

**MANITOBA BEEF CATTLE PERFORMANCE ASSOCIATION INC.
2018 - 2019 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE
DOUGLAS BULL TEST STATION**

I. GENERAL

A. Disputes or questions concerning any phase of conduct of the test or station, including eligibility of bulls to enter, will be dealt with by the Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Inc. Board of Directors, whose ruling will be final.

B. REGISTRATION PAPERS FOR ALL BREEDS

ALL REGISTRATION PAPERS AND/OR CALF CERTIFICATES AND/OR INTERIM PEDIGREE MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 1ST, 2019 OR A \$50.00 PER BULL LATE REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE CHARGED. IF THESE PAPERS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY THE END OF TEST, BULL(S) WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR SALE. PAYMENT TO THE SELLER (AFTER THE SALE) WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL REGISTRATION PAPERS HAVE BEEN CLEARED AND TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW OWNER.

C. All rules will be followed exactly as printed, unless so directed by the Board of Directors.

D. LIABILITY

The M.B.C.P.A. Inc. assumes no responsibility for any bull losses at any time -- during delivery, adjustment period, test period, pre-sale period, station sale, loading after sale, or after the bull leaves the station -- due to any cause such as sickness, injury or death. Also the M.B.C.P.A. Inc. does not guarantee that any bull is fertile or a breeder.

E. COSTS

A **NOMINATION FEE OF \$50 (FIFTY DOLLARS)** per bull will be charged by the M.B.C.P.A. Inc. and is due at the time of nomination. No nominations will be accepted without the inclusion of this \$50 fee. The \$50 nomination fee will only be refunded, in the form of credit to the contributor's yardage, if the M.B.C.P.A. Board of Directors does not accept the bull's nomination. (Example: If a contributor has ten bulls accepted for test but delivers only seven bulls to the Test Station, the contributor loses the \$150.00 nomination fee for the three bulls accepted but not delivered). Nomination fees of bulls rejected for any reason at the time of delivery to the Test Station will not be refunded. **The Nomination Fee (\$50 per bull) will be refunded when accounts are paid in full and sale cheques are issued.**

An **ADVANCED YARDAGE FEE OF \$50 (FIFTY DOLLARS)** per bull will be charged by the M.B.C.P.A. Inc. and is due at the time of bull delivery to the Test Station. **The Advanced Yardage Fee may be credited at the end-of-test and the amount credited will be decided by the Board of Directors.**

An **INSURANCE FEE OF \$20.00 PER BULL** will be charged by the M.B.C.P.A. Inc.. The M.B.C.P.A. Inc. has the right to decline insurance upon arrival for the first two days due to chronically sick or injured cattle. Insurance will be pro-rated based on the length of time the bull has been at the station to a maximum death benefit (\$1300.00) less carcass value upon receipt.

Pro-rated amounts are as follows:

2 days after delivery to 28 day weigh	=	\$ 1000
29 th day to 56 day weigh	=	\$ 1100
57 th day to 84 day weigh	=	\$ 1200
85 th day to sale day (on eligible bulls)	=	\$ 1300

The Board of Directors will adjust these numbers higher at the time of delivery if they feel the market will be higher or lower for that particular test year. No veterinary inspection or autopsy required unless requested by owner and will be charged at cost to Consignor. A Death Certificate will be issued. Consignors will be paid at the end of the test year upon recommendation from the Board of Directors. If total claims exceed amount of available funds, payment will be pro-rated. Any bull that becomes not eligible or retained following test will no longer be covered by the M.B.C.P.A.

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F. **BILLINGS**

Consignors will be billed monthly for grain ration, hay, bedding, mineral, and yardage plus GST on yardage. Consignors will also be charged for veterinarian and medicinal charges applicable to their own animals. These billings must be paid when received. Accounts unpaid for over thirty days will be charged compounded interest at the rate of **2% per month**. All accounts must be paid in full before bulls will again be accepted into the station.

G. Bulls not meeting requirements for the Test Station sale must be removed by the consignor or arrangements made prior to the sale date.

II **ELIGIBILITY OF BULLS TO ENTER**

- A. Each consignor must be a paid up member of the Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Inc. at the time of nomination of bulls, or the \$10 Annual Membership Fee must accompany the nomination.
- B. Bulls must be owned by the consignor at the time of delivery and transferred to them by December 1, 2018 or they will be disqualified from the test.
- C. All bulls must have a Breed Association approved registration.
- D. A bulls must have been born **between JANUARY 1, 2018 AND APRIL 30, 2018 inclusive** to be eligible for this test.
- E. To minimize management problems of lighter weight bulls, each bull must immediately upon delivery at Test Station be weighed.
NOTE: It is strongly suggested that all bulls be from the top one-third of their contemporary groups for adjusted 205-day weight on home-herd test.

F. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

Upon entry to the Test Station all bulls will be inspected for structural and physical soundness, physical abnormalities, thriftiness and health by the station manager. Any bulls not passing this examination will not be accepted for the test. At the time of delivery to the Test Station, all bulls will be vaccinated for the following health requirements: I.B.R. (Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis) and P13, BRSV, BVD, Black-leg and Pasteurella hemolytica. Calves will also be treated to control warbles, lice and internal parasites (worms). All the above treatments will be at cost to the consignors. We recommend that producers pre-vaccinate their calves before delivery to the Test Station.
Please read “Producer Information” on page 7 regarding PRE-VACCINATION.

1. Bulls delivered with visible untreated ringworm will not be accepted into the Test Station. Owners of calves delivered with visible but treated ringworm will be charged directly for future necessary ringworm treatment.
 2. Calves suffering from pink-eye, or with damaged eyes, will not be accepted.
- G. All BULLS' TATTOOS should be checked and verified before they leave the home farm.**

H. **DELIVERY DAYS**

Delivery days are October 2nd – October 6^h (processing from 9:30 am to 3 pm)

*Heifers can be delivered along with the bulls on the above days.

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III. **OPERATING AND TESTING PROCEDURES**

- A. Bulls will be delivered to the Test Station during the week of October 2. **All bulls will**

be accepted unless notified by the Station Manager.

- B. Bulls will be sorted at the discretion of the Station Manager.
- C. The services of a qualified veterinarian will be available at all times. Also a complete health record of each bull will be kept by the Station Manager.
- D. All bulls will be BVD tested, treated with Zuprevo and ear-tagged upon delivery to the station with a station number. **All bulls must have a RFID tag when delivered to the station.**
- E. The calves will be given a 28-day adjustment period before commencing the actual test, to allow for adjustment to the new conditions and surroundings.
- F. The official test period will be **112 days**. If it should not be possible to weigh on the 112th day, the official test period may be extended by not more than three days.
- G. The official weight at the end of the **112 test days** will be the average of the last two consecutive days of the test period.
- H. The official on-test weight will be the average of two weights recorded on the last two days of the 28-day adjustment period.
- I. All weights to be taken on a non-shrunk basis.
- J. Weights will be taken periodically throughout the test at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Reports will be available in the office of on the website. These weights will normally be at 28-day intervals.
- K. A calf may be withdrawn from test because of illness or injury only at the consent and discretion of the Board of Directors and/or Station Manager.
- L. No calves will be accepted which have been at any exhibition on the week before delivery to the Test Station.
- M. Any bull that proves to be nervous or hard to handle at any point during the test period will be disqualified from further testing and the owner will be requested to remove the bull from the Test Station.
- N. A Performance Test Record will be reported for each bull eligible for sale. This certificate will include: birth weight, calving ease, average daily gain (ADG), and weight per day of age (WDA), and scrotal circumference.
- O. Upon completion of the test, all bulls eligible for sale will be measured for testicular size, palpated for abnormalities and semen tested. The procedure used will be the nationally recognized method as recommended by the Society of Theriogenology. Bulls must meet the minimum measurement as listed below. however, breed associations have the privilege of setting higher standards for their respective breeds. Associations are to notify the M.B.C.P.A. of their intentions prior to February 1, 2019

Examples of the minimum scrotal circumference for bulls at 395 days is as follows:

Simmental	33 cm.
Angus, Charolais, Gelbvieh, Hereford, Maine Anjou	32 cm.
Shorthorn	31 cm.
Blonde d'Aquitaine, Limousin, Salers, Other	30 cm.
- P. Upon completion of test a bull can be culled on structural soundness from the sale as recommended by the Breeding Soundness Evaluation performed by a licensed veterinarian.
- Q. All bulls designated as polled will be examined prior to final report and, if necessary, designation changed.

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R. All breed associations providing a written request prior to sale day for a percentage of their breed's gross sale will have there request honored.

- S. All bulls will be scanned by ultra-sonic equipment at the end of test. Charges for the ultrasonic measurements will be charged at cost to the Consignor.
- T. Scrotal circumference for bulls eligible for sale will be published in the sale catalogue. Breed Associations requesting scrotal circumference on cull bulls, for EPD purposes, will be taken and information released to Consignors following the Bull Sale. Costs for accessing EPD information will be charged to the Consignor at cost.
- U. **“Retained Rule”** - bulls must be listed as **“retained”** prior to “End of Test”. If not listed as retained all eligible bulls will be listed for sale.

I. GENERAL

A. LIABILITY

The M.B.C.P.A. Inc. assumes no responsibility for any heifer losses at any time -- during delivery, adjustment period, feeding period, pre-sale period, station sale, loading after sale, or after the heifer/steer leaves the station -- due to any cause such as sickness, injury or death. Also, the M.B.C.P.A. does not guarantee that any heifer is fertile.

B. COSTS

A NOMINATION FEE OF **\$25.00 (TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS)** per heifer will be charged by the M.B.C.P.A. and is due at the time of nomination. No nominations will be accepted without the inclusion of this \$25 fee. The \$25 nomination fee will only be refunded, in the form of credit to the consignor's yardage, if the M.B.C.P.A. Board of Directors does not accept the heifer's nomination.

Example: If a contributor has ten heifers accepted for test but delivers only seven heifers to the Test Station, the contributor loses the \$75 nomination fee for the three heifers accepted but not delivered. Nomination fees of heifers rejected for any reason at time of delivery to the Test Station will not be refunded.

An **ADVANCED YARDAGE FEE OF \$25 (TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS)** per heifer will be charged by the M.B.C.P.A. Inc. and is due at the time of heifer delivery to the Test Station. **The Advanced Yardage Fee may be credited at the end-of-test and the amount credited will be decided by the Board of Directors.**

A **MANDATORY INSURANCE FEE OF \$20.00 PER HEIFER** will be charged by the M.B.C.P.A. Inc. The M.B.C.P.A. Inc. has the right to decline insurance upon arrival for the first two days due to chronically sick or injured cattle. Insurance will be pro-rated based on the length of time the heifer has been at the station to a maximum death benefit (\$1300.00) less carcass value upon receipt.

Pro-rated amounts are as follows:

2 days after delivery to 28 day weigh	=	\$ 1000
29 th day to 56 day weigh	=	\$ 1100
57 th day to 84 day weigh	=	\$ 1200
85 th day to sale day (on eligible bulls)	=	\$ 1300

The Board of Directors will adjust these numbers higher or lower at the time of delivery if they feel the market will be higher or lower for that particular test year. No veterinary inspection or autopsy required unless requested by owner and will be charged at cost to Consignor. A Death Certificate will be issued. Consignors will be paid at the end of the test year upon recommendation from the Board of Directors. If total claims exceed amount of available funds, payment will be pro-rated.

C. BILLINGS

Consignors will be billed monthly for grain ration, hay, bedding, yardage and GST on yardage. Consignors will also be charged for veterinarian and medicinal charges applicable to their own animals. These billings must be paid when received. Accounts unpaid for thirty days will be charged compounded interest at the rate of **2% per month**. All accounts must be paid in full before heifers leave the station.

II ELIGIBILITY OF HEIFERS TO ENTER

- A. Each consignor must be a paid up member of the Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Inc. at the time of nomination of heifers, or the \$10 Annual Membership Fee must accompany the nomination.

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- B. Contributors may enter any number of heifers.
- C. Heifers may be purebred, percentage or commercial.

- D. Heifers must have been born in the calendar year 2018. Birthdates of heifers must be available when heifers enter the station.
- E. Heifers must be a minimum of 500 pounds when they enter the Test Station.

F. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Upon entry to the Test Station all heifers will be inspected for structural and physical soundness, physical abnormalities, thriftiness and health by the Test Station manager. Any heifers not passing this examination will not be accepted for the program. At the time of delivery to the Test Station, all heifers will be vaccinated for the following health requirements: I.B.R. (Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis) and PI3, BRSV, BVD, Black-leg and Pasteurella hemolytica. Calves will also be treated to control warbles, lice and internal parasites (worms). All the above treatments will be at cost to the consignors. Please read "**Producer Information**" below regarding pre-vaccination.

- 1. Heifers delivered with visible untreated ringworm will not be accepted into the Test Station.
Owners of calves delivered with visible but treated ringworm will be charged directly for future necessary ringworm treatment.
- 2. Calves suffering from pink-eye, or with damaged eyes, will not be accepted.

III. OPERATING PROCEDURES

- A. Heifers will be delivered to the Test Station the week of October 2, 2018.
- B. Heifers will be sorted at the discretion of the Station Manager.
- C. The services of a qualified veterinarian will be available at all times. Also a complete health record of each heifer will be kept by the Station Manager.
- D. All heifers will be BVD tested, treated with Zuprevo and ear-tagged upon delivery to the station with a station number.
All heifers must have a RFID tag when delivered to the station.
- E. Weights will be taken periodically throughout the feeding period at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Reports will be available in the office and on the website. These weights will normally be at 28-day interval.
- F. The objective A.D.G. for the wintering period is 2 pounds per day.
- G. A calf may be withdrawn from test because of illness or injury only at the consent and discretion of the Board of Directors and/or Station Manager.
- F. All heifers entered in the sale will be pelvic measured and examined by a veterinarian.

PRODUCER INFORMATION: PRE-VACCINATION

On entry to Douglas Bull Test Station we have been vaccinating on arrival with a modified-live vaccine containing I.B.R., (Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis); PI3, ParaInfluenza Type 3; BRSV, Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus; and BVD, Bovine Viral Diarrhea. We also use a 8 way Blackleg with Haemophilus, plus a shot of Pasteurella hemolytica on entry. Parasite treatment will be administered for the control of warbles, lice, and internal worms. Vitamin B & AD will also be administered. At two weeks post entry, booster shots are given for the vaccines.

With these procedures in place we hope to have a better control on disease out breaks.

We would like to reduce our treatment rate even more and feel we may be able to do this by having more calves come in already having had at least one primary dose of 4-way vaccine and at least one Haemophilus vaccination. Ideally these first shots should be given while calves are still on the cows. If not done on the cows, they should at least be done 3 to 4 weeks prior to entering the Test Station.

The stress of weaning is a most critical time for the calves. For the health of the calves it is best to have weaning completed at least 8 - 10 weeks before coming to the station. These weaned calves know what the waterers are for and where to find feed in the pen. These fresh weaned calves are high risk for developing respiratory disease and spreading it in the pen. If we can reduce the numbers of high risk, recently weaned calves, we can keep our pens healthier and have fewer calves to treat. **However, we strongly suggest that if you aren't able to wean calves 8 - 10 weeks prior to delivery to the test center than bring them to us right off the cow. The calves in the 2 – 4 week range are the ones in the “critical zone.”** Your consideration of these suggestions is appreciated. Our intent is to help keep our test calves healthy and not create work for you at home. We feel the procedures and timing of them are important enough to bring up to you now, so you can help us have a healthy group of test calves this fall.

Respectfully yours,

Tyler Winters
Manager

**MANITOBA BEEF CATTLE PERFORMANCE ASSOCIATION INC.
2018 – 2019 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE
YEARLING / HERD BULL CUSTOM FEEDING PROGRAM**

I. GENERAL

A. **LIABILITY**

The M.B.C.P.A. Inc. assumes no responsibility for any bull losses at any time due to any cause such as sickness, injury or death. Also, the M.B.C.P.A. does not guarantee that any bull is fertile.

B. **COSTS**

A NOMINATION FEE IS NOT REQUIRED BUT A NOMINATION FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE CONSIGNOR.

An **ADVANCED YARDAGE FEE OF \$50 (FIFTY DOLLARS)** per bull will be charged by the M.B.C.P.A. Inc. and is due at the time of bull delivery to the Test Station. **The Advanced Yardage Fee may be credited at the end of the feeding period and the amount credited will be decided by the Board of Directors.**

NO INSURANCE IS PROVIDED BY THE M.B.C.P.A. Inc. for the yearling/herd bulls. The M.B.C.P.A. Inc. suggests that each consignor carry their own private insurance on these bulls.

C. **BILLINGS**

Consignors will be billed monthly for grain ration, hay, bedding, yardage at a rate of \$0.75 per head / day plus GST. Consignors will also be charged for veterinarian and medicinal charges applicable to their own animals. These billings must be paid when received. Accounts unpaid for thirty days will be charged compounded interest at the rate of **2% per month**. All accounts must be paid in full before bulls leave the station.

II ELIGIBILITY OF BULLS TO ENTER

- A. Each consignor must be a paid up member of the Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Inc. at the time of nomination of bulls, or the \$10 Annual Membership Fee must accompany the nomination.
- B. Nominations received by the M.B.C.P.A. Manager will be accepted based on the amount of station space available.
- C. Contributors may enter any number of bulls.
- D. Bulls may be purebred, percentage or commercial.
- E. The Board of Directors will make the final decision regarding entrants accepted.
- F. All bulls must be either polled or dehorned and properly healed prior to entry to the Station.

G. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

Upon entry to the Test Station all bulls will be inspected for structural and physical soundness, physical abnormalities, thriftiness and health by the Test Station manager. Any bulls not passing this examination will not be accepted for the program. At the time of delivery to the Test Station, all bulls will be vaccinated for the following health requirements: I.B.R. (Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis) and PI3, BRSV, BVD, Black-leg and Pasteurella hemolitica. Bulls will also be treated to control warbles, lice and internal parasites (worms). All the above treatments will be at cost to the consignors. Please read "**Producer Information**" below regarding pre-vaccination.

2018– 2019 Rules and Regulations for Yearling Bulls Custom Feeding Program

1. Bulls delivered with visible untreated ringworm will not be accepted into the Test Station. Owners of bulls delivered with visible but treated ringworm will be charged directly for future necessary ringworm treatment.
2. Bulls suffering from pink-eye, or with damaged eyes, will not be accepted.

III. OPERATING PROCEDURES

- A. Bulls will be delivered to the Test Station when suitable for manager.
- B. Bulls will be sorted at the discretion of the Station Manager.
- C. The services of a qualified veterinarian will be available at all times. Also a complete health record of each bull will be kept by the Station Manager.
- D. All bulls will be ear-tagged upon delivery to the station with a station number. **All bulls must have a RFID tag when delivered to the station.**
- E. Weights will be taken periodically throughout the feeding period at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- F. The goal for these bulls is to have them in condition for the next breeding season.
- E. Upon delivery all bulls will receive full vaccinations and parasite treatment, an additional parasite treatment will be administered again in January at cost to consignor.
- F. Chute fees will be charged at a fee of \$1.50 - \$5 per treatment based on amount of handling.