



ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

2015-16 STANDING RULES

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AHSRA STANDING RULES

- 1) It is a 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 of \$300.00. One half of ad/sponsor money is due at the December Rodeo on December 5, 2015 and if there is no rodeo in December, the deadline will be December 1, 2015 or before. The second half of ad/sponsor money is the March Rodeo, the deadline will be March 19, 2016 or before, in ads, awards, sponsorships or to participate at the State Finals Rodeo. 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 a fundraiser. This year's fundraiser is \$200 in Draw Down Tickets. (Amended August 2015, Board Meeting).
- 2) An AHSRA contestant member will not be used in any official capacity at a sanctioned AHSRA rodeo whether entered or not. (June, 1996 Annual Board Meeting).
- 3) **CONTESTANTS MUST WEAR** the issued Back Number on their back at all times. 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. (August, 2004 Board Meeting).
- 4) **Dress Code** requirements are as follows:
 - a) **Dress Code for Rodeo Performance/s:** All contestants must wear FULL western attire with back numbers one hour before, during, and until the end of a scheduled rodeo performance. Contestants are to wear FULL western attire even if not entered in a scheduled performance. Contestants may not change clothes after events are over, and must wait until the rodeo is over.
 - b) **Dress Code for Slack/s:** Contestants are required to wear FULL western attire with back numbers during SLACK whether they are just watching, competing or helping in the arena.
 - c) **Appropriate Dress:** No holes in jeans allowed. (August 2014 Board Meeting)
- 5) **Grades:** It is the contestant's responsibility to immediately turn in grades at the end of a grading period. Grades are to be faxed or mailed in a timely manner to the State Secretary with the contestant's number written on grade report. Your grade report dates were turned in with your application form. 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 1st semester, that contestant may be reinstated providing after the next grading period (or interim report) he/she becomes academically eligible to rodeo. (June, 1998, Annual Board Meeting)

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 stationary 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.** (June, 2000, Annual Board Meeting)

- 6) Contestants may draw out of a rodeo without being charged by the late call-in date. Draw-out will be handled thru the call-in on the website www.ahsra.org, the website will provide the call-in secretary with a date and time stamp of entry. Cutting contestants may draw out of cutting/s by the late call-in date using the same method before a scheduled makeup cutting/s without being charged a draw out fine per cutting. (June, 2000, Annual Board Meeting)(Amended August, 2007 Board Meeting).
- 7) After entry books close, late call-in will be held thru website www.ahsra.org, the website will provide the call-in secretary with date and time stamp of entry, a late entry charge of \$25 per rodeo will be assessed of contestant payable at check-in along with regular event fees. (Minutes, 1994-95)(Amended August, 2011, Board Meeting)
- 8) Contestants must pay the draw out fine/s (\$25 per event) for no shows and draw outs before being allowed to compete at the next sanctioned rodeo. This money must be paid to the AHSRA Secretary or State Executive Officer prior to check-in at the next rodeo entered (June, 2000, Annual Board Meeting)

- 9) If a contestant at check-in tells the check-in secretary that he or she will not be competing in an event, that contestant, once marked-off:
- a. will not be permitted to be re-entered in an event if that contestant changed his or her mind and decides to compete;
 - b. will not be permitted to compete in that event at that rodeo; and
 - c. a draw out fine will not be charged, but the \$25 entry fee per event is required to be paid at that rodeo. (June, 2008, Annual Board Meeting)
- 10) 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. If not received, a \$25 entry free will be recorded and imposed. Once the medical or vet excuse is submitted the fine will be refunded/crossed off, if submitted in a timely manner. (June, 2008, Annual Board Meeting)
- 11) Senior contestants will be given three (3) priority call-ins beginning in March. Seniors will be-allowed to call-in one day early to the Rodeo Secretary beginning in March for such cases as one prom, one baccalaureate, and one graduation, and the State Secretary will compile a list of the Senior entries to eliminate misuse of privilege. (June, 1996, Annual Board Meeting)
- 12) **PROTESTS:** Each rodeo event has a Student Event Director elected at the past State Finals Rodeo to represent those contestants entered in an event for protests. The following is the procedure a contestant follows for a protests: “Only a contestant will be allowed to register complaints and these must be placed first through the Contestant Event director, National Director or Arena Director before the end of performance or slack in which the “question arose” in which the AHSRA contestant is entered to make a protest.” (See Rulebook)
- 13) **RODEO POINTS COUNTED:** Established as an AHSRA policy by past AHSRA Board of Directors, the number of rodeos counted for points will be determined and voted upon yearly by the AHSRA board of Directors prior to the first rodeo of the New Year. The Board will determine the number to be dropped yearly and will be done by the Point Secretary.
- NO Rodeo will be dropped for the 2015-2016 rodeo year. Points from Cutting Finals only will count towards All-Around for 2015-16 rodeo seasons. The same will apply to Reining Cow Horse. Only points earned at State Finals in Reining Cow Horse will apply to All-Around Points for 2015-17 Rodeo Season. (August 2015 Board Meeting)
- 14) All Around, Reserve All Around, and Rookie Standings will be published during the rodeo year. Points from events a contestant enters during the year from “all rodeos” plus those at the State finals rodeo will determine final All Around and Rookie Standing. (August 2006, Board Meeting)

- 15) Region Boundaries have been realigned and are the North, Central, and South Regions. (Amended, June 2013, Annual Board Meeting)
- 16) AHSRA funds: The AHSRA will hold back 10% of ending balance after expenses from State Finals are paid before disbursing funds to team to go to Nationals. Funds to be put into savings or CD and used as cash reserve fund, and can only be dispersed by a board vote with a quorum of members present. Budget Committee to meet and make a recommendation. (June 1997, Annual Board Meeting).
- 17) **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. (June 1998, Annual Board Meeting)

State Scholarship funds are available for one year 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. (Amended August 2008 Board Meeting)

- 18) **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, will determine if slack is needed, and to set at which place during entry call-in, slack entries will be taken. Slack is recommended to be held both days if possible. Advertisement of slack in newsletters does not bind a region to offer slack. Sponsor and region will determine the time of slack for newsletters. (August 1997, Board Meeting)

It is recommended a minimum of 10 entries in a performance be taken before taking any slack entries. Call-in questions are referred back to the rodeo committee and is recommended that slack is held both days if possible. (August 1997, Board Meeting)

- 19) All past presidents are entitled to honorary membership in the AHSRA. (June 1998, Annual Board Meeting)
- 20) The AHSRA Queen's crown is the sole property of the AHSRA and must be passed down each year at State Finals to the new queen (June 1998, Annual Board Meeting)

AHSRA GROUND RULES

- 1) Points at the State Finals Rodeo will be awarded per the NHSRA Rule Book Option 1 (August 2015, Board Meeting)
- 2) 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. (August 2010 Board Meeting)
- 3) A non member that meets age eligibility requirements will be allowed to participate at one AHSRA. The contestant must pay a \$17 fee for insurance and all other entry and office fees for the rodeo. The contestant is eligible for jackpot payoffs and awards but will not receive points. This option is available one time per rodeo season.
- 4) A contestant must compete in at least 50% of the rodeos after joining the association and compete in all qualifying events to be eligible for yearend awards in those events. (August 2011 Board Meeting)
- 5) For 2015-16 rodeo season, Cutting, RCH, and Shooting events will not receive saddles for 1st place purchased by association. \$250 will be allowed toward the 1st Place award. This is due to the reduced number of cutting, RCH, and shooting events held in relationship to other events. (August 2015 Board Meeting)
- 6) National Travel Money shares were determined for the 2015-16 year to be as follows: Rough stock events will get 1.0 share of money; All horse events will get 1.5 shares of the money (including cutting and RCH); and shooting events will get prorated share of money based off number of regular season shooting events vs regular season number of regular rodeo events. (August 2015 Board Meeting)
- 7) There will be a 2 minute gate rule in affect for all rodeos and all events. Time will be started by judge's call. (August 2015 Board Meeting)
- 8) Goat stock will all be run before a re-run on a goat is allowed. Same as other livestock events. After gate entry, horses are only allowed one pivot prior to tying goat. (August 2015 Board Meeting)

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