IBBA sanctioned and sponsored shows. All IBBA and IJBBA members will abide by the show rules as adopted and posted online at gobrangus.com, regardless of any 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 established by the IBBA.

Eligibility

1. The owner(s) of record on all animals entered in an IBBA National or Regional point show must be an active member(s) 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. Animals recorded in the IBBA Appendix registry are ineligible to show.
3. UltraBlacks and UltraReds must show separately from Brangus and Red Brangus, with the exception of calves shown at the side of their dams in both the Female and Cow Calf show. The registration prefix of the dam determines the classification of the pair.
4. All calves exhibited at the side of the female must be registered with the IBBA and meet all rules required for show eligibility and inspections of exhibits (refer to Rule 9.a.). The registration prefix of the dam determines the classification of the pair.
5. 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.

Animal Identification

6. The registration certificate (or photocopy) for each entry must be available for presentation to the Superintendent or show manager at the time entries are verified prior to judging. Digital images and herd book data sheets will not be accepted.
7. Once an animal's identification has been verified by visual inspection of a brand or ear tattoo, it's registration papers will be stamped with seal of the IBBA with the date of the inspection. In future shows, this registration certificate with the seal will need to be presented at check in for identification purposes only. If this registration certificate is presented with the seal of the IBBA, the

additional inspection of a brand or ear tattoo is not required. If a new or unstamped certificate is presented, the animal's identification must be verified again before a stamped is received again. Any animal is subject to recheck by the IBBA Ethics Committee at any show at any time.

8. Any animal upon check in which does not have a legible tattoo or brand corresponding to its registration certificate is ineligible to show. An animal may be tattooed immediately at a show for reinspection.

Parent Verification

9. All animals are required to have completed parent, both sire and dam, verification on file at IBBA prior to the show check-in. If an animal does not have **DNA parent verification** completed at that time, they will be ineligible to show. DNA parent verification is defined as having submitted DNA samples per the IBBA DNA testing process of the animals being entered, their sire and their dam, and then having the show animal's genotype match to that of both parents as determined by the IBBA.
 - a. If the calf at side is over 90 days of age by the date of show check-in, it must have parent verification completed by show check-in. If it is under 90 days, parent verification of the calf is not required.
 - b. Cows in the cow/calf pair classes are exempt from the parent verification requirement if they are born prior to September 1, 2016.
10. 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 six 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. An animal found to not match the stated pedigree must resolve the question before it is allowed to show again. I

Physical Inspection and Eligibility

11. Prior to check-in, heads of exhibited animals must be clipped of all hair, including topknots and be free of scurs and/or slick spots. Animals not in compliance at check in will be required to comply before check in is complete, or they will not be allowed to show.
12. 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. They shall be disqualified at the show where the violation is determined and all future IBBA sponsored and sanctioned shows. A veterinary statement of purpose or cause will not be accepted.
13. Animals with illegal white (defined as white in front of the navel) or 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 High Color Scale – available at gobrangus.com – and including Brown, Grey, Yellow, Light to White, White Legs or Black Muzzle) are ineligible for show at the show in which the color issue is found. The animal is eligible for inspection at future shows.

14. No animal may be shown that has been pumped with any amount of liquid at any time once the animal enters the grounds of a show. The official show veterinarian may administer liquids orally, if so needed, without disqualifying animal(s) from exhibition.
 - a. A protest of this violation must be submitted per the Violation Policy
 - b. Penalty: The fitter and 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.

15. All entries may be classified for judging on an age basis and should be entered in class according to age. All cattle 18 months (550 days) of age and younger are subject to dental inspection by random check or official protest. Protests can be made at any IBBA show or facilitated by a ranch visit by IBBA Field service representatives. Upon inspection by the ethics committee or IBBA field service representative, photographs of teeth will be taken along with the animal private herd number (tattoo or brand). The photographs will be submitted to a panel of 3 qualified independent specialists that are USDA certified and an accredited veterinarian for final decision. Animals will not be deemed ineligible until the official decisions from the 3 qualified independent specialists is returned to the IBBA. Cattle 18 months (550 days) of age and younger that are inspected and found to have the eruption of ADULT incisors will be subject to disqualification from any IBBA sponsored show. Points accumulated for the present show year by the falsely aged animal will be removed from the SHOW ANIMAL STANDINGS LIST, and that animal will be ineligible for awards.

Fitting and Presentation

16. Animals unethically fitted to alter the conformation or appearance of the animal, as determined by the appointed IBBA Ethics Committee or IBBA Staff, will be immediately disqualified at the show in which the violation occurred. This includes:
 - a. No animal may be shown that has had any foreign objects, glued to or otherwise attached in a manner so as to alter its conformation or change its appearance.
 - b. Paint or coloring agents of any kind are not to be used on any animal exhibited at IBBA sponsored shows.

17. All bulls must have a nose ring or nose restraint with the lead attached at all times, with the exception of being tied in the stalls and tie outs. This includes but is not limited to being in the show ring and during check in. The nose lead/nose restraint must be an additional lead and not part of the halter. For example, running the lead of the halter through the nose ring as the restraint is **not** within guidelines. Bulls 250 days and younger are exempt from this requirement.

18. Unruly animals that cannot be kept under control will be disqualified at the said show. If an animal breaks away from its handlers three times, they will be dismissed from the show ring and not eligible to show at that particular show.

Fertility and Performance Requirements

19. Weights and scrotal measurements will be taken on all bulls at check-in at all six of the IBBA National Shows.
20. All Brangus bulls 18 months of age or older that are exhibited at IBBA sponsored shows must have passed a fertility examination given by a non-owner licensed veterinarian or a non-owner certified technician to the standards of the Society of Theriology 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.
21. 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, non-owner certified professional or blood test results certificate. If a blood tests results certificate is provided, it must be blood collected by a non-owner veterinarian or non-owner certified professional, and documented. 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.

Show Rules Violation Policy and Penalties

23. The IBBA and its representative have the authority to request and require such tests as they deem necessary to verify the accuracy of the classification, pedigree of exhibited animals and enforce all show rules as adopted by the IBBA. IBBA representatives shall include the appointed Ethics Committee at each show. A decision by the Ethics Committee and/or the IBBA representative shall stand at the show in which it is made.
24. Owners are responsible for any infraction committed by a non-member or anyone employed or contracted by the owner.
25. A valid show rules violation 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 of the Show Committee and the three person Ethics Committee that has been previously appointed for the show where the complaint is presented. All four people will be current members of the Show Committee.
26. The Ethics Committee shall rule on the validity of the rule violation. The Ethics Committee shall visit with the perpetrator, present the written complaint, and make a ruling on the complaint if valid. The penalty will be applied according to each stated rule above.
27. The perpetrator is entitled to appeal any decision made by an IBBA representative, Ethics Committee, a veterinarian, certified industry professional or designated association representatives to the IBBA Board of Directors. The following requirements must be met: 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 decision is rendered however, the ruling will stand at the show in which the violation occurred. If the IBBA Board of Directors over turns the ruling of the Show Committee Ethics Committee, the exhibitor and or animal in question will be

allowed to return to future shows. The IBBA Board of Directors has the right to disqualify the perpetrator from the IBBA approved show after hearing an appeal. The IBBA's Board of Directors decision is final.

28. 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, Show Heifer of the Year and Show Cow Calf Pair awards.
29. 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.

Presentation of Classes for International Brangus & Red Brangus Shows

An IBBA National Point show shall be conducted in the order described below. Regional and non-Point Show may choose to conduct a show in a difference manner.

IBBA National Point Show class order:

- I. The Brangus Show will begin with the Black Female classes. Junior Heifer Calf classes will be judged through Junior Heifer Calf Champion and Reserve Junior Heifer Calf Champion.
- II. Then, the Red Female classes will enter the ring and will be judged through Junior Heifer Calf Champion and Reserve Junior Heifer Calf Champion.
- III. This procedure will be alternated between Black and Red Shows until all age champions have been selected.
- IV. After this, the Black Female Age Division Champions (Junior Heifer Calf Champion, Senior Heifer Calf Champion, Summer Champion Heifer, Yearling Champion Heifer and Senior Champion Heifer) will be brought back to the ring for the Black Female Grand Drive. The judge will select the Grand Champion Black Female and Reserve Grand Champion Black Female.
- V. Upon completion of the Black Grand Drive, the Red Female Age Champions will be brought back to the ring for the Red Female Grand Drive.
- VI. The Cow/Calf classes will begin with the Black females. The Black Cow/Calves will be judged through Champion and Reserve
- VII. Champion Cow/Calf. Then, the Red Cow/Calf classes will be judged through Champion and Reserve Champion Red Cow/Calf.
- VIII. The above procedure will be followed in the bull judging, beginning with the Black classes and alternating between Red and Black Shows. If a division does not have any cattle entered, the division will be skipped.
- IX. Group classes will be judged with Black Group Classes all being exhibited first, followed by all Red Group Classes.