

## **CHSRA District 5 2021-2022 By-laws**

**GOOD STANDING**-A member who is in “good standing” is a member who participates and adheres to ALL rules and policies at the national, State, and District level. A member in good standing may participate in any high school rodeo event that he/she is eligible for. A member must maintain good conduct and uphold the standards that form the reputation, principles, and interests of the Association. When funds permit, good standing awards are given at year end. To be eligible for this award, the member must complete the rodeo season and end in good standing.

**BAD STANDING**-A member in “bad standing” is not eligible to participate in any high school rodeo sponsored event at national, State, or District level until the District Board has cleared the member from Bad standing status. A member in bad standing is not eligible for any type of year end awards.

**ALCOHOL & DRUGS**-No alcohol or drugs will be tolerated at ANY High School Rodeo performance. No tobacco product use by any member will be tolerated at High School Rodeo performances or functions. Refer to the National Rule Book.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**-Associate Memberships are available for a fee. Any adult that is helping around the arena and/or bucking chutes, sorting livestock, timing, working gate, etc. is required to have an Associate Membership due to insurance purposes. At least one parent/guardian, of each member, must have a current and paid Associate Membership.

**ENTRIES**-Online only entries. Late entries will be accepted with an added fee within a certain amount of days after entries close. Entries are considered late if not entered by due date. We strongly suggest you check your email for receipt of entries and keep or print it. This is your verification that you entered the rodeo. All entries will be available on the district website.

**CHECK IN**-The member is to be checked in at the rodeo office by the time stated on the entry unless prior arrangements have been made with the Rodeo Secretary. Members will receive back numbers and a program at time of check in. Members must bring membership card to all rodeo check ins. Number must be worn on back at all district rodeos and after rodeo performance is over. Student work program assignments will be given at check in. Member must initial and acknowledge they are responsible for their work program assignment. If you cannot make your assignment it is your responsibility to notify the work program director and get a new assignment.

**REPORT CARDS**-A copy of the member’s most current report card must be emailed to Membership Secretary/Grade Verification Director and uploaded to NHSRA website prior to close of entry date. It is the responsibility of the members to get the report card to the secretary within one week of the report cards being issued by the school. If Membership Secretary/Grade Verification Director does not have the most current report card at the time of close of entries, the member will not be able to rodeo and will forfeit all current entries. Students attending non-traditional schools must provide copies of class contract at the beginning of each grading period and official transcripts at the end of each grading period. Member must also provide Membership Secretary/Grade Verification Director with a copy of “grade period request form”

**POINTS**-Any questions/ discrepancies on points MUST be addressed with the Points Director(s) within 15 days of the points being posted. Once the 15 days is up, the points will stand as posted.

**REFUNDS**-There will be NO refunds after the draw date. Stock will be ordered and you will be entered into the payback. If a doctor or a vet note is received, only those entries will be refunded. No stock or office fee will be refunded.

**NON SUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECK**-Returned checks must be cleared in the form of a money order or cash, plus a bank charge will apply. Members will not be allowed to enter another NHSRA sanctioned rodeo until all obligations are fulfilled. The District Treasurer will notify the State Secretary of any outstanding debts after the final rodeo. Membership will not be issued the following year until all debts are cleared. After one non-sufficient funds check, member will be on a money order or cashier's check only status.

**RAIN DATES**-An attempt will be made to give 24 hours' notice to members when a rodeo is cancelled. We will attempt to contact all members, but when in question, it is the member's responsibility to contact rodeo secretary, check social media and their email to see if the rodeo has been cancelled. No travel or other expenses will be reimbursed – regardless of the circumstances – if a rodeo is cancelled.

**CONTESTANT/MEMBER RODEO WORK DUTY**-Every member of District 5, entered in the rodeo, will be assigned work duty except Student Event Directors, Student Officers and Queen. If a member does not fulfill their assigned duty, a \$25 fee will be assessed and the member will be considered in "bad standing" until the fee is paid. If you cannot make your assigned duty, for any reason, it is your responsibility to find a replacement and notify the work program director immediately.

**EVENT DIRECTOR WORK DUTY**-Adult and Student event directors must be in the arena for the entire event (except while competing or preparing to compete). They are responsible to view every contestant and make rulings in the event of a question. If an event director needs to leave to prepare or compete in that event, he/she must have a designated member stand in while out of the arena. This duty is the work duty for event directors. The Adult and Student Event Directors should have on hand a copy of rule book and know the rules for their assigned event.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVES**-State reps that miss 2 state meetings will be recommended for replacement.

**OFFICERS and ADULT DIRECTORS**-Officers and Adult Event Directors who miss 3 Board meetings will be recommended for replacement.

**SPONSORSHIPS**-Each High School Member and Junior High member is required to obtain a sponsorship fee set by the District. This money is used for the rodeo operation and awards. Each member must fulfill the sponsorship requirement by date set by District or the member will miss the next rodeo and if paid after the rodeo, then can be eligible for the next rodeo. Members who join late must complete their sponsorship requirement before their first rodeo.

**STATE FUNDRAISER REQUIREMENT**-Each member is required to sell State raffle tickets and turn them in by the date set by the District or you will be ineligible to rodeo and in “bad standings.” You may also be required to donate to your State raffle.

**PARENT PARTICIPATION**-The production and success of our District cannot be done without the help of parent participation. Parents will be asked on a voluntary basis and assigned to fill the positions needed to put on our rodeos. If you cannot make your voluntary or assigned position it is your responsibility to find a replacement and notify the work program director.

**YEAR END AWARDS**-Saddles will be awarded, if District funds are available, for year-end winners in each event. To be eligible for year-end awards, each member must have completed 50% + 1 of the points sanctioned rodeos in that event. Member must earn at least 60 points (excluding Reining Cow Horse) in their event to qualify for saddle. In the event that no member qualifies by the above-mentioned rules regarding saddles, the top point earner will qualify for regular district awards. Saddles may be awarded to year end event winners in events that have had 5 or more members entered in that event all year. If less than 5 members compete in that event, saddle sponsorships may be obtained by said members if they wish to receive a saddle.

If there is a hardship due to illness or injury that prevents the member from competing in 50% +1 rodeo, the member may petition the executive board to override the 50% +1 rule. This will be voted on by the executive board. The member must also have completed their sponsorship and fundraising requirements within the timeline and met all other participation requirements to remain in good standing. If a member does not fulfill the obligation to the satisfaction of the Board, they will not be eligible for year-end awards or to represent the district at other NHSRA rodeos. A member must be in full western attire to receive any awards at any awards presentation. In the event of a first place tie a coin flip will be determined who receives the award at the presentation and another award of equal value will be ordered for the loser of the coin toss.

**DISTRICT VESTS**-When a members competes at Challenge and State Finals, he/she must wear a Black District 5 vest with 5 red stars on it to identify and represent District 5. The vest is the financial responsibility of each members. Modifications can be made to the vest such as adding fringe, embroidering name, events, awards, etc.

**ADDRESS/PHONE/EMAIL CHANGES**-It is the responsibility of the member to notify both the membership secretary and the rodeo secretary immediately of any address, phone, or email changes. Member is responsible to update their NHSRA account with new information.

**WEBSITE**-Important information (directors, officers, rodeo schedule, closing dates, entries, etc.) is posted on the CHSRA District 5 Website. It is the responsibility of the member to check the website and District social media pages to be up to date on all information sent out. Emails may also be sent out with important District information, so it is very important that we have accurate email addresses on file.

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