

**WASHINGTON CATTLEMENS ASSOCIATION
2017/2018 ALL-BREED BULL TEST AND SALE
Rules and Regulations**

1. Breeders MUST submit a PRELIMINARY ENTRY FORM and \$100 per bull entry fee for the annual WCA All-Breed Bull Test and Sale by **August 17, 2017**. Send all entries to the:
WCA Bull Test; PO Box 96; Ellensburg, WA; 98926.
2. Deadline for all FINAL ENTRIES to the bull test and “Conditions of Consignment Acceptance form” is **September 19, 2017**.
3. An entry fee of \$100.00 per bull, for clerical and bull test publicity MUST accompany the preliminary entry form. \$75.00 of the \$100.00 entry fee will be refunded if a bull is not accepted into the test or if a consignor withdraws a bull that has already been entered.
4. The total feed, yardage and pre-sale cost is \$975.00 per bull. This fee must be paid by **September 19, 2017**. This fee is refundable until **October 3, 2017**. Bulls will not be accepted at the test site if this fee has not been fully paid and/or entry forms received by **September 19, 2017**.
5. Consigner’s must submit a signed “Volunteer sign-up sheet” with the final entry form. Consigner’s will be asked to volunteer to help for ONE, of several choices, to help with the bull test or choose to pay a fee of \$120 for the committee to be able to hire enough help to get the task done.
6. A maximum of 180 bulls will be tested. Each current voting WCA member may consign up to five bulls. Two additional bulls may be nominated for acceptance in case less than 160 bulls have been entered by **September 19, 2017**. If entries exceed capacity, space will be allocated based upon:
 - a. Date entry received
 - b. Previous test participation
 - c. Number of entries in each breed
 - d. New consignors may be limited to 1 bull
 - e. Previous consignors may be limited to 4 bulls
7. The test is open to bulls of all recognized beef breeds. Each breed must have a minimum of five bulls to participate in the test. It is recommended that each breed have at least 3 different consignors and 12 bulls.
8. Angus Composites: Bulls must be at least 25% Angus and be registered with-in their respected breed association. Example’s (Chi Angus, Sim Angus, Balancer, Lim-flex, Br Angus, and non 1A Red Angus.) Space will be limited to a maximum of 18 bulls for this division.
9. Bulls must be born between **January 1, 2017** thru **March 31, 2017**.
10. All breeds must be registered as purebred except Simmental bulls which must be at least 7/8 Simmental.
11. Red Angus must be category 1A to sell as “Red Angus” all other Red Angus will be tested and sold as Angus Composites.
12. Signed registration papers and adjusted 205 day weaning weights calculated by each respective breed association must be received by the Bull Test Management no later than **December 10, 2017**. Bulls missing EPD’s and or 205 day weights will not be cataloged and will removed as outs. Consignors that do not have registration papers signed and received at the WCA office by **12/10/17** may be required to take their bulls home without any further refunds.

13. Composites must be F-1 Simmental-Angus, must be the product of registered parents, and must be registered with a breed association or qualifying Red Angus.
14. Each consignor must be a current Washington Cattlemen's Association voting member as of October 1 of the current year. WCA voting membership dues are \$125/year for producers with 50 head and less and \$175/year plus \$0.40/head for producers with more than 50 head.

To receive a membership application please contact:

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15. Bulls must be delivered to the Bonina test facility from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on **October 20** and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on **October 21, 2017**. All bulls must weigh a minimum of 650 pounds off the truck at Eltopia. After a warm-up period, the 120-day bull test will begin on **November 1 and 2, 2017** and finish on **February 28 and March 1, 2018**. Beginning and ending weights will be a two-day average. A one-day weight will be taken at 60 days. Progress reports will be posted and emailed to consignors via the website, www.washingtoncattlemen.org/bullsale.htm.
16. All bulls must be LEGIBLY TATTOOED and the tattoo must match the registration papers.
17. All bulls will be checked on delivery for signs of obvious disease or sickness, warts or ring worm. All bulls exhibiting such characteristics will not be accepted for the test. Bulls deemed to be unmanageable and/or dangerous by the Bull Test Management may be returned to the consignor any time at the consignor's expense.
18. No bull may be removed from the test facilities without a written release from the Bull Test Management. Bulls may be removed from the test only for injury or chronic illness and at the discretion of the bull test management.
19. All consignors are required to produce proof of negative BVD-PI test prior to **October 3, 2017**. If proof is not provided bulls will not be allowed in the test.
20. All bulls must be vaccinated prior to weaning with the following:
 - a. IBR, PI3, BVD, types 1 & 2 BRSV
 - b. 8-Way Manneheimia, Haemolytica
 - c. Dewormed (injectable required)
 - d. Recommend treating for coccidiosis at the ranch
 - e. Recommend administration of an injectable mineral (such as Multi Min)
 - f. Bulls must receive booster shots approximately four weeks prior to arrival at the test facilities.
 - g. Bulls will be given another set of booster shots and wormed upon arrival at the test facility. In addition, bulls will be given Draxxin and Inforce 3.
 - h. Tassels on the sheath should be trimmed prior to delivery to lessen infections.

NOTE – Documentation "Conditions of Consignment Acceptance" included in entry packet for vaccinations must be completed – failure to do so will result in rejection at the test facility.

21. Bulls must be weaned at least 45 days prior to arrival at the test facility.
22. Bulls delivered to the test facility will remain the property of the consignor. The Washington Cattlemen's Association and the Bull Test Management will assume no responsibility for loss due to sickness, injury, or death. Insurance on the bulls is optional and the owner's responsibility. Insurance forms are available from the test management. In the event of a bulls death the owner

will be notified as soon as possible. Should the owner wish to have a necropsy exam, such an exam will be at the owner's expense. Consignors will be charged individually for treating sick bulls. If bulls are removed for sickness, injury or death a refund will be given for services not completed such as semen testing, ultra sound etc. No refunds will be given for feed or yardage (*feed and yardage are contractually prepaid by the Test and these costs must be covered in their entirety*).

23. Consignors are encouraged to view their animals while on test during the test facility's regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any business matters or complaints should be directed to Jack Field at (509) 929-1711.
24. All bulls will be given a breeding soundness evaluation at the conclusion of the test, and will also be evaluated for structural soundness by a sifting committee. Sifting can take place anytime up to sale day - e.g. an animal could be in the sale but develop lameness, etc. and not respond to treatment so the next qualifying animal would be placed in the sale order according to their test index.
25. Bulls will be indexed on a within-breed basis. Final test index will be based 50% on test gain and 50% on adjusted yearling weight.
26. To qualify for the **March 21, 2018** Sale each bull must:
 - Achieve a rating of satisfactory on a breeding soundness exam (BSE);
 - Have an adjusted 365-day scrotal circumference of at least 32 cm.
 - Be structurally sound as determined by a sifting committee;
 - Index 85.00 or above on final station index; and
 - Be in the top 75% (based on number of bulls of that breed starting the test) of their breed in final index. If all bulls within a breed qualify on BSE and structural soundness and index 95.00 or above, then all bulls of that breed will sell. The sifting process will be used to determine which bulls below an index of 95 will qualify for the sale as part of the top 75%. Sifting will start at the 85 index and work upwards until the poorest 25% have been eliminated from each breed.
27. If the Angus Breed has 50 bulls or more it may be divided into a growth division and a birth weight division. Calving ease Angus bulls must have an actual birth weight of 80 pounds or less, a birth EPD of +2.0 or lower, CED of 8+ and in addition both the sire and dam must have a birth EPD of 2.0 or less based on the updated EPD information at the conclusion of the test, to qualify for the low birth EPD division. These bulls will be indexed within their respective divisions. In the event the bulls in the low birth EPD division have a group average ADG greater than the bulls in the growth division, the gain index for both divisions in the breed will be based on the overall ADG for that breed.

If the Hereford Breed has 24 or more bulls with 6 or more of the bulls entered meeting the low birth EPD requirements the Hereford bulls may be divided into a low birth and growth division. Calving ease Hereford bulls must have an actual birth weight of 80 lbs. or less, a birth EPD of 2.0 or less and a CED of 2.0 or greater and in addition both the sire and dam must have a birth EPD of 3.5 or less based on the updated EPD information at the conclusion of the test, to qualify for the low birth EPD division.

Twins and embryo transfer calves are not eligible in either the Angus or Hereford breeds to qualify as calving ease bulls.

28. Private treaty sales will not be allowed at the sale. No signs, sales materials or ranch promotion is allowed in parking areas or on the Sale grounds except for those provided by WCA/Sale Management or placed on the Sale Pens by the consignor to promote bulls going thru the sale.

Bulls entered in the test, except those disqualified for poor performance, breeding soundness, structural soundness, or injury, will be required to sell through the bull test sale.

29. Sale expenses, including 5% for the sale manager, 1% for the auctioneer, and other expenses prorated on a percentage basis, will be subtracted from the sale proceeds on the final statement. Sale proceeds will be distributed within 30 days of the sale. This allows time for all sale expense bills to be received by the sale manager and completion of a thorough and accurate accounting of prorated sale expenses.
30. The Washington Cattlemen's Association will retain 2% of the gross sales in exchange for the Associations participation in, and promotion of the event, which includes a complementary booth at the WCA Convention trade show and advertising in the WCA publication ***The Ketch Pen***.
31. WCA Sale Test Management will have discretion in selecting the first few bulls to sell in each breed. Subsequent sale order will be based on final station index.
32. The most current EPD's provided directly by the breed association will be the only EPD's reproduced on test reports or printed in the sale catalog.
33. Bulls must go through the sale to be eligible for performance awards.
34. Bulls being DNA tested (*enhanced EPDs*) must have DNA results reported to Bull Test Management by **Oct. 3, 2017**. Consignors are required to include the results of enhanced EPDs on all bulls that have enhanced EPDs in all materials published relating to the Bull Test and Sale.

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