

## WHSRA GROUND RULES – adopted 6/30/2012 effective August 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 ok'd Feb 2013

These rules are presented through the authority and responsibility granted to State Charter Associations by the National High School Rodeo Association. All decisions will be made based on these published groundrules and the current NHSRA Rule Book.

### MEMBERSHIP/ENTRY & CHECK IN DEADLINES

A list will be published biannually of the Central Entry System (CES) call-in dates and times. One week prior to each call-in will be the postmark deadline for the acceptance of annual (8/1/11-7/31/12) membership applications. If a membership application is postmarked after deadline, applicant will NOT be eligible for correlating rodeo.

Eligible members must enter rodeo by following registration process of CES during established dates and times. Instructions and schedules can be accessed at <http://www.cowboycalendar.com/wihsra> If a contestant has trouble/an emergency enroute, they must notify the Rodeo Secretary BEFORE the check in deadline at 608-393-0913 or published Rodeo Office phone of:

- Who is (are) the late contestant(s)
- What is the reason for being late
- When will you (they) arrive at the rodeo

If a contestant arrives after the check in deadline without notifying the Rodeo Secretary, contestant will be disqualified from one go round of that rodeo.

*At the State Finals:* The top 20 (twenty) accumulative point leaders in all events (excluding QC) are required to confirm their intent to participate BEFORE 9am on Sunday at the Rodeo Secretary's Office. Failure to comply will result in ineligibility for Sunday's Short Go.

### MANDATORY CONTESTANT MEETINGS

Failure of contestant to attend will result in disqualification from competition in next go round.

### THREE CALLS TO COMPETE

Contestants will receive 3 (three) verbal calls by the announcer to compete in their event. The announcer will be instructed by the Arena Director to state the following:

- Contestant name and number to compete
- Contestant name and "this is your SECOND call"
- Contestant name and "this is your THIRD and FINAL call"

Failure to compete when called upon results in contestant disqualification from that event for the balance of the rodeo.

### SCORING AND PENALTIES

**HATS:** If the hat of a competing pole bender, barrel racer or goat tier is allowed to fall to the ground during that event, contestant will be assessed a \$10 fine per incident.

If the hat of a competing roper (girl/boy BK/TD/RR/TR) or steer wrestler is allowed to fall to the ground before exiting the end of the roping box(es), contestant will be assessed a \$10 fine per incident.

Payment of fine(s) required at next rodeo check in to remain eligible to compete.

**PARTNERS:** Both members of a team roping "team" must be properly entered (naming one another as partners). CES will accept "single" team ropers without partners.

**DISMISSAL:** An Arena Director may decide to excuse/dismiss a contestant during run after breaking the pattern. At the Judge's discretion, any contestant will be notified of his/her "final" 30 (thirty) seconds to start his/her run/ride. Not following the Judge's directive results in a No Time.

### LOCATION (HOSTING RODEO COMMITTEE) RULES

**DRESS CODE:** All contestants will wear proper attire whether competing or not this includes watching from the Grandstands. The only area of exception will be outlined by the Rodeo Committee as the Designated Camping Area and discussed at the Contestant Meeting.

**SPEED LIMIT:** All vehicles in forward or backward motion must remain UNDER the 5 (five) mile per hour speed limit on the rodeo grounds.

**PARADES:** All contestants will participate as outlined by the Rodeo Committee in any parade scheduled in the contestant information packet.

**CURFEW:** Any dances will end NO LATER than 12:30am to abide by the established curfew of 1AM for all contestants (both on and off the grounds).

**GROUND CONDITIONS** – Student event directors are the contestant representatives who speak to the arena directors, prior to mandatory contestant meetings. Local host committees and arena directors will include student event directors in making decisions when conditions warrant major changes.

**JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION - TIME LIMIT TO COMPETE**

Tie-Down Roping, Boys Breakaway, Girls Breakaway, Boys Goat Tying, Girls Goat Tying, Team Roping, Ribbon Roping

Optional one (1) minute time limit will be used at regional rodeos.

Thirty (30) second time limit will be used at state finals rodeo.

**REMINDERS**

***Required Horse Health Papers***

**Proof of Negative Coggins, Interstate Health Certificate, etc**

**As published on Rodeo Information Sheets, each location has specific required Horse Health Papers. Travel with original DVM issued documents and COPIES must be turned in at time of arrival on Rodeo Grounds (at entrance gate). \$1 per page will be charged to make copies.**

**Please include appropriate Livestock Premises Code – addtl information available at [www.datcp.state.wi.us/premises/index.jsp](http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/premises/index.jsp)**

***Rule Book Publication***

**To save printing costs The NHSRA Rule Book will be published bi-annually. The current publication is available online at [www.nhsra.org](http://www.nhsra.org)**

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**PLEASE COMPLETE AND TURN IN TO RODEO SECRETARY UPON RECEIPT**

I have received, read, and understand the 2012-2013 ground rules effective August 1, 2012

CONTESTANT NAME please print \_\_\_\_\_

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_