

# National Bison Association's 2023 Gold Trophy Show & Sale - Rules and Regulations

## Auction on Saturday, January 21 at 10:00 a.m. National Western Stock Show – Denver, CO

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** December 16, 2022. Entries for Live Animal must be paid online – [www.bisoncentral.com/gold-trophy-show-and-sale](http://www.bisoncentral.com/gold-trophy-show-and-sale) postmarked, emailed to [karen@bisoncentral.com](mailto:karen@bisoncentral.com) by this date. No exceptions. Consignments are accepted on a first come, first serve basis upon full payment of entry fees.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Consignors must be a current Life, Active, Supporter or Youth member of the National Bison Association to enter animals in the Gold Trophy Show and Sale (GTSS).

**ENTRY LIMITS:** Consignors are limited to two entries per class, with the exception of the single calf classes, where each consignor may have up to three entries per class. Pens are limited to one entry per consignor. There is a class limit of 20 yearling bulls and 14 two-year old bulls in which one can consign two animals per class, but the 2<sup>nd</sup> animal will be put on a waiting list until the consignment deadline, and then added until the class is full on a first come first serve basis. Entries may be reduced at the discretion of the GTSS Committee Chairperson(s) if class sizes become an issue due to pen space. The NBA reserves the right to cancel any class with less than three entries after the entry deadline. If a class is cancelled or entry numbers are reduced, affected consignors will have entry fees refunded.

**ENTRY FEES:** All fees, in US funds, must be paid with the entry. Fees are not refundable, unless the animal is not allowed in the show due to space limitations or class cancellations. Consign online at [bisoncentral.com/gold-trophy-show-and-sale/](http://bisoncentral.com/gold-trophy-show-and-sale/):

Single Animal Entries, per head	\$110
Pen of Two Bred Heifers	\$250
Pen of Three Yearling Heifers	\$200
Pen of Five Heifer Calves	\$300

**COMMISSION:** A 10% commission is taken off of the live animal sale price, with 9% going to the NBA's general account and 1% contributed to the NBA's Growth Fund program to support promotional efforts in the bison industry.

**EAR TAGS:** GTSS ear tags will be mailed as soon as possible after consignments are received. They are to be placed in the animal's left ear. **All other ear tags must be removed**, except permanent metal ID tags, EID or RFID tags, NABR (North American Bison Registry) tags, Source Verification (SVP) tags and trichomoniasis tags. One show tag plus any government issued tags.

**LOAD IN AND OUT:** The loading facilities are located on National Western Stock Show Event Center Sale Pens. Visit [bisoncentral.com/gold-trophy-show-and-sale/](http://bisoncentral.com/gold-trophy-show-and-sale/) for updates on directions. Unloading times are Tuesday, January 17 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, January 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Load out times are from the end of the sale until dark on Saturday and from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Sunday. If delivering animals with a cattle pot style trailer and need a chute to unload, please contact the NBA office to let them know so arrangements can be made. If you will be unloading in this manner, please be aware that one or more animal owners must be present during unloading in case of any issues. No animals will be loaded out into these types of trailers due to the risk of accidents during loading. Ground load semis are fine for both unloading and loading out of animals in the yards.

**IF YOU ENCOUNTER DELAYS, PLEASE CONTACT YARD SUPERVISOR JOHN GRAVES AT 303-887-9677.**

**HEALTH CERTIFICATES:** *Live Animal Consignments:* All single animal entries require a separate health certificate. **Pen consignments should have all animals in the pen listed on one certificate.** For individual animal entries, please bring each original certificate(s) plus four copies of each certificate. If possible email [karen@bisoncentral.com](mailto:karen@bisoncentral.com) a copy of your health certificates before you arrive to expedite offloading and processing.

Each live animal consignment must meet the following health requirements:

All animals:

- Negative Brucellosis test on all animals after 12/21/22, with the USDA metal or USDA 840 RFID ear tag in place.

- ALL females from the US must be Official Calhhood Vaccinates (OCV) with a legible vaccination tattoo and, if they are over 24 months of age, they must have a negative Brucellosis blood test within 30 days of sale date. Canadian females of any age can come to Denver and sell as long as they have a negative test within 30 days, however, it will be announced at the sale that this is a non-OCV female and cannot go to certain states.
- Negative TB test (caudal fold) on all animals after 11/21/22.
- Negative Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD) PI test prior to arrival. Acceptable tests include immunohistochemistry (IHC), antigen-capture ELISA (ac-ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and virus isolation (VI). Please note: BVD serology or titers are not accepted.
- Injectable or pour-on Ivermectin or Ivermectin-like wormer, such as Long Range, on all animals on or after 1/11/23.

#### **Specific to Bulls:**

- Negative trichomoniasis PCR T. fetus test on all male animals 12 months and older after 12/21/22.
- Breeding Bulls Verification: Your vet must verify your bull's semen test on all males that are not in a calf class on the NBA's Semen Evaluation form after October 21, 2022. Required values: Morphology score 70% or better and Motility score 30% or better.

#### **Specific to Females:**

- Yearling heifers – Females less than 24 months old shall not be pregnant, must be “open”.
- Bred Females - Females over 24 months of age shall be at least 90 days pregnant.
- Pregnancy Test Verification: Your vet must verify a positive pregnancy test on all two-year-old females and that yearling heifers are open and noted on health certificate. Palpation, ultrasound or BioTracking are all acceptable pregnancy tests.

#### **AGE VERIFICATION (REQUIRED FOR YEARLING & OLDER ANIMALS)**

Prior to yearling or older animals' arrival, the consignor's veterinarian will verify age utilizing choice of the following options. Veterinarian will note on animal's health certificate the age, method used, and permanent ID number if the permanent ID tag option is used.

##### **Option # 1**

Mouthing: All animals in yearling and older classes can be mouthed after November 1, 2022 by the consignor's veterinarian and WILL BE AGE VERIFIED AS PER THE FALL TOOTH CHART (Refer to Mouthing Chart). Animal ages will be determined by looking at the adult incisors.

##### **Option # 2**

Previously Installed Permanent ID Tag (This option requires approximately 8 months advance planning.)

The veterinarian and consignor can elect to utilize the following permanent tags as proof of age.

1. Official calhhood vaccination (OCV-Brucellosis) tag placed in the heifer/cow's ear as a calf prior to 12 months of age.
2. Official metal test tag placed in the animals' ear by a veterinarian –or EID/RFID/NABR tags placed in animals' ear by veterinarian or others. While utilizing the mouthing chart and in compliance with the specified dates noted on the mouthing chart the veterinarian will determine age of an animal and record animals permanent tag number. Note: The installed permanent tags utilized under this option must be inspected and recorded by the veterinarian within specified time frames noted on mouthing chart and no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the animal is turning two years old. The consignor's veterinarian may use any of the above tags in order to establish, record and track what year of birth the animal is. This assumes that the animal was born during the normal birth period of approximately April through July.

**Animals will not be allowed to unload if the health certificate requirements are not met.**

**OPTIONAL TESTS:** ANAPLASMOSIS and/or BLUETONGUE tests, while not required at the 2023 GTSS, are required for entry into some states. If tested, the test must be negative and recorded on the Health Certificate after 12/21/22.

**COMMON ERRORS** - The most common omissions from the health certificate include:

- Failure to record “negative” in the proper column under the test.
- Not recording full tattoo properly.
- Failure to include the date tests were run.

- Not stating “Injectable Ivermectin (Ivomec) or Injectable Ivermectin Plus” and date administered.
- Lack of Consignors/Owner’s signature.

**WEIGHT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LIVE ANIMAL CLASSES**

While there are no minimum weight requirements for the GTSS, the guidelines below are meant to assist producers in selecting quality breeding stock that will allow them to be competitive in both the show and sale ring. Weights shown are minimum weight guidelines for animals entering each class.

*Two Year Old Bulls – 1,200 pounds*

*Yearling Bulls – 900 pounds*

*Two Year Old Bred Heifer – 900 pounds*

*Bull Calves – 450 pounds*

*Heifer Calves – 400 pounds*

**JUDGING GUIDELINES FOR THE LIVE ANIMAL SHOW:** While the GTSS Consignor Committee does not set forth any guidelines for live animal judges to follow, consignors should be aware that animals are judged with the following in mind: structural soundness and good confirmation; soundness and ability to travel without any lameness; overall health of the animal; good fleshing without being overly conditioned and carrying too much weight; overall appearance of the animal. Additionally, for the Pen of 5 Heifer Calf classes, please note that uniformity of the five heifers will not be a main judging point, but could be used to break a tie between one or more pens being considered for an award.

**SIFTING OF ANIMALS**

Animals will normally be sifted only because of not meeting the previously stated GTSS requirements. However, the GTSS-Consignor Committee Chairman, reserves the right, in accordance with National Western Stock Show General Rules and Regulations, to appoint a committee, if necessary, that shall decide if any additional entries lack the necessary merit to be included in the Gold Trophy Show & Sale. The GTSS-Consignor Committee Chairman’s decision will be final. Bleeding horns upon arrival will be evaluated by the GTSS Consignor Committee Chairman and the horn(s) may be removed at that time. If, on arrival or during its stay in the yards, an animal appears to be unhealthy, the GTSS Consignor Committee Chairman reserves the right to have that animal examined by a licensed veterinarian. If an animal is determined to be unhealthy by the Veterinarian, that animal shall be removed from the Show & Sale. Costs of examination shall be borne by the NBA if the animal is deemed healthy, or borne by the consignor if the animal is deemed unhealthy. If an animal is rejected from the Show and Sale, at the consignor, owner, or agent's discretion, that animal can be penned in a separate, non-judged area at a cost to the consignor for a flat fee of \$150. These animals will not sell at the GTSS sale.

**LIABILITY:** The consignor assumes all responsibilities regarding the aforementioned terms and conditions. The NBA acts only as an agent and assumes no responsibility in the event of injury or death to any animal or for any discrepancy between the buyer and the consignor.

**CONSIGNOR’S MEETING:** A consignor’s meeting will be held on Friday, January 20 at 8:00 a.m. at the Westin Hotel. All consignors are encouraged to attend and bring forth any concerns and suggestions to help better the GTSS.

**AWARDS:** For classes with up to 9 entries, first through third place will be awarded. For classes with 10-14 entries, first through fourth place will be awarded. For classes with 15 or more entries, first through fifth places will be awarded. Judges may award Honorable Mentions in each class at their discretion. An overall grand and reserve champion male and female will be selected from the winners of each class.

*Upon completion of the judging and after the Grand and Reserve Grand winners have been selected, the committee will use the following criteria to determine the Live Animal Producer of the Year award.*

1) Points and Qualifying Classes

Points will be awarded as follows for all GTSS live animal classes:

1-9 class entries: First - 3; Second - 2; Third-1

10 – 14 class entries – First 4; Second – 3; Third – 2; Fourth – 1

15 or more class entries - First 5; Second – 4; Third – 3; Fourth – 2; Fifth – 1

Grand Champion - 2; Reserve Grand Champion -1

No points will be awarded for Honorable Mentions. Points will be awarded to each trophy winning entry and the consignor with the most points will be awarded the Producer of the Year.

*The committee will use the following criteria to determine the Rookie of the Year award.*

**Eligibility:** Consignors are eligible for either Rookie award only if the individual or farm/ranch has never entered animals in that category at the Gold Trophy event. Only those consignors who are first time entrants are eligible for this award.

**1) Points and Qualifying Classes**

Points will be awarded for both the Live Animal outlined above in the Producer of the Year information. The first-time consignor in a respective category with the most points will be awarded the Live Animal Rookie of the Year.

All forms and detailed GTSS information are also available on the NBA's website at [www.bisoncentral.com](http://www.bisoncentral.com).

General Health Guidelines and Testing Requirements:

SUBJECT	2 Yr. Bred Females	Yearling Heifers	Heifer Calves	2 Yr. Bulls	Yearling Bulls	Bull Calves
Neg. BVD Test Prior to Arrival	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Neg. Trichomoniasis Test After 12/18/22	N/A	N/A	N/A	Required	Required	N/A
Neg. Brucellosis Test After 12/21/22	Required	Required	NOT Required if OCV'd	Required	Required	Required
Official USDA ID Tag for US animals or Official RFID Tags for Canadian	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Negative Tuberculosis Test after 11/21/22	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Anaplasmosis& Bluetongue	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
Ivermectin or similar administered via injection after 1/11/23 (1 cc/110 lbs)	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Pregnancy verification (Palpation, Ultra sound, Blood test.)	Required (Specify Bred on Health Certificate)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Semen Test on or after 10/21/22	N/A	N/A	N/A	Required	Required	N/A
Aging	Vet to document on certificate	Vet to document on certificate	Vet to document on certificate	Vet to document on certificate	Vet to document on certificate	Vet to document on certificate
GTSS Floppy Ear tag	White Left Ear	White Left Ear	White Left Ear	Yellow Left Ear	Yellow Left Ear	Yellow Left Ear

Bison Semen Evaluation Form

This form must accompany the health certificate for all Yearling Bulls and Two Year Old Bulls consigned to the NBA's Gold Trophy Show & Sale (GTSS). Testing must occur on or after 10/21/22. Failure to provide this information on arrival will disqualify the animal from the GTSS event.

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Operation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Examination Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bull Name: \_\_\_\_\_ GTSS Ear Tag No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ear Tag No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Brucellosis Metal Test Tag No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Morphology Score: \_\_\_\_\_ (GTSS minimum morphology score allowed = 70%)

Motility Score: \_\_\_\_\_ (GTSS minimum motility score allowed = 30%)

Interpretation of data resulting from this examination would indicate, to the best of my knowledge, that this bison bull is in satisfactory physical condition, has satisfactory semen quality, and would be a satisfactory potential breeding bull. Unless otherwise indicated below, this bison bull has been examined only for physical soundness and quality of semen. No special diagnostic tests were made for possible venereal disease or other infection.

Additional remarks:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Veterinarian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Veterinarian name (please print)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_




Attach this form to the animal's Health Certificate

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# Mouthing Chart

to be used in age verification process

## Front view of Bison Incisors identifying the range of acceptability

Symbols:  = Baby teeth     = Adult tooth partially erupted     = Adult tooth fully erupted

**Calf** up to 12 months following birth



**Yearling: Fall** ( Nov 1 to Jan 31)

18 months following birth



to



**Yearling: Spring** (Feb 1 to May 1)

20-24 months following birth



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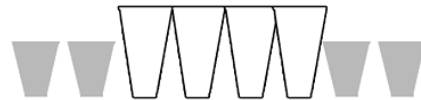


**Two Year Old: Fall** ( Nov 1 to Jan 31)

30-33 months following birth

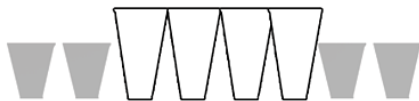


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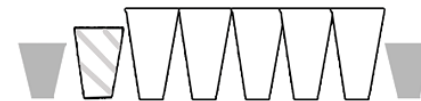


**Three Year Old: Fall** ( Nov 1 to Jan 31)

42-45 months following birth

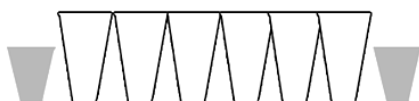


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**Four Year Old: Fall** ( Nov 1 to Jan 31)

54-58 months following birth



to

