

# American Red Brangus Association

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## Show Rules

1. Animals must be registered in the herd book of the American Red Brangus Association (ARBA) and have a legible brand that corresponds with the registration papers. The registration certificate must be available for presentation to the show superintendent or AJRBA/ARBA Sifting Committee. Owners must be a member in good standing of the AJRBA or ARBA. Animals must be entered and exhibited under the recorded ownership at the time of the show's entry deadline.
2. Animals must be polled. Heads of all animals must be clipped at time of check-in close to the skin (1/4") and be free from scurs. Surgical removal of scurs is a disqualification.
3. Any animal found to have scurs or evidence of incision, surgical, or otherwise in following areas head, navel, testicles, sheath, or dewlap will be disqualified.
4. No animal will be shown that has foreign objects glued to or otherwise attached in any manner so as to alter its confirmation or appearance. The dying or artificial changing of the overall natural hair color of an animal is prohibited. Animals may not be brindled, black, or have excessive white or white in front of the navel. Animals must be solid red with pink nose.
5. Bulls 18 months or over must have a valid, satisfactory semen test with 120 days of show date. Females 24 months or over must have a certificate of pregnancy issued by a licensed veterinarian available for inspection or have a calf at side and be lactating with the exception of those in an embryo donor program which may be open within 90 days of show date, after 90 days they must be bred. A Veterinarian's certificate of embryo work must be presented. Calves at side must meet registration requirements of the ARBA, be the natural calf of cow, and the cow must be lactating.
6. All Bulls must be shown with a nose lead with the exception of bull calves shown at the side of cow.
7. The ARBA/AJRBA has the right to verify age and parentage. The exhibitor agrees to submit any animal entered by him/her to inspection by veterinarian appointed by the junior committee and agrees to have such animal submitted to such test as maybe requested at any time. AJRBA also reserves the right to have ultrasound, DNA, blood, and/or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The exhibitor, including his or her parent/guardian must be present for testing and must witness, seal and sign the sample; thus verifying the sample to be properly collected and prepared for analysis. The conclusions reached by the veterinarians and analyses shall be final and conclusive without recourse against the ARBA/AJRBA or any officer, director, or employee thereof or any veterinarian as appointed by the junior Committee. The exhibitor waives any right of action which he/she might have for any action taken under this rule and releases the ARBA and the veterinarian from any and all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with the inspection or testing of any such animal or any ruling or action taken by reason of the conclusion of such veterinarian. In the event the any animal is declared by the veterinarian or testing agency to be unethically fitted or unethically registered, such exhibitor will be disqualified from the show and will remain ineligible to show at any and all ARBA affiliated shows for a period of 1 year from the date of infraction.
8. All members of the ARBA/AJRBA will abide by these rules as adopted. In addition, any fair, show, event or display in which Red Brangus cattle participate should comply with rules as adopted.

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9. Interference: If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by agent, or servant, interferes with the judges during their adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them, or the show, the ARBA Junior/Open Show Committee may demand a proper apology from exhibitor, may exclude them from competition, bar him from the show grounds, and may withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.
10. Unethically Fitted Livestock: The showing of unethically fitted livestock is defined as, the showing of livestock that is ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, or the misrepresentation of breeding status or of milking status is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of changing the normal conformation of any part of the animals' body or using drugs, including the use of over the counter drugs and/or extra-label, or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup and/or performance of the animal. This includes the following:
  - a. Animals that are in milk due to unnaturally induced lactation.
  - b. Balancing the udder by any means other than leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters.
  - c. Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counterirritant, or other substance to temporarily improve conformation.
  - d. Minimizing the effects of cramping by feeding or injecting drugs and depressants or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment except normal exercise.
  - e. Blocking the nerves to prevent limping or switching of the tail.
  - f. Striking the animals to cause swelling in a depressed area.
  - g. Surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour of appearance of the animal's body, hide, except the removal of warts, and the permitted clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
  - h. Insertion of foreign material under the skin to alter the confirmation of the animal including, but not limited to the use of air injection, fatty substances, etc.
  - i. Changing the color of hair. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed.
  - j. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method per as (by esophagus) is prohibited.
  - k. The use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages in the feed or administered by a drench.
  - l. The use of diuretics.
  - m. Administration of a drug internally or externally without prescription or under the direction of a veterinarian is strictly prohibited.
    - i. The term "drug" shall mean any substance for which the sale, possession or use is controlled by license under federal, state, or local laws or regulation an any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions which affects the circulatory, respiratory, muscular, skeletal or central nervous system of any species of livestock.
11. Official Protests must be submitted to the Junior/Open Show Committee Chairperson in writing and accompanied by a \$300 deposit fee, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, giving good and

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sufficient reasons therefore, and must be delivered to the Chairperson immediately upon the occasion for the protest. Any protest not officially filed with 24 (twenty four) hours of alleged incident will not be considered. These protested cases will be directly referred to the Junior/Open Show Committee which will have full power to act and form a decision based on the information and evidence at hand; there can be no appeal of the committees' final decision. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.