

Minnesota High School Rodeo Association
Jr. High Rodeo Association
2011-2012 Ground Rules
A Minnesota Non-Profit Organization

CURFEW – Contestants are required to be on the campgrounds or at their hotel by 1:00 a.m., at all rodeos and quiet.

GRAND ENTRY – The reigning Queen will be responsible to organize the Grand Entry or will appoint someone in her place.

POINT SYSTEM – We will be using the accumulative points system, awarding all points earned at all the approved rodeos.

STATE FINALS – Contestants must enter and compete in a minimum of four regional rodeos in each event they enter at state finals with the exception of illness, injury, new residence, and new members joining after may 15.

- A) State Finals Rodeo will be two go-rounds and a short go.
- B) Points earned at Regional Rodeos in events entered at State Finals plus points earned in the first two go-rounds of the State Finals will qualify the top ten point earners for the short go.
- C) Top point earner, after the short go, average and year end points in each event will become the state champion and number one qualifier to the National Finals Rodeo.
- D) The top four point earners will qualify and are expected to participate in the National Finals Rodeo. Alternates 5th through 8th place may enter if any of the top four place winners cannot attend. Fourth place ties all qualify and are eligible to compete at the National Finals Rodeo.

GRADUATION – A student may be allowed to be set- up for his or her graduation ceremony. This rule will allow a graduating senior and his/her siblings to be set up to run at the end or the beginning of their event(s) for the day they would miss because of the school graduation ceremony. A written request, from the contestant with signatures of the parents or guardian, must be attached to the entry for that rodeo.

WSCA QUEEN CONTEST – Our retiring Queen will be our representative for the fall WSCA Queen Contest, if she so desires.

TIME LIMITS – The time limits will be as follows: 30 seconds for all events except Jr. High Team Roping at all Regional Rodeos (fall and spring) and State Finals. Jr. High Team roping time limit will be 1 minute (60 seconds).

LATE ENTRY –A \$50.00 first-time fine will be assessed per contestant for late entries postmarked or turned in after the postmark deadline that is printed on the entry form. If an additional late entry violation occurs in the same rodeo season, a \$100.00 fine will be assessed for each additional violation. A late fee will be waived for a new member joining his/her first rodeo. The Entry Secretary will inform the contestant that the entry was late prior to student check-in. This fine must be paid with correct cash or money order at check-in and the contestant will run in slack, if there is slack. If there is slack, the contestant will run first in the following events: goat tying, breakaway roping, tie down roping, steer wrestling, team roping, chute dogging, ribbon roping and will run last in barrel racing, pole bending and cutting. The contestant will NOT be eligible to run in performance, unless that event is only run in performance. Deadline to receive late entries is 48 hours prior to check in.

STUDENT MEETINGS – Contestant meetings are mandatory for the contestant entered in the rodeo at which the meeting is held. You must attend in Western Attire. Not attending is ground for disqualification from the first rodeo or first go-round being held at the regional location. If a student does not attend the contestant meeting at the state finals, he/she will be disqualified from the entire state finals rodeo competition. Contestants who miss the meeting due to not being entered at the rodeo during which the meeting is held, are responsible for contacting Student Directors for general contestant information. Contestant meetings are held just prior to the first rodeo of a two or three day run. Occasionally students miss the meeting because they are not entered for the first day, or as with cutting, their event is not included at the rodeo. The contestant should not be penalized in these situations; however, they are responsible for getting information for their event(s) from the director of the rodeo in which the meeting was addressed.

SAFE DRIVING PRACTICES – This needs to be enforced. If infractions occur, the driver may be disqualified for the remainder of the rodeo.

A) On rodeo grounds – there is no excessive speed or careless driving.

B) Off rodeo grounds – State laws are to be followed. No one is to be in a pick-up box off rodeo grounds.

STOCK DRAW – Stock will be drawn in the order it will be run; that is, slack then performance or vice versa.

STATE FINALS POINTS DISTRIBUTION – Per the NHSRA point distribution for State Finals will be at the discretion of the NHSRA Rulebook. If a point option is given to the State per the NHSRA Rulebook the State needs to introduce each option at the May Board Meeting, with confirmation being completed at the Annual Board Meeting of the current year. If a different option is not presented and accepted, the points will be presented as the same percentages as the previous year.

SELECTION OF EVENT DIRECTORS – Event Directors will be chosen from the highest placing contestant, other than a graduated senior, of a specific event from the previously completed rodeo season. Individuals can be a director of only one event with the contestant having the option to select which event if they qualify in more than one event. If the individual declines the event director position, the next highest placing individual will be given the option. The transfer of the position will occur at the completion of State Finals.

BARREL RACING BARRELS – For all Region Rodeos, the Region is responsible for providing the barrels required for the barrel racing. In State run Rodeos, the State will have barrels for the barrel racing event.

FUNDRAISING REQUIREMENT – A \$200 check per family will be required at the beginning of the rodeo year. This check will be deposited into the general account and will be reimbursed to the family if the fundraising requirements are met by the family. Fundraising requirements will be established by the Board of Directors with input from the fundraising committee.

FUNDRAISING BANNERS - All banners sold for the State Finals Rodeo is the responsibility of the family who sold the banner to hang such banner and remove such banner. This banner will only be allowed in the arena during the State Finals competition.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR AWARD – Directors will be awarded their director buckle after three (3) years of service.

INSURANCE – All regions are required to carry spectator insurance no less than \$500,000.00 for each day of the rodeo.

AWARDS – A buckle will be awarded to a senior who never won a buckle for a first place win at a rodeo that didn't award buckles. It is the responsibility of the student to contact the award committee to receive their buckle. Does not include State Finals.

SET UPS FOR DEATH – Set ups will be allowed for the death in the immediate family of the contestant. Immediate family includes; brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, and legal guardians. Contestants or family members must notify the entry secretary immediately by phone.

CUTTING – Cutting may or may not be held at the same time as all qualifying rodeos allowing committees the opportunity to pool resources. If cuttings are held a different locations and times they will be done as such times with adequate notice to not conflict with competition at qualifying rodeos. To draw out: if the cutting event is held in conjunction with the qualify rodeo see draw out ground rules. If the cutting event is NOT held at the same location and same time as the qualifying rodeo, contestant must draw out 48 hours prior to the cutting performance and/or cutting slack event for that rodeo.

FALL AND SPRING RODEOS – Fall Region Rodeos should be presented and approved by, or at, the Annual meeting prior to the upcoming rodeo season. Spring rodeos should be presented and approved at the February Board of Directors meeting of the current rodeo season. This requirement may be waived by the BOD or the executive committee.

DRAW OUTS – If a contestant is entered in a rodeo, the contestant has 48 hours prior to the first performance and/or slack of a rodeo to draw out of any or all events entered in order for their entry fees to be returned. To draw out: the contestant or family member must contact the rodeo entry secretary or the emergency contact by phone, at least 48 hours prior to the first performance and/or slack of the rodeo. Draw outs after the 48 hours deadline, but before the close of check-in will result in no refund of fees, but the contestant will remain in good standing in other events.

NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECKS – A \$50.00 fine will be charged for each NSF check. Members with NSF checks will be placed on a cash basis list for the duration of the rodeo season and must provide the association with cash or money orders to cover any additional checks written to the association but not yet cashed. Member will not compete in any rodeos until all fees are paid.

ENTRY FEES – All entries to rodeos must be accompanied with an entry fee. Failure to include the entry fee with the entry will be constitute a late entry and all fines associated with late entries will apply. All checks/money orders/cash will be deposited into the general rodeo account the next business day after the rodeo. No checks will be held for deposit.

ENTRIES — If a clerical error by the entry secretary occurs omitting the contestant from the draw, the contestant will be written in on the top of the draw in the following events: pole bending, barrel racing; at the bottom of the draw in the following events: goat tying, breakaway roping, tie down roping, steer wrestling, team roping, cutting, chute dogging, ribbon roping.

POSITION DRAW — Position draw in all events is unofficial until the close of check-in for the rodeo. Any changes to preliminary position draw will be made before stock draw takes place. Official position and stock draw will then be posted for contestant review.