

ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

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AHSRA STANDING RULES

- 1) **CONTESTANT OBLIGATIONS:** It is the contestant's responsibility as a member of the AHSRA/AJHSRA to help their Association and participate in activities required to sell a minimum monetary obligation that is determined and established each year at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. One half of the ad/sponsorship money is due at or by the December Rodeo and if there is no rodeo in December, the deadline will be December 20th or before. The second half of the ad/sponsor money is due at or by the March Rodeo and if there is no rodeo in March, the deadline will be by March 15th or before. If a contestant does not turn in his or her monetary obligation by the first half and second half deadline dates, contestant will be assessed a \$25 per rodeo weekend fine. The fine will not apply to their ad sale requirements. If money is paid, he or she may then participate in the rodeo again and will be eligible to participate in the State Finals Rodeo. Also, each contestant will be required to participate in fundraisers. All requirements are published and included in the Contestant Contract signed at the beginning of the year.
- 2) **BACK NUMBER:** Contestants must wear the issued Back Number one hour before performance until the last event is concluded, during slack, at any high school/junior high school event, and away from the rodeo grounds during the rodeo weekend. Contestants may only wear issued official High School back numbers unless approved by an official. Back numbers must be visible when contestant is competing in the arena. ***Back Numbers are to be worn on the back only.***
- 3) **DRESS CODE:** Contestant requirements are as follows:
 - a. Dress Code for Rodeo Performance(s): All entered contestants must wear FULL western attire one hour before, during, and until the end of the scheduled rodeo performance. Any person in the arena, competing or helping in the arena, must be in full western attire.
 - b. **DRESS CODE FOR SLACK(S):** All entered contestants must wear FULL western attire during SLACK. Any person in the arena, competing or helping in the arena, must be in full western attire.
- 4) **GRADES:** It is the contestants' responsibility to turn in grades. Grades are to be submitted to the State Secretary at the beginning of the year, between semesters (December-January), prior to or at check in at State Finals. The AHSRA Board of Directors adopted the semester grading for the qualification of contestant with the State Secretary verifying the contestant is qualified to rodeo prior to their first rodeo, and if a contestant becomes ineligible due to grades after the 1st semester, that contestant may be reinstated providing after the next grading period (or interim report) he/she becomes academically eligible to rodeo. If a contestant is unable to get a printed copy of grades before a rodeo, that contestant is responsible and required to:
 - a. Have your school principal, guidance counselor or school secretary to write a letter on school stationary letterhead that printed grades were not available and list each course taken with the grade received in each course, sign and date the letter. Notes not on school letterheads will not be accepted.

- b. A letter showing grades meet NHSRA requirements for the member to be eligible to compete, must be uploaded as well as given to state secretary a minimum of 24 hours prior to rodeo.
 - c. Grades will be checked, and if passing in at least 70% of the classes taken the contestant will be allowed to compete at that rodeo.
 - d. If printed grades or a signed letter with grades from school are not turned in at check-in before you compete, or if grades are not passing, you will not compete, and you will owe a \$25 per event fee for each event entered.
 - e. NO GRADES, NO GRADE LETTER FROM SCHOOL, NO RODEO PARTICIPATION.
- 5) **CALL OUT/IN:** All contestants and new contestants throughout the year must call in for the first rodeo of the season or first rodeo since becoming a member. Any out of state rodeos, BAMA Challenge, and Finals will Call-In entry (All-ins do not roll over for Finals). All other regular season rodeos will be a call out system. You will turn in your call-in sheet at the first regular season rodeo or first rodeo after becoming a member. If any of your events change, you must call the call-in secretary on the call out/in dates. There will be a late call out/in date. Late call outs/ins will be a charge of \$25 per event per rodeo and will be due at that rodeo with regular event fees.
- 6) **LATE CALL OUT/IN:** Contestants may draw out of a rodeo/cutting/shooting without being charged on the late call-out date. Draw-outs will be handled by calling the Call-In Secretary on the designated date.
- 7) **DRAW OUT/NO SHOW FINES:** Contestants must pay the \$25 draw out fine per event per rodeo for no shows and draw outs before being allowed to compete at the next sanctioned rodeo. If a contestant at check-in tells the rodeo secretary that he/she will not be competing in an event, that contestant will not be permitted to be re-entered or compete in that event at that rodeo.
- 8) **MEDICAL AND VET RELEASES:** All medical release forms or vet releases for draw-outs and no shows are to be sent to the State Treasurer who handles rodeo fines within 2 weeks of occurrence.
- 9) **PROTEST:** Each rodeo event has a Student Event Director to represent those contestants entered in an event for protests. The following is the procedure a contestant follows for a protest: Only a contestant will be allowed to register protest, and it must be placed first through one of the following four people: ***Protest must be placed in the order below***
- a. Student Event Director
 - b. Adult Event Director
 - c. Arena Director
 - d. National Director

Complaints must be made before the end of that performance or slack in which the “question arose” that the contestant is entered to make a protest.

- 10) **RODEO POINTS:** All regular season and finals points from all rodeos (**with the exception of shooting events**) will count towards All-Around and Rookie. No Rodeos will be dropped. Finals points from Cutting and Reining Cow Horse will count towards All-Around and Rookie. Regular Season and Finals points from shooting events will NOT count towards All-Around and Rookie.

- 11) REGION BOUNDARIES:** Region Boundaries have been realigned and are the North, Central, and South regions. The regions are defined by area codes which determine address locations. The contestant region is defined by their address registered in their application.
- 12) ENDING FUNDS:** The ending year's balance shall be no less than \$5,000.
- 13) SCHOLARSHIPS:** Senior contestants are encouraged to apply and interview for State Scholarships to be awarded at the State Finals Rodeo. Senior contestants who are awarded a scholarship at the State Finals Rodeo and who also attend the National Finals Rodeo shall not be penalized for competing for a scholarship at the National Finals. A contestant does not have to turn down a state Scholarship to compete for a scholarship at the National Finals Rodeo. State Scholarship funds are available for one year from graduation and will be sent to a contestant upon receipt of the scholarship letter awarded to the contestant at the State Finals Rodeo along with proof of enrollment in a junior college, college, university or trade school. Funds will be extended for one year upon written notice to the State Secretary. How scholarships are given will be in writing. **MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP AT STATE FINALS.** Failure to appear for any other reason other than medical/family emergency will result in scholarships not being given and returned to scholarship funds. Merit awards can be disbursed at the end of regular rodeo season and check made directly to the recipient of the award.
- 14) Rodeo Entry Numbers:** The sponsoring organization and region hosting a regional rodeo will determine the number of contestant entries to be accepted in each performance and will determine if slack is needed. Advertising slack in newsletters does not bind a region to offer slack. Sponsor and region will determine the time of the rodeo performance and slack. It is recommended that a minimum of 10 entries in a performance be taken before taking any slack entries. A call-in question is referred to the Call-In Secretary and is recommended that slack is held both days if possible.
- 15) PAST PRESIDENTS:** All past presidents are entitled to honorary membership in the AHSRA
- 16) QUEEN:** Queens crown/buckle/chaps are to remain with Queen. New ones will be ordered for the incoming Queen. The Queen is responsible for raising money to buy a saddle for the incoming queen. The Queen incoming queen gets the option of a new saddle or check for the value equaling the value of saddles for general awards for that year. The Queens crown will be handed down each year to the next incoming Queen. If a Queen chooses to purchase the crown they may do so at replacement cost of a new crown. Every 5 years the association will purchase a new crown if needed.
- 17) QUEEN CONTESTANTS:** In order to be eligible to run for Queen, the contestants must compete in another event and qualify for state finals.

AHSRA GROUND RULES

- 1) **STATE FINAL POINT SELECTION:** Points at the State Finals Rodeo will be awarded per the NHSRA Rule Book Option 2.
- 2) **STATE FINALS POINT DIVISION:** Point division for the State Finals Rodeo will be 20 points evenly awarded for each go and the average balance of points will be awarded as total points average.
- 3) **NON-MEMBER ENTRY:** Eligible students may enter on a one-time basis and must pay a one-time insurance fee set by the insurance company. One-time members are eligible to enter a rodeo for a weekend only, then after such time, they may join the state/province and national association as set in the guidelines above. The contestant must pay a fee for insurance and all other entry and office fees for the weekend of rodeos. The contestant is eligible for jackpot payouts and awards but will not receive points. This option is available one weekend per lifetime.
- 4) **STATE FINALS AWARDS ELIGIBILITY:** A contestant must compete in at least 50% of the rodeos in all qualifying events to be eligible to compete in the State Finals.
- 5) **Saddles:** Must have 2 or more contestants in the event to award saddles.
- 6) **National Travel Money:** There are 4 positions on the National Team for each event, except Team Roping which is 8. The amount of travel money will be determined after the State Finals, all association invoices/debts have been paid. Horse positions will get 1 ½ shares and non-horse positions will get 1 share. Additional events will receive ½ share. Travel money will be awarded to both the Junior High Division and the High School Division. Junior High money will be determined by the number of members. Typically, the Junior High Division competes at their National Event prior to High School. Travel Money for Junior High Contestants that attend the National Event will be awarded their travel money during or after JH Nationals. If all invoices and debts have been paid prior to Junior High Nationals, then travel money should be awarded after the 1st go round at Junior High Nationals.

- 7) **GATE TIME RULE:** There will be a 2-minute gate rule in effect for all rodeos and all events. Time will start with the judges' call.
- 8) **STOCK RE-RUNS:** All re-runs on the stock will be at the end of that event of that performance.
- 9) **ONE LOOP RULE:** 1 loop for High School in Calf Roping and breakaway. 2 loops in Team Roping. State finals will be 1 loop for 1st and 2nd round and 2 loops for short go. JH still has 2 loops and 3 loops in team roping.
- 10) **TEAM ROPING/RIBBON ROPING:** You can change partners or change ends throughout the year. Points count as team at state Finals.
- 11) **Goat Tying:** Goat Tying events will have at least one drag throughout the event. Number of runs between drags will depend upon the number of entries at the discretion of the Adult Goat Director.

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