2027 Calgary Bull Sale

Rules of Entry

Location: Irvine's Sale Barn, Crossfield, Alberta

Show – March 3, 2027 & Sale – March 4, 2027

Bull Sale Entries must be postmarked by

Friday, December 4, 2026

General Information

1. All breeds of purebred bulls are eligible to be entered.
2. Out of province sale entries are accepted.
3. Entries close Friday, December 4, 2026.
4. Catalogue photo deadline is Wednesday, January 6, 2027
5. Substitution Deadline is at weigh-in on Monday, March 1, 2027.
6. Sales commission will be determined after expenses and sale proceeds have been determined.
7. Irvine's Sale Barn, Crossfield, Alberta is the location for the Calgary Bull Sale.
8. Sellers and buyers must coordinate all transportation arrangements and provide the settlement office with details.
9. Alberta Cattle Breeders Association is an Agent Only: It is to be clearly understood that the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association is only acting as a medium between the buyer and seller. The Alberta Cattle Breeders Association is not in any way responsible for failure on the part of either party to live up to their obligations, neither does the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association assume any financial obligations to collect or enforce collection of monies between parties, and any legal action taken in exceptional cases, must be between the buyer and seller.
10. Reminder – Be sure your insurance policy covers liability for off-farm events.

Important Dates

Entry Deadline	**Friday, December 4, 2026**
Photo Deadline	**Wednesday, January 6, 2027**
Stall Set-up	**Sunday, February 28, 2027**
Substitution Deadline	**Monday, March 1, 2027**
Weigh-In	**Monday, March 1, 2027 (10:00 am to 4:00 pm)**

Section I: Rules of Entry

1. **Entry Closing**: Entries close Friday, December 4, 2026. Entries must be made on the official Alberta Cattle Breeders Association bull sale entry form. Entry forms must be postmarked by December 4, 2026. Entry forms should be mailed to:
   Alberta Cattle Breeders Association
   PO Box 188 Hardisty, AB T0B 1V0

2. All entries to the Calgary Bull Sale must be accompanied by the entry fee and a Certificate of Registration issued by the respective breed association. This certificate must include a signature authorizing transfer of ownership.

3. **Entry Fee:** A non-refundable entry fee of $150 (plus GST) along with a $10.00 (plus GST) membership fee per breeding/consignor unit per breed, payable to the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association is due at the time of entry. The entry fee paid by the contributor to the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association will be forfeited and remain the sole property of the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association if the bull is culled, rejected or if entries are cancelled after the official closing date of Friday, December 4, 2026.

4. **Membership fee:** A $10.00 (plus GST) membership fee per breeding/consignor unit is required regardless of the number of entries within the breeding/consignor unit, thus allowing ONE VOTING MEMBER PER BREEDING/CONSIGNOR UNIT. In the case where a breeding/consignor unit has multi-breeds they would be allowed a vote for each paid membership.

5. **Associate Membership:** Persons interested in the cattle industry, although not breeders or cattle owners, may join the Association as Associate members upon payment of $10.00 (plus GST) per year. Such associate members may attend the meeting of the Association and take part in the discussions but will not be eligible for office and may not vote.

6. **Members must own entries**: Each bull entered must be the property of a member of the Association who is a bona-fide resident of Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and who is conducting a livestock breeding establishment of the breed in Alberta, British Columbia or Saskatchewan. Bulls not bred by the contributor must be owned, transferred and have been issued a “Canadian Pedigree Certificate” in the contributor’s name before the entry closing date. In the case where a bull has multiple owners, the transfer rules indicated previously apply to all owners listed on the registration paper.

7. **Stalling:** Consignors will be allowed to tie their bulls together where one fitting organization is fitting the entire string. Please indicate on the entry form or send an email to calgarybullsale@gmail.com prior to Monday, February 22, 2027 to request particular stalling requirements.

8. **Bedding:** No platforms or sand are allowed under bulls in order to establish uniformity of exhibits. Shavings, woodchips and pliable matting may be used for bedding. Initial bedding will be supplied, extra shavings must be provided by consignors.
   Special lighting is not allowed.

9. **Temperament of Bulls:** Any bull that, in the opinion of the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association, is deemed uncontrollable or exhibits a temperament that may cause injury or damage must be removed from the premises.

10. **Breeding Unit:** All registered animals, whether owned by one person or more than one person, which are maintained on one farm, are considered to be the production of one breeding unit. Where more than one person or family member is part of an existing unit, they may consign under their individual name and sell with the existing breeding unit or individually in their alphabetical rotation.

11. **Breeding Unit Name Change:** All entries made under one breeding or consignor unit will show and sell together and be catalogued under the breeding unit name. Anyone having previously entered the Calgary Bull Sale under one breeding unit name, must forward a written application one year prior to the sale, to the Alberta Cattle Breeders Board of Directors for approval if they wish to change the breeding unit name.

12. **Age of Bulls: No animal born prior to January 1, 2024 or later than March 31, 2026 shall be eligible for entry.**

13. The Association shall have the right to refuse any entries submitted by any contributor.

14. **The use of GLUES, ADHESIVES, PAINT to fit bulls for the show/sale ring will NOT BE ALLOWED.**

15. **Tampering:** There will be no tampering with stall allotments allowed. Unnatural practices in fitting will not be tolerated, and all cattle entered for competition shall be presented in the judging and/or sale ring in their natural conformation and natural physical condition. To ensure this clause is complied with, a statutory declaration may be required. Products/solutions/liquids administered internally or externally to alter the conformation or weight of the animal is prohibited.

Section II: Conditions of Sale

1. **Reserve Bids:** All reserve bids over the upset price must be submitted in writing and announced from the auction block prior to the sale of that individual animal and will be subject to commission.

2. **Commission** will be calculated after the sale expenses and sale proceeds have been tabulated. A deduction of $4.50 (plus GST) for AB cattle, $5.00 (plus GST) for BC cattle & $5.25 (plus GST) for SK cattle will be paid to Alberta Beef Producers. A deduction of $1.55 (plus GST) will be paid to Livestock Identification Services.

3. **Recording Transfers**: The seller is required to transfer any bulls sold to the buyer and pay for the service. The Alberta Cattle Breeders Association, without any extra cost, will attend to this service on behalf of the seller, but the fees for recording the transfer will be charged to the seller.

Section III: Health Regulations

1. Canadian Cattle Identification Agency: All bulls are required to have an official RFID (radio frequency identification) tag.

2. All bulls must be free of mange, ringworm and warts.

3. **Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation** form must accompany bulls to the scale. Incomplete or illegible forms can result in refused entry.

Section IV: Inspection of Animals for Sale and Culling

1. **Culling:** Bulls will be culled on the basis of breeding soundness, weight, scrotal circumference (bulls must meet breed standard) and temperament. All culled bulls must be removed from the premises no later than 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2027.

2. **Inspection:** The Alberta Cattle Breeders Board of Directors shall inspect the bulls of each breed for tattoo, semen certificate and weight. The Board of Directors of the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association, as inspectors with absolute authorization, shall remove any such bulls (any such bulls considered inferior in quality or not being representative of the breed, or not being sound in so far as it may be determined by physical examination) from the sale premises.

3. The entry fee paid by the consignor to the Association in respect of any such animals removed or rejected as aforesaid shall belong to and remain the property of the Association.

4. **Alberta Livestock Manifest:** All bulls will be brand inspected and a current livestock manifest with premises ID must be presented at the weigh scale.

5. **Tattoo Inspection:** The tattoo of each animal will be checked by the Inspector. Once a bull has been examined at the scale if the tattoo is not legible or does not correspond to the pedigree, there will be no re-tattooing without permission of the Breed Association and completion of relevant forms must be submitted to the show office to accompany the registration certificate.

Section V: Weighing and Measuring Bulls

1. **Weighing of Bulls:** Bulls will not be allowed in the barn before, Monday, March 1, 2027. All bulls must be in the barn and weighed by 4:00 p.m. on March 1, 2027. All bulls will be officially weighed and examined by the Association on the sale premises. Weight, date of birth, birth weight and weight per day of age (WPDA), as well as 205- and 365-day weights will be posted on the stall card and placed above each bull. A weigh order procedure will be implemented at the scale.

2. **Weight Requirements:** Bulls born in 2025 entered in the 2027 Calgary Bull Sale require a 2.2 weight per day of age to be eligible for sale. Bulls born in 2026 entered in the 2026 Calgary Bull Sale require a 2.5 weight per day of age to be eligible for the sale. Age will be calculated from the bull's birthdate to the day weighed at the sale. There are no WPDA requirements for three-year old bulls.

3. **EPDs:** will be collected from respective breed associations at the beginning of January for inclusion in the catalogue and stall cards.

4. **Birthweights:** Birthweights may be noted on the official entry form. If they are not available, please mark N/A on the entry form. Birthweights if available will be posted on the official stall card at the 2027 Calgary Bull Sale. Birthweights recorded on registration certificates will be transferred to stall cards.

5. **Semen Certificate:** All bulls entered in the Calgary Bull Sale are required to have a completed Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation form (Western Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners) from a qualified veterinarian. Incomplete or illegible forms can result in refused entry. All bulls must be semen tested "satisfactory" within 30 days prior to the sale. **Certificates dated prior to February 3, 2027 will not be accepted.** The scrotal circumference must appear on the semen certificate. Bulls may be subject to re-measurement and semen test at the discretion of the official inspector appointed by the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association.

Section VI: Breeding Guarantee

1. Should a bull fail to prove a breeder after being used on cows known to be breeders, the matter shall be reported in writing to the consignor within 6 months following the date of purchase. If satisfactory agreement cannot be reached between the buyer and seller, the Association will attempt to mediate a settlement.

2. **Alberta Cattle Breeders Association is an Agent Only:** It is to be clearly understood that the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association is only acting as a medium between the buyer and seller. The Alberta Cattle Breeders Association is not in any way responsible for failure on the part of either party to live up to their obligations, neither does the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association assume any financial obligations to collect or enforce collection of monies between parties, and any legal action taken in exceptional cases, must be between the buyer and seller.

3. The consignor is not responsible for damage caused by foreign bodies after the bull is sold or for sickness not apparent at sale time.

4. All transportation charges on bulls returned to the consignor are the responsibility of the purchaser. No incidental expenses, such as feed, care, veterinary charges, etc. will be charged by either party when making settlement.

5. Under the breeding guarantee, in no event will the consignor be liable to the purchaser for more than the purchase price paid at the Calgary Bull Sale in question.

Section VII: Catalogue and Sale Order

1. Entries will be catalogued and sold in four alphabetical groups: A-E, F-L, M-R and S-Z. These groups rotate annually, by moving the group selling first in a given year, to the end the following year. Further, the letters in each of the four groups also rotate annually by moving the letter appearing last in a given year, to the beginning the following year. The following will be treated as one letter: IJK, PQ, UV, XYZ.

2. **In 2027 the entries will be catalogued and sold in the following order:**
   (XYZ, S, T, UV, W) (D, E, A, B, C) (IJK, L, F, G, H) (PQ, R, M, N, O)

3. The consignor of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will sell at the start of their respective sales. The consignors of Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion are obliged to sell their entire string of bulls with the champions.

4. All semen drawn prior to the sale and disposition of same must be announced and declared publicly prior to the sale, therefore the breeders name may remain on the registration paper for in-herd use.

Section VIII: General Rules and Regulations

1. Liability: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, it is understood that each consignor, by the act of entry for exhibiting, waives all claims against the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association and/or any of the members, officials or agents thereof, for any and all injury, loss or damage, which he/she, his/her employees helpers and/or property may sustain arising in any way out of the operations of the said Association and/or Association officers, members or agents and indemnifies the said Association, and/or member or agents from and against any loss or damage sustained by the said Association by reason of any claims made by any of his/her helpers or employees or their executors, administrators, or assign and that any helpers or assistants introduced to or engaged by any consignor through the said Association or through its members, officers or agents shall be at the sole risk and responsibility of such consignors.

2. In case of typographical or other errors discovered, the Auctioneer will announce corrections and a memorandum of such corrections shall take precedence over the printed matter in the catalogue. Buyers are therefore cautioned to pay attention to the Auctioneer's announcements.

3. Management of Sale: The management will be under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association and the Executive Committee will have entire charge of all bulls in the sale area, stable accommodation and routine.

4. By-bidding: There shall be no by-bidding by the owner of an animal or anyone authorized by the owner. Statutory Declaration may be required from any buyer or seller to the effect that any purchase of sale is bona-fide and that there has been no by-bidding in connection therewith. Any owner guilty of by-bidding or authorizing anyone to do so for the owner will be excluded from participating in future sales for a term to be determined by the Executive Committee.

5. Every care will be exercised by the management to prevent injury to or loss of property, and to ensure prompt delivery of animals. The Association (acting only as agent) will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, nor for any stock incorrectly routed, whether through negligence on the part of its officers or servants or not. Insurance against loss should be taken out by the owner should they consider it necessary. In all cases, however, the influences of the Association will be exerted as far as possible to hold all parties strictly to these regulations.

6. The consignor hereby appoints and constitutes the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association as his/her agent for the purposes aforesaid with full power and authority to sub-delegate its authority and powers.

7. **Purchase of Animals**: All sales in Canadian Dollars. U.S. funds will be accepted at the exchange rate announced by the Auctioneer at the start of the sale. Sales management can purchase animals for anyone unable to attend the sale personally. The greatest care will be used in fulfilling the order in accordance with instructions given by the purchaser and no charge will be made for this service. The purchaser is required to send a cheque or a bank draft immediately in the amount of the purchase price of the bull or horse.

8. **Delivery**: Buyers and sellers will coordinate the delivery of bulls. Sellers and buyers must coordinate all necessary transportation arrangements and let the settlement office know. The seller is responsible for feeding and watering of bulls. The seller is responsible to deliver bulls to a central location agreed upon by the buyer and seller. Buyers must supply feed for animals while in transit.

9. **Feed, Water, Etc.**: An initial base of bedding will be supplied. All contributors will be required to supply all necessary feed and care for their bulls up to and including the last day of the current year's sale. Any contributor failing to comply with these regulations may be excluded from participating in future sales held by this Association. Sellers or their agents will be required to take care of their animals immediately upon arrival at point of sale, have the animals placed in the stalls, remain in attendance with them and feed and water them. Feed must be kept to a minimum in the barn as it constitutes a fire hazard.

10. **Release of Bulls**: Consignors are prohibited to teardown or load out bulls until the sale is completed. No bulls may be removed from the sale premises without a release slip which must be presented to designated staff upon release.

11. **Disputes**: If any disputes arise between two or more bidders it shall be settled by the animal or animals being again put up and resold. The decision of the Auctioneer shall be final in all such cases.

12. **Ownership and Settlement**: The terms of the sale are **cash or cheque payable to the Alberta Cattle Breeders**. The right of the property does not change hands until full settlement is made. Should any purchaser fail to settle for his purchase, Alberta Cattle Breeders Association reserves full power to resell the animal to their best advantage, either privately or publicly, without further notice. Any loss resulting from such resale and all other expenses arising from this are payable by the original purchaser. All settlements must be made before any animal is released.

13. Immediately after each purchase is declared, the risk of the animals shall be exclusively with the purchaser, and it is declared that until a settlement shall be made in the terms of those conditions, the delivery of the animal(s) shall be suspended.

14. **Executive Committee Right**: The Executive Committee reserves the right to decide any point not covered by the rules which said committee considers necessary in the proper regulation and management of the sale.

15. **Sale Agreement**: Every person who contributes a bull to the sale and everyone who bids at the sale, by doing so agrees to the foregoing terms and conditions of the sale.

16. **Private Sales**: Bulls consigned to the sale must be sold by auction. Animals not entered for sale will not be allowed on the sale premises.

17. **Stall Signs**: Only signs of consignors in the Calgary Bull Sale can be displayed in the stalls at the Calgary Bull Sale

18. **Stall Cards**: Stall cards supplied by the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association must be posted above each bull. Consignors will not be allowed to advertise other sales. There will be no tampering with the official stall cards.

19. **Nose Ring and Halters**: Bulls must have nose rings at all times. A fine of $10.50 (plus GST) per bull will be charged to any consignor in non-compliance. Nose rings are not to be removed while bulls are housed in the sale facility. Bulls must be halter-broke and each animal supplied with a good halter. If this is not adhered to the Barn Boss has instructions to provide a suitable halter, the cost to be collected from the seller of the animal.

20. **Neck Ropes**: All bulls must be tied with a substantial neck rope. The neck rope must remain on the bull at all times within the sale facility. A fine of $10.50 (plus GST) per animal will be charged to any consignor in non-compliance.

21. **Floor Fans**: Floor fans or butt fans will not be allowed in the sale facility.

22. **Insurance**: Consignors desiring insurance must give this matter their personal attention.

23. **Smoking Policy**: In accordance with Provincial law, the sale barn is a non-smoking facility. There will be no smoking allowed.

24. **Alcohol Policy**: The serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages in a non-licensed area of a public building is illegal and in contravention of the AGLC regulations. Additionally, this practice poses liability and safety issue for all stakeholders.

25. **Failure to comply** with rules stated in this document may result in suspension from participation in the current and future Calgary Bull Sales.

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