

# NEBRASKA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO RULES/POLICIES

## GENERAL RULES

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### **1. Read your National High School Rodeo Association Rule Book!!**

**2. DRESS CODE:** From the time the rodeo starts until the time the rodeo is over, all contestants on the rodeo grounds must be in rodeo attire. (NHSRA rule book, p.28). Contestants will be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each violation. Fines must be paid before the next rodeo or the contestant will not be able to compete. Fines will be put into the "student fund".

**4. Contestant must enter their event and compete at the state finals to be eligible to compete at the National Finals Rodeo. A contestant with enough points, using the accumulative point system, but because of injury cannot compete in the state finals, will maintain his/her position through the average and will receive points and awards for their final placing in the event. Contestant must have medical documentation and must be present for the entirety of the finals, unless the medical condition so prohibits.**

**5. Only contestants will be allowed to register complaints, and these must be placed first through the Contestant Event Director, Adult Event Director, National Director or Arena Director before the end of the section/event in which the question arose. Any contestants or parents attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, harass or coerce any rodeo official at any time between opening and closing of a rodeo, will cause contestant to be disqualified.**

**6. There will be no trading out by contestants in any event, **except** in conflicting events due to multiple arena situations and high school graduation (Seniors only).**

**7. Disqualification from a rodeo means that you are done for the day. If you have already competed and placed in other events, these placing will be taken away. You will be subject to turn out fees for uncompleted entered events.**

**8. Once a contestant releases on a medical or visual release, in order to compete again, a doctor must give a release to compete again.**

## ENTRY POLICIES

**1. Qualifying rodeo entries go to the Central Entry Secretary, with funds made payable to the NHSRA. Payment must accompany the rodeo entry form. PayPal is a payment option. Entries that are mailed "Certified" or "Registered" and require a signature must include an additional \$10 handling fee to their entry fees. First class mail and Priority Mail are other mail options that would not have any additional fees.**

**2. Entry fees will be \$20.00 per event with \$1.00 going to the general fund, \$.50 going to the student fund, \$2.00 going to the state award fund, and \$1.00 going to the central entry fund, and \$15.50 going to the host rodeo committee.**

**3. Entries and payment must be received by the rodeo closing date.**

**4. If entering all the rodeos at one time and several checks submitted, the checks will be deposited prior to the rodeo taking place, not in conclusion.**

**5. Each rodeo entry will be accepted as received by the Central Entry. If a contestant has marked the wrong event, he/she must turn out of that event and pay the fine.**

**6. A pre-draw list will be posted on the NHSRA website according to the deadline established for the rodeo entries received at that time. This will be done prior to positions drawn, and errors may be corrected at that time.**

7. A \$25.00 charge will be assessed for any insufficient funds check and upon 2nd offense member will be placed on a cash only basis.

### **Contestant Turn-Out Information**

You may only DRAW OUT of a rodeo before positions are drawn. The date of position draws is posted on the NHSRA website. Any draw outs after this date are considered a TURN OUT. You must contact the Central Entry Secretary and each Rodeo Secretary to draw out, not the Association Secretary. If you draw out before positions are drawn, entry fees will be refunded.

If you are TURNING OUT of a rodeo after positions are drawn, a \$17.00 turn out fine/per event will be assessed. In the Team Roping, if one partner turns/draws out, the remaining partner can find a new partner. See Team Roping rules.

If you are TURNING OUT because of a medical or vet release, the Central Entry Secretary and Rodeo Secretary must be notified 24 hours in advance of the start time of the rodeo. If the persons are notified 24 hours in advance, entry fees will be refunded and the \$17.00 turn out fine will not be imposed. If the notification is after the 24-hour deadline, and before 5 days after the turn out, the contestant does not get their fees back. After 5 days have passed and a medical or vet release has not been submitted to the Central Entry Secretary, a \$17.00 fine will be assessed, and need to be paid prior to competing at the next rodeo.

A contestant may turn out due to a visible injury or illness that occurred the day of the rodeo, provided the judge has ruled this to be the situation. A judge's visual release is only good for that day's rodeo. The turn out fine of \$17.00 will be waived in this situation, however, the entry fee(s) will not be returned.

All medical or vet releases must be emailed or mailed to Jayme From, 89702 Sandhills Lane, Crookston, NE 69212 within 5 days of the release. Anything received after the date, will be considered a turn out and a \$17.00 fine will be imposed. All medical or vet releases must be on a doctor or veterinarian's official letterhead and signed. Once a contestant competes in the event they released, the release is void.

The Central Entry Secretary will be notifying the following week's rodeo secretaries of any turn outs, so all fines will be paid prior to competing at the next rodeo. Fines may be paid to the Rodeo Secretary or sent to the Central Entry Secretary. If you pay a fine at a rodeo, be sure to ask for a receipt. It is your responsibility to provide proof of a fine payment if paperwork is lost. All fines should be made payable to the NHSRA.

Once a contestant releases on a medical or visual release, in order to compete again, a doctor must give a release to compete again. If you are not able to compete at the rodeos following the first one you released from, contact the Central Entry Secretary and Rodeo Secretary ASAP so stock is not ordered for you.

### **FINES POLICY**

1. All fines will be paid to the Nebraska High School Central Entry Secretary, unless she is unavailable then to the qualifying rodeo secretary. The State Secretary will put fifty percent (50%) of the turnout fines in the student fund and the other fifty percent (50%) goes to the said rodeo committee.
2. Turn-out fines must be paid with-in five (5) days or contestant will be ineligible until the fines are paid.
3. If turn-out fines are not paid before the next rodeo entered, the contestant must draw out or will be considered another turn out for the rodeo and each rodeo thereafter, until the fines are paid.

## EVENT RULES

### GOAT TYING

Contestants can tie the goats under the supervision of an adult director prior to the draw, at qualifying rodeos and at the state finals.

Goat Tying must be ran before the Pole Bending when held in the same arena.

### TEAM ROPING

If the contestant turns out after positions are drawn, he/she is responsible for his/her fees plus a seventeen dollar (\$17) turn out fine. His/her partner can find a replacement if that replacement is entered in said rodeo but not in the team roping event and has a parental signature on the membership application for the team roping.

If a contestant VET or MEDICAL releases out. His/her partner can find a replacement if that replacement is entered in the said rodeo, but not in the team roping and has a parental signature on the membership application for the team roping. His/her NEW partner is responsible for the fees.

When a new partner is selected this must be done before stock is drawn for the section they are in, except when the absent partner medical releases out with a VISUAL INJURY.

### RIDING EVENTS

At qualifying rodeos if the number of stock is less than the number of contestants the remainder of the contestants will draw back to the whole herd.

### TIMED EVENTS

All timed events have a thirty (30) second time limit. Only one loop will be permitted in the calf roping and breakaway, two loops in the team roping, and one jump in the steer wrestling.

### BARREL RACE & POLE BENDING

If a contestant runs out of order, they will receive a NO TIME. All other runs stand "as is".

If a contestant breaks the pattern, they will be allowed to finish the run. If you do any training after you break the pattern, you are subject to *disqualification by the judge*. (See explanation for disqualification under general rules.)

### RCH

There will be a minimum of 3 RCH events each year: Points earned will count towards event standings, however, not towards the All Around, due to this being an optional event in the NE High School Rodeo Association.

All Around points will be awarded from the state finals competition.

RCH State Finals: There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> go and a short go. Contestants will be able to bring in a maximum of 30 points. Points for state finals will be awarded as follows:

(Maximum coming in) 30 points + (1<sup>st</sup> Go) 20 points + (Short Go) 15 points = National Qualifiers.

### RCH Terms

1. Using a point system similar to the other events at the NHSRA State Finals.
2. To be eligible to compete at the state finals, you must be listed in the top 30 of the event standings and have earned points.
3. The top 4 contestants in the RCH standings will be qualified to attend Nationals as part of the Nebraska team.

## **NEBRASKA STATE FINALS QUALIFICATION**

1. Each contestant takes his/her top fifteen (15) rodeos to the State Finals. If the number is below fifteen (15) all rodeos will count.
2. The top thirty (30) point leaders in each event are eligible for the state finals rodeo.
3. The top sixty (60) point leaders in the team roping are eligible for the state finals rodeo.
4. Contestants point leaders are considered entered in the State Finals Rodeo. If you do not wish to compete in the State Finals, you must contact the Central Entry Secretary by the closing date so that a contestant can be rolled up.
5. Grade report must be turned in before the state finals rodeo entries close.
6. Contestants numbers must be worn at all times during the state finals rodeo including uptown, at the motel, or on the grounds.
7. All turn-out fines must be paid before competing in the state finals rodeo.
8. It is mandatory for every contestant to attend the student meeting held before the state finals rodeo.
9. It will be mandatory for each contestant to be at check-in, in full rodeo attire. No one will be able to check you in. If you are late for check-in you will be drawn-out. If you have trouble in route, be sure to call the rodeo office and speak to the state secretary.
10. In the event of a tiebreaker at the state finals for year-end saddle winner: National rule to be followed with the Nebraska amendment to the National rule: after all rodeos and points considered and a tie is resulting, one head of stock or one run will be performed to determine the winner. At this time, if a tie is still resulting, the winner will be determined by a flip of the coin.
11. State Finals Short Round stock shall be chosen by the adult director of the specific event along with two appointed adults. Stock numbers shall be given to the secretary the night before the short round. If these numbers are not turned in to the secretary, the selection will revert back to the following: To determine timed event stock for the final round: figure the top 10 contestants in the average from the first two (2) go-rounds, and use their stock to draw to. Or use the stock with the fastest times from the first two (2) rounds. Method will be determined by event directors. Because this is not a 'true short round', contestants will draw back to the established herd and can draw the same animal they already competed on. This rule would apply to all timed event stock.
12. Rough stock in the final go-around will be determined by adult and student directors with input from the stock contractor.
13. **Only contestants that compete in the Short Round will be awarded Average points. They must have at least one time/score to be eligible for points.**
14. Two loops will be allowed in all roping events, if a second loop is tied on. Three loops in the Team Roping will be allowed.
15. There will be a 30 second time limit in all timed events.

**16.** Contestant must enter their event at the state finals. A contestant with enough points, using the accumulative point system, but because of injury cannot compete in the state finals, will maintain his/her position through the average and will receive points and awards for their final placing in the event. Contestant must have medical documentation and must be present for the entirety of the finals, unless the medical condition so prohibits.

**17.** A contestant who accepts a position on the National Finals Rodeo Team will be expected to perform in all qualified go-rounds of the National Finals Rodeo. Failure to compete will result in the repayment of funds received by the contestant to the association, except for doctor and vet releases.

### **Nebraska High School Rodeo Association Policies**

**1.** If a member of the NHSRA, while attending an NHSRA function or approved event, is caught by an officer of the law, or a director of the NHSRA in possession of drugs, alcohol, or in the act of destruction of property, the member will be disqualified for the next four (4) rodeos. The member will be responsible for all turn out fines and entry fees will not be returned.

**2.** A contestant's current grades, with school certification, must be uploaded to their National Profile along with the membership form. Current grades will need to be submitted prior to the start of the spring season, and at the conclusion of the school year. Grades must be received before the state finals. Renewing members would not need to submit grades with their fall membership forms, if they sent them at the conclusion of the past school year.

**3.** Contestants will be issued a back number that will be used for the rodeo year. Back numbers will be worn at all qualifying rodeos and are to be worn on the contestants back. Failure to wear back numbers, whether competing or around the arena, will result in a \$25 fine that must be paid before the next rodeo.

**4.** Raffle tickets must be sold by each member and those monies turned in by the date set of that given year in order to compete in the spring rodeos, and to be in good standing with the association. After March 1<sup>st</sup>, any member not submitting raffle money would owe the state association the minimum sales required (\$300.00) plus a \$50.00 late fee **TO BE PAID BEFORE ENTRY CLOSING DATE. New members, joining after March 1<sup>st</sup>, would be exempt of the \$50.00 late fee. Members as of March 1 must have all raffle fees paid by April 1 to be eligible to rodeo.**

**5.** There are two (2) general membership meetings during the year for adult and student members. One is held in June at the State Finals with election of officers and board members. The other meeting is held during the rodeo season. To be able to vote at the meetings, you must have a membership. In the case of adult memberships, one adult membership is included with one student membership fee of \$20. If both parents want to vote, then an additional adult membership of \$10 must be purchased. Your adult membership is not a rodeo pass.

**6.** All adult directors must attend a judge's seminar once every three (3) years. (Just like the judges.)

**7.** Results of qualifying rodeos will be considered "final" two weeks after they have been printed in the newsletter. If you find an error in the results within the two-week period, report them immediately to the secretary so that they can be corrected. State Finals will be considered final after five days.

**8.** The state spur logo can only be used for the purposes of the NSHRA and State Finals awards.

**9.** Students will vote each year on the following: secretary of the year, judge of the year and rodeo of the year.