

**WASHINGTON CATTLEMENS ASSOCIATION**  
**2011/2012 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 16, 2011**, so the Bull Test Management can get an indication of pen and feed needs. Send all entries to the WCA Bull Test; PO Box 96; Ellensburg, WA; 98926.
2. Deadline for all **FINAL ENTRIES** to the bull test is **September 15, 2011**. A consignor may substitute bulls or drop bulls up to this date.
3. Breeders must submit a signed "Conditions of Consignment Acceptance form" by **September 30, 2011**.
4. 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.
5. The total feed, yardage and pre sale cost is \$800.00 per bull. This fee must be paid by September 15, 2011. This fee is refundable until **October 1, 2011**. Bulls will not be accepted at the test site if this fee has not been fully paid and/or entry forms received by **September 15, 2011** and all other required forms have not been submitted by **October 1, 2011**.
6. A maximum of 172 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 172 bulls have been entered by September 15, 2011. 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 2 bulls
  - 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.
8. Bulls must be born between January 1, 2011, and March 31, 2011.
9. **All breeds must be registered as purebred except Simmental bulls which must be at least 7/8 Simmental and Red Angus which must be category 1A or 1B and at least 7/8 Red Angus.** Bulls may be entered with pending status with only weaning data. **Registration papers must be received by the Bull Test Management no later than December 1, 2011.** Bulls may not be cataloged and may not sell if registration papers are not received by that date.
10. Composites must be F-1 Simmental-Angus, must be the product of registered parents, and must be registered with a breed association.
11. Each consignor must be a current Washington Cattlemen's Association voting member as of October 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. All consignors with a renewal date other than October 1<sup>st</sup> will have their dues pro-rated for an October 1<sup>st</sup> renewal date, due by September 15<sup>th</sup> with

Final Entry Form. WCA voting membership dues are \$100/year plus \$0.20/head over 50 head.

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12. Bulls must be delivered to the Bonina test facility from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 21 and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on October 22, 2011. All bulls must weigh a minimum of **600 pounds** off the truck at Eltopia. After a warm-up period, the 120-day bull test will begin on **November 8 and 9, 2011** and finish on **March 5 and 6, 2012**. Beginning and ending weights will be a two-day average. One-day weights will be taken at 40 and 80 days. Progress reports will be mailed to consignors and posted at the website, [www.washingtoncattlemen.org/bullsale.htm](http://www.washingtoncattlemen.org/bullsale.htm), within a week following each weigh date.
13. All bulls must be **LEGIBLY TATTOOED** and the tattoo must match the registration papers.
14. **All bulls will be checked on delivery for abnormal testicles, structural unsoundness, and 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.
15. 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.
16. All consignors are required to produce proof of negative BVD-PI test prior to October 1, 2011. **If proof is not provided bulls will not be allowed in the test.**
17. 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. Wormed (**injectable required**)
  - d. Bulls must receive booster shots approximately four weeks prior to arrival at the test facilities.
  - e. 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 Enforce 3.
  - f. 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.**

18. Bulls must be weaned at least 45 days prior to arrival at the test facility.
19. 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.

20. 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 the **WCA Breeds Committee Chair**, Lorren Hagen at (509) 936-4380.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. To qualify for the **March 28, 2012** sale a bull:
  - a. Must achieve a rating of satisfactory on a breeding soundness exam (BSE);
  - b. Must have an adjusted 365-day scrotal circumference of at least 32 cm.
  - c. Must be structurally sound as determined by a sifting committee;
  - d. Must index 90.00 or above on final station index; and
  - e. Must 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.
24. Breeds with 50 bulls or more may be divided into a low birth EPD and a growth division. Angus bulls must have an actual birth weight of 85 pounds or less, and a birth EPD of +2.0 or lower, 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.
25. Private treaty sales will not be allowed prior to 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
26. 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. Payment advances equal to 80% of the estimated net proceeds are available upon request from the sale manager.
27. 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 three pages of free advertising in the WCA publication ***The Ketch Pen***.
28. 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.

29. 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.
30. Bulls must go through the sale to be eligible for performance awards
31. Any Bulls that require more than 10 consecutive days to be hospitalized will be disqualified from the test and the consignor will be required to remove the bull from the test facility upon approval from the WCA.

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