



# **ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION**

## **2022-23**

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## **AHSRA STANDING RULES**

1) **CONTESTANT OBLIGATIONS:** It is the contestant's responsibility as a member of the AHSRA to help their Association and participate in activities required of them. Per the AHSRA Board of Directors, each contestant is 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 ad/sponsor money is due at or by the December Rodeo and if there is no rodeo in December, the deadline will be December 10 or before. The second half of ad/sponsor money is due at or by the March Rodeo and if there is no rodeo in March, the deadline will be March 1 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 requirement. If monies are paid, he or she may then rodeo again and will be eligible to participate at 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/jr 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.

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 a 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 contestant's 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

write a letter on school stationery 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 letterhead will not be accepted.

- b) Bring the letter to the rodeo check-in and turn in to the State Secretary.
- 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 contestant 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 be a mail in entry. 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 date. There will be a late call out/in date. Late call outs/ins will be a charge of \$25 per rodeo and will be due at that rodeo with regular events 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-out 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 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 or 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, turn outs and no shows are to be sent to the State Treasurer who handles rodeo fines within two (2) weeks of occurrence.

9) **PROTESTS:** 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:

- a) Student Event Director
- b) Adult Event Director

- c) Arena Director
- d) National Director

before the end of 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 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 balance shall be no less than \$2500.

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. A contestant who wins a scholarship at the National Finals does not have to turn down a scholarship awarded at the State Finals. 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 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 scholarship not being given and returned back to scholarship funds.

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. Advertisement of 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 incoming Queen.

- 17.) **QUEEN CONTESTANTS:** In order to be eligible to run for Queen, the contestant 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 average and the balance of points will be awarded as total point's 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 payoffs and awards but will not receive points. This option is available one weekend per rodeo season.
- 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 at State Finals.
- 5) **SADDLES:** Must have 2 or more contestants in event to award saddles.
- 6) **NATIONAL TRAVEL MONEY:** There is 4 positions on the National Team for each event, except Team Roping which is 8. The amount of travel money will be determined after State Finals *all association invoices/debts have been paid*. Horse positions will get 1 1/2 shares and non-horse positions will get 1 share. Additional events will receive 1/2 share. Travel money will be awarded to *both the Junior High Division and the High School division*. Junior High money will be determined by 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 afterwards. If all invoices and debts have been paid prior to Junior High Nationals, then travel money should be awarded prior to Junior High Nationals.*
- 7) **GATE TIME RULE:** There will be a 2 minute gate rule in affect for all rodeos and all events. Time will be started by judge's 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 HS in Calf Roping and breakaway. 2 loops in team roping . State finals will be 1 loop for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round and 2 loops for short go. JH still 2 loops and 3 loops in team roping.

- 10) **TEAM ROPING/RIBBON ROPING:** You can change partners or change ends through out the year. Points count as team at state finals.
- 11) **SHOOTING:** Shooting is now an event and counts towards all around.

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