

# **NORTH TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION**

## **BY-LAWS AND RULES 2024-2025**



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## CHAPTER ONE

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION - NORTH TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

We the undersigned persons of the age of twenty-one years or more, at least two of whom are citizens of the State of Texas, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

#### ARTICLE ONE

The name of the corporation is North Texas High School Rodeo Association.

#### ARTICLE TWO

The corporation is a non-profit association.

#### ARTICLE THREE

The period of its duration is perpetual.

#### ARTICLE FOUR

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are: to further and develop the sport of high school rodeo as a primary means of wholesome family recreation; to serve as the governing body for the organized sport of high school rodeo and to engage in specialized studies aimed at broadening participation in the sport as well as improvements in sanctioned competition; to promote the sport of high school rodeo through organized group interest and activities; to improve the public image of the sport by buying, selling, leasing or otherwise dealing in land, to put on and/or promote various sporting events and competition, and to render aid and advice to others who wish to do the same. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the above purposes, and other non-profit purposes, and no part of any net earnings shall insure to benefit of any private member or shareholder.

#### ARTICLE FIVE

The street address of the registered office of the corporation is 6209 Windy Ryon Way, Fort Worth, Texas 76179, and the name of its registered agent at such address is current president.

## ARTICLE SIX

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is fifteen, and names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are.

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## CHAPTER TWO

### BY-LAWS OF NORTH TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION - A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

## ARTICLE ONE

### SECTION ONE: Principal Office.

The principal office of the corporation in the State of Texas shall be located in the County of Tarrant.

### SECTION TWO: Other Offices.

The corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the County of Tarrant, State of Texas, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the corporation may require from time to time.

### SECTION THREE: Board Meetings

All board meetings will be conducted in accordance with "Roberts Rule of Order."

## ARTICLE TWO

### SECTION ONE: Classes of Members.

The corporation shall have six classes of members. The designation of such classes and the qualifications and rights of the members of such classes shall be as follows:

- A. CHARTER MEMBERS: All members of any of the following classes who had paid their dues on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1972, or who have been elected to Honorary Membership prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1972.

Charter members shall have the same rights, privileges and qualifications as set out below for each class and depending on the class to which member belong.

- B. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS: All individuals who have made proper application for membership, have paid the initiation fee and/or dues, and who has been duly elected to membership by the Board of Directors as hereinafter set forth.
- C. SPONSORS: All individuals, twenty-one years of age or more, having an interest in the sport of rodeo, being associated with a member club (Article Two, Section D), and which has made proper application for membership, has paid the initiation fee and/or dues and has been duly elected to membership by the Board of Directors as hereinafter set forth.
- D. MEMBER CLUBS: A high school rodeo club, consisting of a sponsor or sponsors and student members currently enrolled in a high school or home school equivalent, who reside in the high school district which has made proper application for membership, has paid the initiation fee and/or dues and who has been duly elected to membership by the Board of Directors as hereinafter set forth.
- E. STUDENT MEMBERS: All students who are enrolled in high school or home school equivalent and are a member of a member club (Article Two, Section D), and who have made proper application for membership, have paid the initiation fee and/or dues, and who has been duly elected to membership by the Board of Directors as hereinafter set forth.
- F. HONORARY MEMBERS: Those individuals who are elected to membership as such by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Board of Directors. Honorary members shall not have to pay the initiation fee and/or dues.
- G. GOLD CARD: Any Board of Director, adult, or student, who has completed a term as a Board of Director will become a Gold Card Life Member and be entitled to any entry at any NTHSRA activity at no charge.

#### SECTION TWO: Election of Members.

All members, except honorary members, shall be elected by the Board of Directors. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors shall be required for election. All honorary members shall be elected by the Board of Directors, but an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Directors shall be required for election of honorary members.

#### SECTION THREE: Voting Rights.

Each member club shall have two votes, allotted as follows: One vote to the member club's sponsors collectively and one vote to the member club's student members collectively. The school sponsor has the right to vote for their rodeo club if the club sponsor is not in attendance. Honorary members shall have no vote. Other classes of members may vote on such terms, as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.

#### SECTION FOUR: Termination of Membership.

The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all of the members of the Board, may suspend or expel a member for cause after an appropriate hearing, and, by a majority vote of those present at any regularly constituted meeting may terminate the membership of any member who becomes ineligible for membership or suspend or expel any members who shall be in default in the payment of dues for the period fixed in Article Nine of these By-laws.

#### SECTION FIVE: Resignation.

Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the NTHSRA secretary, but such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments, or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

#### SECTION SIX: Reinstatement.

On written request by a former member and filed with the secretary, the Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board, may reinstate such former member to membership on such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.

### ARTICLE THREE

#### SECTION ONE: Annual Meeting.

An annual meeting of the members shall be held at such location as shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors, in the month of June, beginning with the year 1975, for the purpose of transaction of such business as may come before the meeting and of electing Directors. If the day fixed for the annual meeting shall be a legal holiday in the State of Texas, such meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day. If the election of Directors shall not be held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting or at an adjourning thereof, the Board of Directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as conveniently may be or shall cause such election to be conducted by mail as authorized by Section Seven of Article Three.

#### SECTION TWO: Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, Board of Directors, or not less than one-tenth (1/10) of the members having voting rights.

#### SECTION THREE: Place of Meeting.

The Board of Directors may designate any place, either within or without the State of Texas, as the place of meeting for any annual meeting or for any special meeting called by the Board of Directors. If no designation is made or if a special meeting is otherwise called, the place of meeting shall be the registered office of the corporation in the State of Texas; but if all of the members shall meet any time and place, either within or without the State of Texas, and consent to the holding of a meeting, such meeting shall be valid without call or notice, and at such meeting any corporate action may be taken.

#### SECTION FOUR: Notice of Meetings.

Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of any meeting of members shall be delivered either personally or by mail, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than ten (10), not more than fifty (50) days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the President, or the secretary, or the officers or persons calling the meeting. In case of a special meeting or when required by statute or by these By-Laws, the purpose, or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the corporation, with postage thereon pre-paid.

#### SECTION FIVE: Informal Action by Members.

Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the members, or any action that may be taken at a meeting of members, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action to be taken, shall be signed by all members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

#### SECTION SIX: Quorum.

The members holding fifteen percent (15%) of the votes that may cast at any special meeting shall constitute a quorum at such meeting. If a Quorum is not present at any meeting of members a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting for time to time without further notice.

## SECTION SEVEN: Voting by Mail.

Where directors are to be elected by members, such election may be conducted by mail in such manner, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

## ARTICLE FOUR

### SECTION ONE: Board of Directors-General Powers.

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. Directors need not be members of the corporation, except as required by Article Four, Section Two.

### SECTION TWO: Number, Tenure and Qualifications.

The number of Directors shall be seventeen (17); six (6) of which shall be student members. Each Director shall hold office as follows:

- A. Each director shall hold office for the number of his term and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. Newly elected board members beginning 1981-82 will serve two (2) years, anyone who fills positions of resigned directors will fill their time left only. This person then is eligible to be elected to serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in a row. No one person shall serve more than five (5) consecutive years. No Contract Help can serve on the Board of Directors.
- B. Six student member directors, three (3) boys and three (3) girls shall be elected for a one (1) year term. Student member Directors to be elected in same manner as adult member Directors and at the same time, taking office in July as the Adult members.
- C. No more than one Adult Board member or one Student Board member may be elected from any one school, household, group, or foundation. So as to not have a majority of one group or foundation sitting on the Board of Directors, Adult or Student.
- D. A board member can serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms. A term is two (2) years.

### SECTION THREE: Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two (2) directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board may fix any place for holding any special meetings of the board called by them.

### SECTION FOUR: Notice of Special Meetings.

Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least ten (10) days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by mail or telegram to each director at his address as shown by the records of the corporation. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope so addressed with postage thereon prepaid. If notice is given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegraph company. Any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objection to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. The business to be transacted at the meeting need not be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these by-laws.

### SECTION FIVE: Quorum.

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the board; but if less than a majority of the directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn from time to time without further notice.

SECTION SIX: Manner of Acting.

The act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or these by-laws.

SECTION SEVEN: Vacancies.

- A. Any Board Member missing two (2) board meetings in succession or three (3) board meetings in a six-month period of time will be brought before the board to show just cause why they should not be expelled from the board. Also, in the event any person is expelled from the Board of Directors they shall be replaced by a vote of the membership not more than thirty (30) days from the day of expulsion.
- B. A vacancy on the Board because of death, removal, disqualification or otherwise shall be replaced by a vote of the membership not more than thirty (30) days from the day of expulsion.
- C. If a Board Member resigns, the Board of Directors can replace them by bringing up the next one on the list of qualified people nominated with the most votes from the current year's nominations. If a tie occurs, the names will be put in a hat and drawn.

SECTION EIGHT: Compensation.

Directors as such shall not receive any salaries for their services, but by resolution of the Board of Directors any director may be indemnified for expenses and cost, including attorney's fees, actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with any claim asserted against him, but action in court or otherwise, by reason of his being or having been such director, except in relation to matters as to which he shall have been guilty of negligence or misconduct in respect of the matter in which indemnity is sought.

SECTION NINE: Employees of NTHSRA.

No Board of Director may hold an Executive Officer position if a member of their immediate family is an employee of NTHSRA full time or part-time. Should some immediate family member become employed, the Board of Director must step down for the Executive Officer position.

## ARTICLE FIVE

SECTION ONE: Officers.

The officers of the corporation shall be President, one or more Vice-Presidents (the number thereof to be determined by the Board of Directors), a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers, including one or more assistant treasurers as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have the authority and perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.

SECTION TWO: Election and Term of Office.

The officers of the corporation shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have been qualified.

SECTION THREE: Removal of Officers.

Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by an affirmative vote of four-fifths (4/5) of all the members of the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interests of the

corporation would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the officer removed.

#### SECTION FOUR: Vacancies.

A vacancy in any office, because of death, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

#### SECTION FIVE: President.

The president shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation and shall, in general, supervise and control all the business and affairs of the corporation. He shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. He may sign with the secretary or any other proper officer of the corporation authorized by the board of Directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds contracts, or other instruments that the Board of Directors have authorized to be executed; except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these by-laws or by statute to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and in general, he shall perform all duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, from time to time.

#### SECTION SIX: Vice President.

In the absence of the president or in the event there be more than one vice-president, vice-presidents in order of their election, shall perform the duties of the president, and when so action, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions of the president. Any vice-president shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the president or by the Board of Directors.

#### SECTION SEVEN: Treasurer.

If required by the Board of Directors, the treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties, as the Board of Directors shall determine. He/she shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depository as shall be selected by the Board of Directors; and in general, perform all duties incident to the office of treasurer, and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

#### SECTION EIGHT: Secretary.

The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members and of the board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or as required by law; be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the corporation and see that the seal of the corporation is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws; keep a register of the post office address of each member which shall be furnished to the secretary by such member; and in general perform all duties incident to the office of secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the president or by the Board of Directors.

#### SECTION NINE: Assistant Treasurers and Assistant Secretaries.

If required by the Board of Directors, the assistant treasurers shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties in such sums and with such sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine. The assistant treasurer and secretaries in general shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the treasurer or the secretary or by the president or the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE SIX

### SECTION ONE: Committees of Directors.

The Board of Directors by resolution by a majority of the directors in office, may designate one or more committees, each of which shall consist of two or more directors, which committees, to the extent provided in said resolution, shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the corporation; but the designation of such committees and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Board of Directors, or any individual director, or any responsibility imposed on it or by him/her by law. A committee duly designated may perform the functions of any officer and the functions of any two or more officers may be performed by a single committee, including the functions of both president and secretary.

### SECTION TWO: Other Committees.

Other committees not having and exercising the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the corporation may be designated by a resolution adopted by a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Except as otherwise provided in such resolution, members of each such committee shall be members of the corporation and the president of the corporation shall appoint such members. The Board of Directors can remove any committee member, whenever in their judgment; the best interests of the corporation shall be served by such removal.

### SECTION THREE: Term of Office.

Each member of a committee shall continue as such until the next annual meeting of the members of the corporation and until his successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member be removed from such committee, or unless such member shall cease to qualify as a member, therefore.

### SECTION FOUR: Past President Advisory.

The past President Advisory Board recognizes the current Board of Directors as the governing board of the NTHSRA and will in no way interfere with the general powers of the Board of Directors, however they will serve as an advisory committee to the Members and Board of Directors of past problems, legal issues, and other business that they deem to be prudent to the association. They shall have the right to appoint their own Committee Chairman. Any NTHSRA Board of Director having served as President in the past shall be entitled to membership to the Past President Advisory Board.

### SECTION FIVE: Chairman.

One member of each committee shall be appointed chairman by the person or persons authorized to appoint the members thereof.

### SECTION SIX: Vacancies.

Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.

### SECTION SEVEN: Quorum.

Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors designation of a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.



SECTION EIGHT: Rules.

Each committee may adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with these by-laws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

SECTION NINE: Rule Changes.

No rule may be changed unless it has been brought before the Rule Change Committee first.

ARTICLE SEVEN

SECTION ONE: Contracts.

The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent, or agents of the corporation, in addition to the officers so authorized by these by-laws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

SECTION TWO: Checks, Drafts, or Order of Payment.

All checks, drafts, or order for the payment of money, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent, or agents of the corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instrument shall be signed by the treasurer, or an assistant treasurer and counter signed by the president or a vice-president of the corporation.

SECTION THREE: Deposits.

All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

SECTION FOUR: Gifts.

The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the corporation, any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purposes, or for any special purpose, of the corporation.

SECTION FIVE: Dissolution.

Upon the dissolution and liquidation of the Organization, the asset; if any, of the Organization will be transferred, assigned, and delivered to the Orphans Home that qualifies under the non-profit statues. The selection of the Orphans Home Shall be a vote of the members of the Association.

ARTICLE EIGHT

SECTION ONE: Certificate of Membership.

The Board of Directors may provide for the issuance of certificates evidencing membership in the corporation, which shall be in such form as may be determined by the Board. Such certificates shall be signed by the president or vice-president and by the secretary or an assistant secretary and shall be sealed with the seal of the corporation. All certificates evidencing membership of any class shall be consecutively numbered. The name and address of each member and the date of issuance of the certificate shall be entered on the records of the corporation. If any certificate shall become lost, mutilated, or destroyed, a new certificate may be issued therefore on such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may determine.

SECTION TWO: Issuance of Certificates.

When a member has been elected to membership and has paid any initiation fee and dues that may then be required, a certificate of membership shall be issued in his name and delivered to him by the secretary, if the Board of Directors shall have provided for the issuance of certificates of membership under the provisions of Section One of the Article Eight.

ARTICLE NINE

SECTION ONE: Annual Dues.

The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of initiation fee, if any, and annual dues payable to the corporation by members of each class.

SECTION TWO: Payment of Dues.

Dues shall be payable on advance of the first day of July each fiscal year. Dues of a new member may be prorated from the first day of the month in which such new member is elected to membership for the remainder of the fiscal year of the corporation.

SECTION THREE: Default and Termination of Membership.

When any member of any class shall be in default in the payment of dues for a period of two months from the beginning of the fiscal year or period in which such dues become payable, his membership may thereupon be terminated by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in Article Two of these by-laws.

ARTICLE TEN

SECTION ONE: Books and Records.

The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors and shall keep at the registered or principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member or his agent or attorney, for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

SECTION TWO: Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year of the corporation shall be on the first day of July and end on the last day of June each year.

SECTION THREE: Corporate Seal.

The Board of Directors shall provide a corporate seal, which shall be in the form of a standard seal worded thusly, NORTH TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC., CORPORATE SEAL.

SECTION FOUR: Waiver of Notice.

Whenever any notices required to be given under the provisions of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act or under the provisions of the articles of the incorporation or by the by-laws of the corporation, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

SECTION FIVE: Financial Statement.

Each club will receive a financial statement at the end of each fiscal year from the finds of the yearly audit with the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

SECTION ONE: Power of Members to Amend By-Laws.

The by-laws of this corporation may be amended, replaced, or added to, or new by-laws may be adopted by the vote or written assent of a majority of the members entitled to vote or by the vote of a majority of a quorum at a meeting duly called for the purpose according to the Articles of these By-Laws.

CHAPTER THREE

NORTH TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION – RULES

SECTION ONE: Club Dues.

Each club in the NTHSRA will be required to pay a yearly membership fee of fifty (\$50.00) dollars. Dues will be for each year starting July 1<sup>st</sup> and ending June 30<sup>th</sup>.

SECTION TWO: Use of Dues.

Dues will be used for literature, mailing costs and operating expenses.

SECTION THREE: Board Members Present at Rodeo.

It is mandatory for two adult board members to be present and signed in at all performances of the rodeos and they must stay for the entire rodeo. They must also sign in the book upon arrival and departure. **Each adult board member must work at least 12 performances (grand entry to end of last event) of the sanctioned rodeos at NTHSRA during each year with 6 being in the first half of the year and 6 in the second half.** A fine of \$50 will be assessed for each performance missed at the half break and second at the end of the year with proceeds going to the scholarship fund.

SECTION FOUR: Special Events.

Any person or organization wishing to produce a rodeo using the “North Texas High School Rodeo Association” name must have approval by the Board of Directors. The NTHSRA Board of Directors must approve all events, entry fees, paybacks, rules, and contract help.

SECTION FIVE: Producing a Rodeo.

- A. All Contract Help must be from the NTHSRA approved Contract Help List.
- B. Any club wishing to sponsor/produce a rodeo during the NTHSRA season must have all club dues paid and be approved by the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Any club with a reserved rodeo date failing to be approved will have the rodeo date removed and re-assigned to the next club on the waiting list. The rodeo entry fee will be approved by the Board of Directors. A club must put up a \$100 deposit at time of rodeo draw. Rodeo draw is held at the April General Board Meeting for the next season. If a club decides not to put on a rodeo, they must contact the NTHSRA office at least 8 weeks prior to rodeo date or lose the \$100 deposit.

- C. Host team must have someone assigned to trip latch or open gate during events. This individual cannot be the arena director.

## CHAPTER FOUR

### SECTION ONE: Student Membership.

- A. Each student member of NTHSRA will be required to pay yearly dues of fifty (\$50.00) dollars. A rulebook, back number and a NTHSRA decal will be included with this fee. The back number is to be worn at all rodeos competing or not for a year anytime you are on the rodeo grounds. If found in violation of not wearing back number a fine of \$10.00 will be imposed each time found in violation of this rule. If you enter the arena for your event without back number, you will be turned out. There will be a \$5.00 fee to replace your back number. Each member must belong to a member club.
- B. High school students, which are married, will be eligible to participate if so eligible in their school district. (High school - 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades). Students are limited to a maximum of four years of membership in NTHSRA. Students cannot be nineteen years of age or older at the beginning of the rodeo season, September 1. A copy of his/her birth certificate or valid drivers' license must be provided to the Association each year before eligibility can be determined. No membership will be processed without properly completed required paperwork and his/her entry fee(s) will be forfeited. Properly required, completed paperwork for membership application must be turned in to the NTHSRA office by the Sunday preceding the rodeo a contestant is entered in. Each student member must provide a \$50.00 ad for the Finals Rodeo program. Initial deadline for the ad will be posted on the membership paper. If the initial deadline is missed the member will be fined \$5 per day until the ad is turned in. If ad is not turned in by 5:30 PM the Thursday after deadline, the member will not be eligible to compete, and entry fee(s) will be forfeited for the following rodeo after deadline. If member does not turn in ad by then, they will become ineligible to enter rodeos until ad is turned in. All funds from fines will go into the finals account.
- C. Midterm graduates may continue to rodeo for that year as long as they send proof of graduation.

### SECTION TWO: Student Eligibility.

- A. Each student member will be required to be scholastically eligible (passing 2/3 subjects) in his/her school district to participate in any NTHSRA rodeo, member must ride under school attended. Report cards must be turned into the NTHSRA office no later than 5:30 PM on the due date (due dates will be posted). Report cards faxed or emailed to the NTHSRA office will not be accepted. If a contestant's report card is not in the NTHSRA office by Sunday, 5:30 PM, the contestant will be fined \$5 per day until the report card is turned in. The contestant will not be eligible to compete in the upcoming rodeo if no report card and fines are not paid. The contestant's entry fee(s) will be forfeited. Grades will be checked twice a year. Members on the six-week grading system will turn in report cards for the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester or 1<sup>st</sup> semester and the fourth six weeks. Members on the nine-week grading system will turn in report cards for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester and the third nine weeks. If not eligible, he/she will not ride for four rodeos. It is the sole responsibility of the member to submit their report card.
- B. Home-schooled students must complete and pass 2 subjects per semester. School work must be graded, and report cards or official documents must be processed through an outside source. Report cards or official school documents will be turned in as per the NTHSRA grading period due dates.

REQUIREMENTS: SUBJECTS	MUST PASS
2	2
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	4
7	5
8	5

SECTION THREE: Sponsors.

- A. Club members elect rodeo team sponsors each year. No one adult can sponsor more than two clubs in one year. He/she must be at least 21 years of age and turn in a completed application along with a fifty \$50.00 dollar sponsor fee and a fifty (\$50.00) dollar team fee. All new sponsors to NTHSRA must also fill out and pass a background check and pay \$50.00. A rodeo team sponsor must abide by all NTHSRA rules. He/she is responsible for turning in entry forms, team, and contestant list together, in a packet for each rodeo. A rodeo team sponsor is responsible for helping the officers of the rodeo team to organize meetings, fundraisers, and any other organized gatherings. It is also the rodeo team sponsor's responsibility to pick up any mail that is delivered to their sponsor mailbox and to pass all NTHSRA information along to the club members. Any high school rodeo team member or Board of Director may bring a rodeo team sponsor(s) before the Board of Directors for review of their conduct, ethics, etc. The Board of Directors reserves the right to remove the rodeo team sponsor(s) from their position, fine the rodeo team sponsor(s), or any other means of disciplinary action they deem justifiable. Club members or the sponsor committee may also remove a rodeo team sponsor(s) from his/her position.
- B. If a rodeo team has a NTHSRA sanctioned rodeo it is the team sponsor's responsibility to see that all NTHSRA rules are followed by the student members such as: turning in the rodeo approval by the designated date, hiring all contract help from the approved list, handle awards, and pay all bills incurred by the club. The club must open a checking account at least through their rodeo. If a club has a checking account, there must be two (2) signatures on the checks with the sponsor being one of them. A letter, stating the persons on the checking account, must be turned in to the NTHSRA office no later than 30 days after the sponsor's card is issued. Sponsors must give a complete financial statement including a copy of bank statement once a month to club members and may be asked from time to time to provide the same to the NTHSRA Board of Directors or Sponsors Committee.
- C. All teams having a rodeo must set up a payback table inside the NTHSRA building or a designated area for all scheduled performances, unless the host team chooses to have a contestant check off at the entry gate for all scheduled performances. If they choose to use a payback table, the table will need to be set up from the time the entry gate opens until after the first tractor drag of Poles. If a team hosts a rodeo, they must set up an awards table at the next weeks rodeo in the NTHSRA building or a designated area for all scheduled performances. The team sponsor or a team representative must be present at the awards table from the start of the rodeo until the start of Poles. Failure to show up at the designated times for all performances and to hand out awards may result in a fine, to the team and/or sponsor, to be decided by the Board of Directors. After the team has set up an awards table for all performances, and they still have awards left to pass out, the sponsor may place the awards in the sponsor's boxes for that contestant's sponsor to pick up and distribute. \*Do not place cash in the sponsor's boxes.
- D. All high school rodeo teams must design a set of bylaws by which their club will be governed and must have the bylaws approved by the Board of Directors, at the Board's discretion.

#### SECTION FOUR: Sponsor Cards.

Sponsor will be required to attend at least one of the sponsor meetings held during the summer prior to the beginning of the rodeo season. If the sponsor does not attend at least one of the meetings, they will not be granted a sponsor card, spouse card or cards for unmarried children living at home, under 19 and in school. The sponsor will be required to sign in for the meeting as proof of attending the sponsor class. After they have completed one of the classes, the sponsor will be granted a card for the sponsor spouse, and unmarried children living at home, under 19 and in school. Sponsors having 16 or more members will be granted a co-sponsor and spouse card. All adult board members will be granted a card, spouse and card for all unmarried children living at home, under 19 and in school. There will be a \$25.00 charge for replacement of sponsor, membership, Gold, and contract help cards.

#### SECTION FIVE: Rodeo Schedules.

If a performance is cancelled, Sponsoring Club will reschedule date and time, working with contract help for availability. Reschedule date to be announced no later than Monday of the following week.

### CHAPTER FIVE

#### TEAM/CLUB POINTS

Each Rodeo Club will be permitted from one to ten (1 - 10) members on a Team List for each rodeo. These team members' names will be turned in to the rodeo secretary with entry blanks. If the Team List is not turned in, no points will be awarded for that rodeo to that team. The standard Team List form must be used. "Rookies" must be designated on Team List and Entry Blank.

### CHAPTER SIX

#### RODEO AWARDS

- A. Each club has the option to give \$2500 in retail awards (prizes) or \$100 added money in each event (\$1500 plus \$50 each for AA Girl/Boy and \$50 for High Point Team-Totaling a minimum of \$1650, plus \$10 of each entry in its designated event) at their rodeo. Retail Awards (prizes) will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> place, All Around Cowgirl, All Around Cowboy, and High Point Team. If the added money option is chosen the club will pay out per every five entered as follows: 1-5 entries-1 place, 100%, 6-10 entries-2 places, 60%-40%, 11-15 entries-3 places, 50%-30%-20%, 16-20 entries -4 places, 40%-30%-20%-10%, 21-25 entries-5 places, 30%-25%-20%-15%-10%, 26 plus entries- 6 places ,29%-24%-19%-14%-9%-5%. Points will be given for places 1<sup>st</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup>. To qualify for the All Around, you must enter 2 or more events in each rodeo. **If retail awards are given and no one places in an event, hosting club will keep the awards. If added money is given and no one places in an event, hosting club will keep the money.**
- B. If there is a tie in any event the points will be added together divided by number of contestants tied, each getting equal points. If there is a tie in 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> place the points will be divided and each contestant receiving equal points.

- C. If awards are given, they will be determined by a flip of a coin as to who wins tie award. If there is a tie between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and added money is given, then the 6<sup>th</sup> place payout will be divided evenly between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Any ties 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> will be added together and divided equally on monies awarded.
- D. All award checks written by NTHSRA must be cashed within 180 days from date of check. If the check has not been cashed it will be considered null and void with all winnings being forfeited.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

### POINT SYSTEM

#### SECTION ONE: Points Awarded.

The following will be the point system approved and used by all the NTHSRA at all approved rodeos.

1 <sup>st</sup> place	70 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	63 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	56 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place	49 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place	42 points
6 <sup>th</sup> place	35 points
7 <sup>th</sup> place	28 points
8 <sup>th</sup> place	21 points
9 <sup>th</sup> place	14 points
10 <sup>th</sup> place	7 points

#### SECTION TWO: Reporting Points.

All point sheets, team lists and all-around lists for each NTHSRA approved rodeo will be turned in to the NTHSRA office secretary by 4:00 p.m. the following Monday. A twenty-five (\$25.00) dollar fine will be levied against the rodeo secretary for reporting points late after (3) days to the office.

#### SECTION THREE: Recording Fee.

A three (\$3.00) dollar recording fee per entry is to be sent to the Association office within two (2) weeks after a rodeo by the sponsoring rodeo club. Awards invoices must also be turned in within 2 weeks. The sponsoring club of the last rodeo prior to the Finals Rodeo must pay the recording fee on the following Monday after their rodeo.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

### RESTRICTIONS AND ATTITUDES

#### SECTION ONE: Personal Behavior.

- A. NTHSRA has a zero tolerance for dealing with alcohol, drugs, fighting, vandalism, foul language, social media bullying, and showing disrespect for any current NTHSRA Board member, official contract help, member, sponsor, or anyone in attendance at a NTHSRA function. Any NTHSRA card holder in violation of this rule will have their card pulled immediately and will not be allowed to enter or work any NTHSRA rodeo until notified by the Board of Directors. In the case of alcohol, drugs (i.e.: possession, under the influence of or on the premises of) fighting, vandalism, may result in notification of law enforcement. Reinstatement to NTHSRA may include fines, and or work at future rodeos. Any NTHSRA card holder caught violating this rule a second time will have their card pulled and be suspended without a hearing for the remainder of the rodeo season.
- B. NTHSRA code of conduct to deal with violators will result in the Executive Board, (President and two Vice Presidents), or student member committee to hear problems and decide punishment. If the Restrictions & Attitude Committee is called upon, that committee will be made up of the Student Board of Directors and the Event Directors. This committee will select a chairman to conduct their meetings. The president of NTHSRA must sit in on any meetings this committee has. After a decision has been made, the Restrictions & Attitudes Committee will determine and administer disciplinary action(s). The committee must report, in writing, the final decision to the Board of Directors at the next Board of Director meeting.
- C. The NTHSRA Adult Board members, Student Board member(s), Event Director(s), and Queen shall be replaced in their station if they become morally ineligible (moral ineligibility to be defined and determined by the currently seated Board of Directors). In addition, if the NTHSRA Student Board Member(s), Event Director(s) or Queen becomes academically ineligible for a single six weeks or grading period, they will be replaced in their respective position immediately.
- D. Any student who is disciplined by expulsion, off campus suspension or placed in an alternative education program for disciplinary reasons will be ineligible to rodeo during the time the student is expelled, suspended, or in the alternative education program. No entry fees will be refunded.
- E. Anyone, including NTHSRA card holder, parent, guardian, or spectator who has been charged with an infraction of these rules, shall be notified regarding the nature of the charges, and may be required to appear before the appropriate committee for a hearing to consider if the charges should be presented to the NTHSRA Board of Directors where disciplinary action may be taken if necessary.

#### SECTION TWO: Arena Conduct.

- A. All contestants, assistants, etc., will wait behind the chutes for their ride. No contestants, sponsor, parent or any other person (Exception: Pick up man/Arena help) will be allowed to wait for stock or rider in the arena other than at rigging time (one person will be permitted outside front of the chute to aid in rigging). This will result in the disqualification of that contestant. This is enforceable by any Rodeo or Association Official.
- B. Judges will not be allowed to give out any scores.
- C. No contestant or parent may talk to a judge or timer in any way while an event is going on. Questions may be addressed to a judge no sooner than at the end of the event for that performance. If the judge feels a re-ride is in order, the judge will inform the contestant of options and the contestant must decide. Harassing a Rodeo Official by anyone will result in a \$50.00 minimum fine. No one will be allowed in the announcer / timer booth or Medic area after the rodeo begins other than those persons holding a NTHSRA contract help card or Board of Director card, sponsoring club's appointed runners, or unless they have



been called there by officials. (No videos from inside the booth.) No scores or times will be given out to individuals from the booth during the rodeo. Scores and times will only be confirmed by the rodeo secretary's office. Only authorized personnel in the Medic area during treatment. Disciplinary action will be taken for anyone failing to follow these guidelines.

D. No parent or student will come into the arena, in case of an injury. Subject to a fine.

#### SECTION THREE: Safety.

Each club must provide Health Care Providers consisting of at least one licensed Paramedic and EMT from the NTHSRA approved list. If using a hometown service, they must be approved by the Board of Directors and have a current card on file. Attendants must be on the rodeo grounds 30 minutes prior to the start of each performance. Pursuant to TDH rules, the health care providers must be licensed First Responders Organization or a licensed Ambulance Provider.

- A. **No pets will be allowed around the rodeo arena, in building or in the grandstands.** All pets, if brought to the rodeo must remain in the parking area. Except Dogs, if dogs are brought into the grandstand area, they must be on a leash 6 feet or less. Owners must clean up after their dogs. If dog becomes unruly or misbehaves, they will be removed by any rodeo official, security, or Board of Director.
- B. **Weather.** In the event of hazardous weather, the on-duty Board of Director can delay the rodeo for the safety of the contestants, stock, and spectators. The delay can be in effect until it is safe to continue the rodeo after the hazardous weather passes. If it is unsafe to restart the rodeo the remaining events may be rescheduled for another day to be determined by the host club and Board of Directors.

#### SECTION FOUR: Minor's Release.

Each contestant will have a release, with parental approval, for each rodeo. This release will be signed by the parent and/or guardian and the contestant's sponsor.

#### SECTION FIVE: Dress.

Contestants must wear a cowboy hat/helmet, cowboy boots, western pants and a long sleeve shirt with collar and button/snap cuffs and back number. Shirt sleeve must be fastened, and front of shirt must be fastened up to the second button/snap below the collar. Shirrtails must be tucked in whether competing or not. Boots must be as historically worn by cowboys/cowgirls. Distinguished by a heel and shaft that raises a minimum above the ankle. Contestants in Bareback riding and Bull riding will be allowed to roll one sleeve up while participating. With the exception of the photographer, medics, and bullfighters, contestants who violate this will be disqualified for that event and any other person will be fined \$5.00 for each offense. Fines may be assessed by any Rodeo or Association Official and shall be paid to the rodeo secretary and sent to the Association Office. The dress code will be in effect during any portion of the rodeo. Any person in the arena is to observe the dress code starting one (1) hour before each performance. Hat rule may be waived due to extreme weather conditions only by the arena director and sponsoring rodeo club sponsor. Rule applies per performance not per rodeo.

#### SECTION SIX: Hat Rule.

Hats/Helmet must be worn while in the boundaries of the arena. The boundaries of the arena are defined as all fenced arena area, alleyway, rough stock chutes and roping boxes and covered warm up areas Contestants must have hat on when entering the arena for their event. Timed events entering through the alley way must have hat on when entering the alleyway. Contestants must have a hat on when calling for their stock in the rough stock chutes and roping boxes. Contestants may not place a hat/helmet on head with the intention of falling off or intentionally knock their hat off. Hat/Helmet must stay on the contestant's head until the contestant crosses the timer or score line. Failure to comply will result in a \$5.00 fine. The contestant will not be able to rodeo or to pick up his awards or Jackpot money until the fine is paid.

#### SECTION SEVEN: Grand Entry.

Riding double and/or leading horse or swinging lariat rope will not be permitted in the Grand Entry and doing so will result in a fine. You must complete the Grand Entry pattern. Exiting from the Grand entry pattern will not be permitted. Doing so will result in a fine.

#### SECTION EIGHT: Protest.

- A. A protest cannot be made regarding judgment calls. A protest can only be made where there is an infraction of the rules. The judge's decision is final. Protest must be made in writing and \$100 put up with the protest. Protests must be filed before the end of said rodeo. Protest will be heard at the following regularly scheduled Board of Director meeting. If you fail to show up or the Board of Directors rule against your protest, you will forfeit your money. If you win your protest, your money will be refunded. If a protest is filed in accordance with the by-laws, all awards will be held for the event the protest is filed in until the Board of Directors make a decision.
- B. Complaints: Complaints must be in writing and submitted to the North Texas Office to be forwarded to the appropriate committee for an investigation and/or action. The committee will report their recommendation at the next scheduled Board of Director meeting if the complaint is submitted 10 days prior to the meeting unless the complaint requires immediate attention.

## CHAPTER NINE

### RODEO ENTRIES

#### SECTION ONE: Entry Deadline.

The closing date for each rodeo will be Sunday night two (2) weeks prior to that rodeo. Due dates can be adjusted for holidays. The time limit will be determined by postmark. No phone entries. No entries will be accepted without a sponsor's approval and signature. Entry deadline will be 5:30 PM of the due date posted on the entry. All entry fees will be forfeited if a member is considered ineligible.

#### SECTION TWO: Form / Signature.

Each NTHSRA Rodeo will use the standard NTHSRA entry form. This form may be modified slightly to fit each situation. Parent and/or guardian must sign the entry blank for each event student member enters and the Parent/Guardian Release.

#### SECTION THREE: Team/Contestant List.

Contestant List must accompany entry blanks. All Rookie contestants must be declared on Contestant List, Team List and Entry Blank each time Rookie enters. No changes or additions may be made to the Team List after the start of the first performance.

#### SECTION FOUR: Entry Instructions.

All entries from each club will be mailed or given to the rodeo secretary in one package. **All entries will be accompanied by cash, check, or money order.** Checks and / or money orders will be made out to the club sponsoring the rodeo. All entries must have first and second choices and if no choice is given, contestant must go where needed. A sponsor cannot refuse to sign any student's entry form; however, in the event that a sponsor does refuse to sign a student's entry, a Board of Director may, providing the student is eligible under the NTHSRA rulebook, sign entry(ies) for that student until the next Board meeting when the situation will be

resolved. A student may ask to come before the Board of Directors if he/she has a problem with a sponsor signing their entry form.

#### SECTION FIVE: Contestant Draw.

- A. All contestant performance days (changes) will be drawn by the rodeo secretary with an adult Director, an approved Arena Director, or an approved Judge present in all events. Performances will be balanced by events. All performance preferences will be drawn from until the performance is filled.
- B. **Change lists will be posted on the association website and emailed to team/club sponsors.** It will also be posted on the information boards one week prior to the rodeo.
- C. Contestants may change performance days in his/her respective events. Change(s) may be made by obtaining a list of contestants from the rodeo secretary Monday night preceding the rodeo. Any contestant wanting to make a change(s) must contact the other rodeo participant(s) and both parties must then contact the rodeo secretary. Change One/Change All on entry blanks will not be in effect and the rodeo secretary must be made aware of participant's request for each event entered. Association phone numbers must be given to the rodeo secretary for changes, students will be responsible for their numbers. Changes must be made by Tuesday night prior to the first performance.
- D. Only a medical or vet release will constitute a refund if the contestant is eligible. All medical and vet releases must be turned in to the NTHSRA office by Wednesday following the rodeo.

#### SECTION SIX: Stock/Event Draw.

- A. Herds should be defined as animals designated by number or brand turned into rodeo secretary prior to the start of the first go around of any authorized NTHSRA rodeo. Once herd has been established for rodeo, no animals may be added to the draw. All animals must be available for the first performance. At least one more animal than the number of contestants in each event should be drawn in case of rerun. Draw for second and third performance will start with any animal not used in prior performance. Misdraw- Any animal drawn to a contestant which must be replaced. In case of a misdraw, all stock from misdraw, on down will be drawn over from all available animals. Person who draws for positions or stock will sign sheet and signed sheet will be turned in to the Association Office by the rodeo secretary. The rodeo secretary and judge will draw stock to the contestant in the order that the contestant appears on the books. Timed events to be drawn same as above. All cattle in the draw will be used before starting second run on cattle per event.
- B. **All stock will be drawn by the rodeo secretary using the approved association software. First performance must be drawn 24 hours prior to that performance.** The second and third performance stock draws may be drawn after the secretary has received the official books from the timers and judges. **In the event that the software is not functioning or not functioning properly, a secretary must use a hand draw with an approved Judge, or Board of Director. Whomever draws stock or positions for a rodeo must sign the original sheets they draw.** A \$50.00 fine may be levied against a judge, rodeo secretary not following that rule. Fine will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

#### SECTION SEVEN: Event Schedule.

Second section of bareback may be run with the saddle bronc at the discretion of the stock contractor and rodeo secretary. No slack on Sunday except bulls. Not to exceed 10 slack bulls. Stock contractor or other found in violation will be fined \$200.00 if they do not abide by this rule.

## CHAPTER TEN

### RODEO EQUIPMENT

#### SECTION ONE: Horn / Buzzer / Whistle.

Each show will have a horn or buzzer to signal the end of a riding event. A whistle may be used in case of horn or buzzer failure.

#### SECTION TWO: Foot Locker.

Each club must rent the Association timer and must use supplies contained in the NTHSRA footlocker at \$50.00 per rodeo. Any lost or broken articles must be replaced at the club's expense. The timer must be returned to the Association Office by Wednesday following the rodeo. The footlocker must be returned to the Association Office by Wednesday following the rodeo. A \$50.00 fine against the club will be levied for failure to comply or failure to replace missing articles. Missing or damaged articles will be replaced at the cost of the article at club expense.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

### EVENTS

#### SECTION ONE: Events.

Each NTHSRA rodeo will offer the following events for which points will be given:

BOY EVENTS: Bareback Riding, Bull Riding, Calf Roping, Chute Dogging, Saddle Bronc and Steer Wrestling.

GIRL EVENTS: Breakaway Roping, Barrel Racing, Walk Up Goat Tying, Goat Tying, and Pole Bending.

BOY AND GIRL EVENTS: Ribbon Roping, Team Roping- Heading, and Team Roping- Heeling.

**Gender assigned at birth will determine eligibility to compete in events.**

#### SECTION TWO: All-Around

To be eligible for All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl, a contestant must enter and earn points in two or more events during the year. If contestant only enters 1 event in any given rodeo, the points for that Rodeo will not count toward All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl.

#### SECTION THREE: Standard Order of Events.

\*\*\* Must Be Followed Unless Otherwise Noted by the Board of Directors \*\*\*

1	Bareback	8	Steer Wrestling
2	Calf Roping	9/10	Team Roping (Header)
3	Breakaway Roping	9/10	Team Roping (Heeler)
4	Saddle Bronc	11	Barrel Racing
5	Ribbon Roping	12	Chute Dogging
6	Walk Up Goat Tying	13	Pole Bending
7	Goat Tying	14	Bull Riding

- A. If two (2) sections of Bull Riding; the first section of at least 12 riders will be the first event followed by calf roping, bareback, breakaway roping and then back to the normal order of events.
- B. If there are less than 5 saddle bronc riders, they may be moved up and bucked right after the bareback, providing all contestants are present and agree, pick up men agree, and stock contractors agree. The normal order of events will be followed right after the saddle bronc if this occurs.

#### SECTION FOUR: Rookie of the Year.

Starting with the 1983-84 season, there will be an annual Rookie of the Year Award for boys and girls. The award is to be determined by the currently seated Board of Directors. This is for a first-year freshman only, with the boy and girl with the most points winning the award.

#### SECTION FIVE: Scholarships.

Scholarships or special awards may be awarded from time to time by individuals or groups - qualification must be turned into the NTHSRA office describing the qualifications for these awards upon board approval.

## CHAPTER TWELVE

### CONTESTANT DISQUALIFICATION AND FINES

#### SECTION ONE: MTO, VTO.

- A. If a contestant is DISABLED or becomes ill, proof of same must be given to rodeo secretary. If a contestant is injured or becomes ill away from the rodeo, or at another rodeo, he must notify the rodeo secretary at all rodeos where he/she is entered at least three hours before the performance in which he/she is up and that he/she is sending a doctor's release to the NTHSRA Office. Medical releases must be postmarked by Wednesday after the rodeo for both MTO and VTO. All MTOs and VTOs will be taken on a week-to-week basis. If a contestant has not been rodeoing because of a medical turn out or a vet turn out, he/she can enter a rodeo up until the Wednesday before the rodeo providing the correct paperwork from the Doctor or Veterinarian has been turned in to the NTHSRA office according to the rules. A contestant entering a rodeo in this manner will have to compete at the performance(s) available as per the rodeo secretary.
- B. A paramedic can determine an MTO upon medical evaluation of a contestant at the rodeo, up until the time the contestant is called to ride. No doctor's excuse is necessary for obvious, non-life-threatening injuries or illnesses to a contestant if the paramedics' notation is entered in the medic book that the MTO is waived and notifies the rodeo secretary. If the contestant needs to MTO the following weekend for the same diagnosis, he/she must now have a doctor's note.
- C. A Board of Director can approve a VTO upon visual inspection of a horse. No vet excuse is necessary for obvious injuries or illness to a horse if the Board of Director makes a notation in the Director on Duty book that the VTO is waived and notifies the rodeo secretary.

#### SECTION TWO: MTO, VTO Refunds/Fines.

If stock is turned out without a doctor's or vet's release, no money will be refunded. All acceptable MTO/VTO refunds will be paid by sponsoring club within two weeks of rodeo. Failure to comply with the above rule will be a \$25.00 fine payable to North Texas High School Rodeo Association.

**SECTION THREE: TO (Contestant turn out without return of entry fee)**

If a contestant is unable to reach a show on time or is not ready to compete when the name is called by Arena Director, he/she may be turned out after 3 calls.

**SECTION FOUR: Hot Checks.**

Any contestant writing two or more hot checks in one rodeo season will be placed on a blacklist which will be supplied to all schools and clubs sponsoring rodeos and all approved NTHSRA rodeo secretaries. Said contestant will be denied entry to any NTHSRA approved rodeos until the debt has been cleared. Debt must be paid in cashier's check or money order plus a \$29.00 returned check charge and the following rodeos must be paid for in cashier's check or money order.

**SECTION FIVE: Returned checks to NTHSRA**

Any person or Company writing a check that is returned unpaid by bank, to the NTHSRA office or another club, will be subject to a \$29.00 returned check fee. All signers on check will receive a certified notice letter. Signers on check will have 10 days to pay in the form of a money order, cash or cashier's check. If check is not paid, it will be filed at the district attorney's office and/or a civil suit will be filed for damages, court costs and attorney's fees.

**SECTION SIX: Practice on Stock.**

No member will be allowed to ride, practice, harass, mistreat or "ready" the stock for a rodeo performance. "Ready" defined as, no NTHSRA member will be allowed to tie calves or goat stock, or throw steers, etc. if they are entered to compete in that event at said rodeo. This is to apply to each event where the stock is to be utilized. Fine, disqualification or suspension will be determined by the Attitude and Restrictions Committee.

**SECTION SEVEN: Contestant/Stock Draw.**

Contestants must compete on stock drawn for him/her unless contestant has already competed on the same head of stock at said NTHSRA approved rodeo. No contestant can compete on the same head of stock in two events at the same NTHSRA approved rodeo. It is the contestant's responsibility to inspect and compete on stock drawn for them. Any failure to do so will result in disqualification.

**SECTION EIGHT: Rodeo Delay.**

If a timed event contestant is taking too much time entering the arena, the Arena Director and/or the Judge may offer the option of using another horse or being turned out. The contestant must be warned by the Arena Director or Judge prior to being turned out.

**SECTION NINE: Interference.**

Interference during any event will result in a re-run at the discretion of the judge.

**SECTION TEN: Mistreatment of Animals.**

Anyone who mistreats, abuses, or performs any action found to be harmful to any animal, whether their own personal animal, or that of a stock contractor, anywhere on the premises of a North Texas High School Rodeo Association sanctioned rodeo will be fined no less than \$50.00 depending on the severity of the offense and subject to further actions deemed necessary by the Board of Directors up to and including suspension and termination of membership.

**SECTION ELEVEN: Exhibition of Copyright Materials.**

Any person found to be exhibiting or circulating pictures taken by the Contract photographer without first purchasing said pictures will be fined for the first offense-per picture, fine doubled on the second offense, and

brought before the attitudes and restrictions committee for any additional incidents for penalties not limited to fines, suspension of NTHSRA card, or community service. These fines are not in lieu of any criminal offense said person could receive. These exhibitions include but are not limited to computer, press, or internet exhibitions.

#### SECTION TWELVE: Payment of Fines.

It is the Contestants' responsibility to check and see if they have fines prior to competing. Contestants will provide proof of payment of current fines to the Arena Director prior to the beginning of their first event competed in at the next rodeo.

#### SECTION THIRTEEN: Fine/Disqualification.

Failure to understand rules will not be accepted as an excuse for disqualification and/or fines.

### CHAPTER THIRTEEN

#### GATE PASSES

##### SECTION ONE: Sponsor's Cards.

- A. All Sponsors and Board members who have a valid NTHSRA card will be admitted without cost to any NTHSRA approved rodeo with the exception of the NTHSRA finals. Any sponsor or family member allowing another person to use his/her card will lose the entire family's cards for the season.
- B. Any other gate passes will be at the discretion of the sponsoring club.
- C. All Gold card members will be admitted without cost to any NTHSRA approved rodeo or events. This is for gold card holders only and not their family.

### CHAPTER FOURTEEN

#### RODEO OFFICIALS - CONTRACT HELP

All NTHSRA Contract Help must be dues paid, card holders. Security must be at least 25 years of age; Arena Directors, Judges, Secretaries and Timers must be at least 21 years of age and must attend their respective clinics for the current year. All other Contract Help must be at least 18 years of age. Applications for all new Contract Help must include 3 references with knowledge of the applicant's qualifications. Applications must be turned in for approval by the November Board of Directors Meeting. (Except in case of emergency.) NO approvals will be accepted past this time. All contract help must purchase separate cards for each job they will be doing. All contract help will abide by all NTHSRA rules.

- A. If any contract help books a rodeo with any club and doesn't fulfill all the scheduled days, they will be fined one performance pay. Fine must be paid prior to working the next rodeo. Fine payable to the sponsoring rodeo club. Contract help who fail to notify the Association office and club sponsor, at least two weeks before the rodeo, when they cannot fulfill their job, or fail to check with the club having the rodeo, as to when they should appear to assume their duties, may be brought before the Board of Directors for disciplinary action. If the required 2-week notice is given, fine will not apply. Contract help must be notified

by the club having the rodeo that he/she has the rodeo eight weeks prior to the rodeo. A copy of approval will be emailed or mailed to all contract help who is hired to work that rodeo. All fines will be assessed by the Board of Directors.

- B. All contract help must pay their contract help fee along with their application. If you do not book a rodeo during that rodeo season you may request your fee to be returned provided it is done in writing prior to the last rodeo of that rodeo season.
- C. New arena directors, judges, timers, and secretaries to NTHSRA must complete an apprenticeship prior to being approved. Arena directors, Judges, and Timers' apprenticeships will consist of 3 performances working with 3 separate seasoned arena directors, Judges, or timers. If 3 seasoned arena directors, Judges, or Timers are not current contract help, then the apprenticeship can be done with all the current seasoned arena directors, or timers. Secretaries' apprenticeships will consist of two (2) full rodeos working with a seasoned secretary. Any, and all new arena directors, Judges, Timers, and secretaries must have paid their contract help fees, completed their application, served their apprenticeship and upon completion of their apprenticeship, pass the appropriate test for their position(s). Committees judging an apprentice will turn in an evaluation after each performance. There will be clinics for this purpose. Secretary evaluation will be turned in after completion of one full rodeo. Evaluation forms will be sent to the appropriate committee. The appropriate committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve or disapprove with justification. The Board of Directors will vote on each new official. Apprenticing contract help will not be able to book a rodeo until apprenticeship has been completed and application has been approved by the Board of Directors.
- D. All contract help must arrive 30 minutes prior to the start time and report to the rodeo secretary office to sign in and sign out at the end of rodeo performance. This must include date, signature, and time of arrival and departure, with the exception of the arena director. (See Chapter 16, Section 6) and security (See chapter 14, section 4). Medics will not be fined for arriving late if they had an emergency while in route to said rodeo. Medics will be required to provide justifiable paperwork describing the reason for being late.
- E. A seasoned Arena Director, judge, or secretary is one who has worked a minimum of six rodeos and held a contract help card for at least one year.
- F. Any contract help getting 3 rule infractions that are deemed valid by the appropriate committee are subject to losing their cards.
- G. After completing the apprenticeship phase, Judges, and timers must work their first 3 rodeos with a seasoned contract help. A seasoned arena director is one who has worked a minimum of six rodeos and held a contractor help card for at least one year.
- H. Dates for school and tests will be set by the Board of Directors with one make-up date with no exceptions. All tests must be taken at NTHSRA office at one time with one make-up test allowed. Make up test will be given by the committee chairman at the NTHSRA office.
- I. All secretaries, timers, judges, and arena directors must have attended school for the current year, be a NTHSRA card holder, and have all dues paid. All other contract help (announcers, bullfighters, stock producers, photographers, pick up men and security) must be dues paid and NTHSRA card holder.
- J. If, in the event that any contract help becomes injured or ill during the course of a rodeo and no other contract help is available at that time to complete his/her duties at that rodeo, any qualified Board of director who has held that particular contract help card in the past, may step in with permission of the sponsor and the Board of Directors on duty at that rodeo to complete that performance only.

#### SECTION ONE: Judges.

- A. Judges to be used at each individual rodeo during the year will be required to attend the judge's clinics to be held prior to the judge's test. All new judges will be required to take a judge's test and pass with a score of 90% or higher. There may be both a written test and an oral test administered by the Judge's



Committee. Seasoned judges should be updated on all new rule changes. Judges must be 23 years of age prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. The judges are to furnish their own stopwatch and whistle.

- B. Any judge taken off the judge's list will not be eligible to judge any NTHSRA approved rodeo until re-approved by the Board of Directors.
- C. Judge's score of contestant is not subject to being changed after judge turns score to secretary, except for correction of wrong addition.
- D. Judges must remain available to the rodeo office until the rodeo secretary has made a final check of the books and awards the points for that rodeo.
- E. Marking must be totaled by the judges and checked by the secretary in the presence of the judges. Judge's decision will be final.
- F. Any judge who does not enforce the rules of the Official Rule Book of NTHSRA will be fined. The arena director or an Association Official will immediately after the rodeo turn the judge into the Association for such an act, giving full particulars. Decision regarding fine will be made by the Association Board of Directors.
- G. Both judges shall serve as back up timers in all rough stock events. If close, judge's watch on latch side of chute gate will be official. The judge's stopwatch reading shall be used as a means of verification when the length of the qualified ride is in question. The judge shall stop his watch when, in his opinion, the contestant has been disqualified for any reason, or when he hears the whistle or horn, whichever comes first. In either instance the judge shall refer to his watch for time verification on each ride. In any instance where the time is eight (8) or more seconds on the judge's watch, the contestant shall be entitled to a marking without penalty.
- H. Judges are required to check barriers, operation of chute gates and make arrangements to know where flag horse is located.
- I. Judges shall wear an official NTHSRA approved Vest at all performances of NTHSRA. Color and design to be approved by the Board of Directors.
- J. Judges are not allowed to be on cell phone in the arena while they are flagging an event. Judges caught on phone will be fined.

#### SECTION TWO: Bullfighters.

- A. All Bullfighters must be physically fit to perform and function necessary to ensure his safety and that of the contestant. It will be mandatory that all Bullfighters wear a vest and proper footwear, NO COWBOY BOOTS. Would prefer traditional Bullfighter attire but not mandatory except for vest and footwear.

#### SECTION THREE: Timekeepers.

- A. All timekeepers will be required to take a written and performance timer test. All timers will be required to pass the test with a score of 90% or above. Only one make up test is allowed. Timekeepers with 3 or more years' experience as lead timer will be exempt from taking a written exam unless there have been rule changes which would affect their work. All timekeepers must be at least 21 years of age and must come from the approved list. Both timers must record their times. The lead timer (one using the electric timer) will be official. If lead timer should miss a time, the backup time will be used. If both timers miss a time the contestant will receive a re-run, if qualified in the field, plus any penalties. If a timer is lead timer in an event on first day of the rodeo, he/she must lead time same event for the remainder of the rodeo. One lead timer must be used at all NTHSRA rodeos. To become a seasoned lead timer, you must have been a lead timer, work a minimum of 6 complete rodeos in one year and hold a NTHSRA card for at least 1 year. To be a lead timer one must have timed a minimum of 4 complete rodeos in one season and start training on the electric timer after 2 rodeos before being allowed to be considered a lead timer. You must be a seasoned timer to train an apprentice timer for a lead timer position. Timer must be able to set up and use

electric timer to be considered a lead timer. The timer will be tested by the committee chair. A timer must be a Seasoned Timer to time finals.

- B. The complete electric timer must be backed up by a flag judge who will stand directly behind one of the timer posts in the arena. One timekeeper will record the times that appear on the electric eye-controlled readout. The second timekeeper will operate the backup manual clock or stopwatch and record the time, which is shown thereon. He/she will operate from the flag judge's signals. If the electric clock fails to operate, the manual or stopwatch back up times, if recorded in hundredths of a second, will have a zero added to the hundredths making the manual or stopwatch read in thousandths. The electric controlled times will stand unaltered.
- C. Head of the timers committee or anyone serving on that committee will supervise, assist, and grade all new timers while they are serving their apprenticeship.

#### SECTION FOUR: Security.

- A. Each rodeo must provide at least one person for security. Security personnel must be in easily identifiable clothing, clearly marked as security.
- B. Security must provide a telephone to contact law enforcement agencies in case of an emergency.
- C. Security personnel must be at least 25 years of age and be approved by the Board of Directors.
- D. Security must arrive one hour prior to Rodeo start time and sign in security book upon arrival of the rodeo. Sign security book upon completion of rodeo.

#### SECTION FIVE: Rodeo Secretaries.

- A. Anyone who is to secretary a rodeo, other than a club's own sponsor, must have a secretary card and attend a secretary school. Any Sponsor who plans to secretary their own rodeo must attend the secretary school. Secretaries to be at least 21 years of age.
- B. The rodeo secretary will handle all entry blanks. Performances will be balanced by events. The rodeo secretary will give all entry fees (checks etc.) to the club sponsor or club president before rodeo or at rodeo. It will be put in said rodeo club's account. The secretary will give a balance sheet of entries and expenses to club sponsor and Association, signed by the rodeo secretary and club sponsor, no later than three (3) days after show. Any secretary not following rules will be suspended for three (3) weeks.
- C. All Around Cowboy, All Around Cowgirl, Rookies and Team points to be posted after the rodeo and prizes to be available at the next rodeo. The points must be in the NTHSRA office by 4:00 p.m. on the following Monday either by fax or delivered.
- D. Secretaries are responsible for books balancing; any discrepancies are her responsibility.
- E. If there are to be two sections of bull riding, it shall be noted on the change sheet.
- F. If a discrepancy occurs and the cause of the discrepancy is unknown, rodeo secretary can let the contestant ride, but with the understanding that if the contestant is proven wrong contestant may be fined or suspended. All prizes and points will be held until discrepancy is checked.
- G. Draw is to be posted 1 hour before performance.
- H. If a contestant is added in any event, stock shall be drawn from the herd by the judge. All stock drawn for re-rides or re-runs shall remain re-ride or re-run stock.

#### SECTION SIX: Arena Directors.

- A. Arena Directors must be at least 21 years of age prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. All new Arena Directors must pass a written test with a score of 90% or higher. All Arena Directors should be updated on all new rules and rule changes before cards are issued. All Arena Directors for each individual rodeo must come from the approved contract list.

- B. The Arena Director will have the right to disqualify or fine contestants, fine parents, or fine any agent of the contestant for any NTHSRA rule infraction with one (1) exception. The Arena Director does not have the authority to grant re-rides or to score a ride.
- C. The Arena Director will follow all NTHSRA rules. Any Arena Director who does not enforce the rules of the Official Rule Book of NTHSRA will be fined no less than \$50.00 and possible expulsion. A judge or an Association Official will immediately after the rodeo turn the Arena Director into the Association for such an act giving full particulars. A decision regarding fine will be made by the Association Board of Directors.
- D. The Arena Director must report to the rodeo secretary office to sign in and have the arena ready to rodeo one (1) hour before each performance and sign out at the end of each performance with signature time and date. This includes, staking barrels, timers, goats, putting up barrier, breakaway and barrier string hung, and Ribbon Roping, glue, and rubber bands at the roping box. All Arena Directors, and Arena Directors only, will be responsible for putting ribbons on calves for Ribbon Roping. Arena directors will make sure all cattle and livestock are present and have been run through the chutes and goats have been tied down. The Arena Director will make sure the arena is in good shape.
- E. The arena director will not start the rodeo without an on-site certified Paramedic and EMT.
- F. The Arena Director has the right to clear the arena for safety and/or to give contestants an even chance at run or ride.
- G. When the rodeo is over, the Arena Director is responsible for putting all equipment back in the footlocker.
- H. Arena directors will keep all barrier penalties on their books to insure none are missed by timers.

#### SECTION SEVEN: Stock Contractor.

Stock contractors will abide by all NTHSRA rules and will come from an approved contract list sent out by the Association. The stock contractor does not have the authority to turn stock out on any contestant. (This is the responsibility of the judge or arena director.) All stock contractors must show proof of ownership when their application for stock contractor is applied for. Stock producers may, if he chooses, pick up or Bullfight their own bucking stock; only after they have been approved by the pick-up man or bullfighter committee. All other contract help may work only one job at a rodeo, except stock producer working as a pick-up man or bullfighter. Stock Contractor must choose bullfighter or pickup man. Stock Contractor cannot do all three. All contract help must be approved and have purchased a card for each position they are working.

- A. Stock Contractor and/or Partnership must furnish a list of all stock owned to the Association office along with their application. Stock Contractor or Partnership must own at least 20 Bucking Bulls and 20 Bucking Horses. Partnership contractors must furnish a letter of intent of partnership with application.
- B. All timed event stock and part of rough stock (25% of bucking horses and 25% of bucking bulls) may be leased with Board of Director's approval. All persons that Stock Contractors lease stock from must be submitted to the Association Office with their application. This list must be updated as it changes.

#### SECTION EIGHT: Photographer.

Photographers will be required to observe all the Association rules. Photographer is not required to wear a western hat or boots.

- A. Rodeo clubs sponsoring rodeos may contact a photographer to photograph action in the arena. The contracted photographer is to be the only commercial photographer to be taking pictures on the premises unless this is waived by the photographer.
- B. Since different photographers can be commissioned from week to week, sales from previous rodeos are not restricted.
- C. Only contract approved photographers may photograph or video for compensation action shots in the arena.
- D. NTHSRA event pictures including but not limited to finals program, Queen, and prom may be contracted outside of the NTHSRA contract personnel list.

SECTION NINE: Announcers.

The announcer will abide by all NTHSRA rules and be a contract (paid) announcer from the Association's approved list.

SECTION TEN: Pick-up Men.

Every Pick-up Man must be physically fit to perform and function necessary to ensure their safety and that of the contestant. Pick-up men must carry a catch rope attached to the saddle horn long enough to lace over a horse's neck or a standard lariat rope during the Bareback event.

SECTION ELEVEN: Medics.

Health Care Providers will abide by all NTHSRA rules, and the service must hold a contract (paid) card. Each Health Care Provider must provide a copy of a current license to the NTHSRA office. The Health Care Provider at a rodeo must consist of at least one certified Paramedic and EMT. The rodeo must have a Paramedic and EMT with proper equipment (refer to TDH Code and 157 Health and Safety Code) and access to a phone on site. All Paramedics and EMTs on duty must sign in the Medical Services Book prior to each performance. Violators will be fined \$10.00 per each occurrence.

SECTION TWELVE: Contract Fee.

All approved contract workers will be required to pay an annual contract help fee of \$55.00 to receive a contract help card. All contract help cardholders must abide by all NTHSRA rules. All contract workers must pass a background check and pay \$50.00 fee.

SECTION THIRTEEN: Contract Discipline.

Any NTHSRA contract help may be called before the appropriate committee to investigate any infraction of NTHSRA rules or other action deemed by the Board of Directors not in the best interest of the members. If the committee deems necessary, the contract personnel may be brought before NTHSRA Board of Directors where disciplinary action may be taken. The committee is to forward their report and recommendation to the NTHSRA Board of Directors.

## CHAPTER FIFTEEN

### STOCK CONTRACTOR AND RODEO LIVESTOCK

SECTION ONE: Stock.

- A. All rodeo livestock must be numbered including roping cattle. Riding event stock must be identified by permanent number. Contractors have two (2) weeks to put permanent number on new stock. Failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 fine per head of stock.
- B. All new stock shall be run through event chutes and through arena previous to start of rodeo.
- C. Stock Contractor and/or Partnership must furnish a list of all stock owned to the Association office along with their application. Stock Contractor or Partnership must own at least 20 Bucking Bulls and 20 Bucking Horses. Partnership contractors must furnish a letter of intent of partnership with application.
- D. All timed event stock and part of rough stock may be leased with Board of Director's approval. All persons that Stock Contractors lease stock from must be submitted to the Association Office with their application. This list must be updated as it changes.

- E. No goat is to be used more than 4 (four) rodeos in one season. Four goats must be in the draw and brought to each rodeo for each event.
- F. Stock producer must furnish at least two (2) sets of steers. If there are only two (2) sets, they must be used as stated; one (1) set for steer wrestling and chute dogging and one (1) set for team roping. The stock producer also has the option of bringing a set of steers for each event. This will enable the stock producer to provide a good set for each event and maintain a good quality of cattle. The stock producer must also furnish at least (2) sets of calves. For each rodeo, the stock contractor must furnish a minimum of 12 calves for both tie down and for ribbon roping and 12 steers for team roping.
- G. Stock contractor must have stock for the first three events sorted 30 minutes prior to the start of the rodeo provided all books are in order, or he will be fined \$50.00.
- H. Stock Contractor must have stock numbers to the rodeo secretary preferably on Wednesday but no later than noon Thursday. Failure to comply may result in a fine.
- I. All Steer Wrestling steers must be Corrientes type steers.

#### SECTION TWO: Steer's Horns.

- A. Stock contractor will be expected to cooperate in trimming the horns of steers that are not able to pass through the steer wrestling chute and tips must be trimmed to the size of a nickel.
- B. All steers for Steer Wrestling, and Chute Dogging and Team roping must be trimmed to the size of a nickel.

#### SECTION THREE: Bull's Horns.

Stock contractor will be expected to cooperate in trimming the tips of bull's horns back to at least the size of a half dollar.

#### SECTION FOUR: Stock Contractor.

The man or company who owns the stock will be listed as the stock contractor at any rodeo where his stock is used.

#### SECTION FIVE: Stock Contractor's Employees.

- A. Stock contractor will be responsible for his own conduct and his employee's conduct. All must comply with rules in Chapter Eight.
- B. If a Stock Contractor will furnish Pickup men and Bullfighters as part of his bid, he must specify at bid who the Pickup men and Bullfighters will be and if those change, notify the Team sponsor and Association Office two weeks prior to the designated rodeo that is to be worked. (Chapter 14-Rodeo Officials-A)
- C. It is the Stock Contractor responsibility to make certain that all Bullfighter and Pickup Men have a current NTHSRA card for each rodeo. Failure to comply makes the Stock Contractor responsible for membership payment for personal without card and rodeo secretary is to hold payment from stock pay. Two (2) current card holding Bullfighters and two Pick-Up must be used at every NTHSRA approved rodeo.
- D. It is the responsibility of the Stock Contractor to furnish a "Contract Help List" to the host rodeo team for the gate. Stock Contractor Help List is defined as these men/women working that weekends rodeo to be allowed entrance to the grounds at no charge.

#### SECTION SIX: Stock Specifications.

A list showing all stock specifications will be sent to each stock producer before said producer can supply stock for any NTHSRA rodeo. Stock producer must sign an application in order to be an approved NTHSRA stock producer.

#### SECTION SEVEN: Un-Suitable Stock.

Both judges, a stock committee member and a Board of Director can warn or blacklist a stock contractor for 60 days if his stock does not meet suitable requirements such as wild and unruly bucking stock, stock not in shape to buck or uneven calves or steers.

#### SECTION EIGHT: Pulling Stock.

Stock committee cannot pull stock without a majority vote of at least one judge, arena director and a stock committee member with stock contractor present prior to each performance.

#### SECTION NINE: Re-Run Pens.

Stock contractor has the right to set his own re-run pens.

#### SECTION TEN: Cattle Overweight.

The stock producer may be fined a minimum fine of \$50 on the pen of cattle that are overweight/underweight and then \$1 per pound for each calf under the weight limit 180 and over the weight limit of 225. All steer wrestling steers must weigh a minimum of 400 pounds and a maximum of 600 pounds. Any steer suspected of not conforming to weight requirements may be contested under protest. It is suggested that this fine be per run on that animal, depending on how the stock is paid for. Example: If we are paying a stock contractor per run and the underweight/overweight animal is going to be ran 4 times and we would have paid him for 4 animals; the fine should be 4 times.

## CHAPTER SIXTEEN

### QUEENS CONTEST

1. All contestants must be members of NTHSRA by November 1<sup>st</sup> and in good standing, as in accordance with Chapter 4.
  - A. Queen contestants cannot be or have been married, pregnant or have born a child.
  - B. Changes and requirements deemed necessary for a fair and impartial contest implemented by the Queen committee and approved by the Board of Directors will be followed by all contestants.
  - C. Complaints or protests will be filed in compliance with Chapter 8, Section 8 of the NTHSRA rulebook.
2. All information pertaining to the Queen Contest must be mailed, emailed, or faxed to all NTHSRA clubs by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
3. Entry:
  - A. The contestant may be an entry as a high school rodeo club sweetheart or as an entry representing the high school she attends. Seniors are not eligible.
  - B. Entry fee for Queen Contest will be \$35.00
  - C. Any deadlines and additional requirements set by the Queen Committee and approved by the Board of Directors must be followed.
4. All entries must be submitted to the Queen Committee by the deadline date.
5. Contestants must have competed in 50% or more of all approved NTHSRA rodeos for the year, prior to the date of first Queen's competition.
6. A signed statement from the contestant's club sponsor verifying the number of rodeos the contestant has competed in must be turned into the Queen Committee by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

7. A list of all contestants will be furnished to all sponsors one week after entry deadline, by the Queen Chairman. All questions regarding eligibility of any contestant, morally or academically should be brought to the Queen Chairman within 10 days of date of notice of contestants. All complaints will be investigated by the chairman with a report to be given to the Board of Directors if action is necessary.
8. Contestants will be drawn identification numbers to be worn during the entire competition, with the exception of modeling.
9. All contestants must wear a sash. Sash should not be over five (5) inches wide and thirty (30) inches long, white with black lettering. Sash shall read - Miss Rodeo "(school)". (Sashes may be obtained from: Archer Monograms, 1179 Harmony Rd. Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301, phone 208-733-6243.
10. Dress code for Queen's Competition will be left up to the discretion of the Queen Committee. This information is to be given to each contestant at least two months before the actual judging begins.
11. The Competition will be divided into 5 parts: photogenic, horsemanship, attire, personality, and written test. Score values and score sheets for each part will be made up and determined by the Queen committee. Any ties for the title of Miss NTHSRA will be decided by scores on their drawn horse during the horsemanship competition & will be used as a tie breaker. The total points from all scores including the drawn horse will determine Miss NTHSRA. A copy of score values must be given to contestant in the orientation packet at the beginning of the contest.
12. HORSEMANSHIP DIVISION RULES: Reining or horsemanship pattern will be one of two or three patterns chosen by the Queen Committee. These patterns may be included in the information mailed to each member's club otherwise; it will be given out at a later date. Rail work (walk, trot, and lope) and introduction to be at the discretion of judges.
13. Horses and/or equipment will not be judged at any time except for grooming of the horse and cleanliness or equipment. Only the knowledge, ability and skill will be judged. If necessary, horses may be furnished by the Queen Committee for horsemanship judging.
14. No more than two (2) horses may be ridden during the horsemanship judging; however, one of these two horses must be used for at least one of the two Grand Entry and horsemanship pattern judging. There will be two rounds of horsemanship pattern judging, the second go-round will be performed on a drawn horse. These drawn horses will either be selected from the other contestants or will be provided by the Queen Committee. No contestant will be eligible to compete on a horse which a pattern has been set on. The contestants are to be judged on their horsemanship skills, not their mount. If for any reason a horse becomes unsound and is declared unsound, he will remain unsound for the remaining portion of the contest. However, if there is an available horse not being used and which has not been used by any other contestant or by anyone setting a pattern, the contestant will compete on the available horse.
15. Each contestant will take a written test over the NTHSRA By-Laws and Rule- book, excluding the Articles of Incorporation. There will be 50 questions (true & false & fill in the blank). Each question will be worth one-half point. A perfect score on the test will amount to 25 points. The test will be made up by the Queen Committee and will be given to all contestants at the same time and at a time and place designated by the Queen Committee.
16. Contestants will also be judged on modeling ability.
17. Each contestant will be required a 2 ½ to 3-minute speech (title to chosen by the Queen Committee) and answer an impromptu question. These questions will be typed on cards and drawn from a container by the contestant.
18. Miss Congeniality Category will be voted on by all candidates after all other areas of judged competitions are completed.
19. Contestants must submit one 8x10 picture by due date set by Queen Committee. The Queen Committee must decide if the pictures will all be black & white or color and inform the contestants at least two weeks prior to the pictures being taken. No hair lights, background lights or soft focus. Must be white background. No sashes or crowns to be worn. All photos must be taken by the same photographer.

20. Judges will be chosen from outside the Association, they cannot be acquainted with the contestants or with any of her immediate family (mother, father, siblings, grandparents). No judge may judge more than one year in succession.
21. Three (3) judges will be selected for personality, poise, personal interview, western attire, and citizenship. Three (3) will be selected for knowledge of horses, rodeo, horsemanship, and attire while horseback.
22. All judge's sheets will be placed in a sealed envelope by each judge and signed. The envelopes will be locked up in the NTHSRA office until all competition is completed. The Queen Committee and the NTHSRA treasurer will total all scores. This person will place the name of the highest scoring contestant in a sealed envelope marked with the division award stated on the outside of the envelope. The divisions are: 1) Attire, 2) Speech, 3) Horsemanship, 4) Congeniality, 5) Personality 6) 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up, 7) 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up, 8) Miss NTHSRA.
23. All original score sheets and tally sheets must be turned into the Association Office by the Queen Committee. These must be kept on file in the office for one full year.
24. The Queen Committee will make copies of score and tally sheets available to all contestants.
25. Awards and Prizes: PHOTOGENIC- Plaque, ATTIRE- Plaque, CONGENIALITY- Plaque, HORSEMANSHIP- Plaque, SPEECH- Plaque, Written Test-Plaque, 2<sup>nd</sup> RUNNER-UP, Plaque, 1<sup>st</sup> RUNNER-UP- Plaque, PERSONALITY- Plaque, QUEEN- Saddle, Buckle, Tiara, Sash, Flowers, Photographs for promotional display, Business cards.
26. The winners of each category/event will be announced during the second performance of the Finals Rodeo. Awards will be given at that time except for the Queen's Saddle and Buckle. The Queen's Saddle and Buckle will be given at the awards ceremony. The new incoming rodeo queen will receive a jacket after the Finals Rodeo, she is crowned at.
27. The new Queen will hand out all awards for the winners at the beginning of her reign.
28. Miss Rodeo Texas rules and information will be sent to Miss NTHSRA upon receipt.
29. Duties of Miss NTHSRA:
  - A. Miss NTHSRA is a good-will ambassador for her Association, and it is suggested that she make as many appearances as possible outside NTHSRA activities, such as local rodeos and parades. Miss NTHSRA will be required to attend a minimum of two non-rodeo events/functions.
  - B. She must compete in 50% or more approved NTHSRA rodeos during her reign.
  - C. She must be introduced in full Queen attire (Sash & Crown) in at least one performance of at least 75% of all North Texas approved Rodeos and should be introduced before the club sweethearts.
  - D. Any money made by the Queen contestants will be used for the expense of the contest and scholarships for the Queen and first and second runner ups. The Queen has the option of using \$500 of her scholarship to enter the Miss Texas or the Miss Texas Teen contest if she fulfills her obligation as a good will ambassador for NTHSRA. No upfront money will be given.
  - E. The Queen must attend all General Membership Meetings in full Queen attire (Crown, Sash) and must be dressed the same anytime she is representing North Texas.
  - F. The retiring NTHSRA Queen will receive a Gold Card after leaving NTHSRA, after completion of her reign.
  - G. Additional scholarships may be given from year to year if funds are available at the discretion of the Queens Committee and approval by the Board of Directors.
  - H. The Queen Committee must leave at least \$500 to \$1000 in the account to have as start money for the next season. After the final report for the year is given scholarship money is to be transferred to the scholarship account.
30. Miss NTHSRA will forfeit her title by becoming morally or academically ineligible or by failing to honor her title and duties as specified. In the event of forfeiture, all prizes will be returned.



- A. If Miss NTHSRA obtains another title before March 1 of the year of her reign, she will forfeit her NTHSRA title and scholarship. All prizes will be returned except the buckle and will be given to the first runner-up.
- B. The First Runner-up will assume the title of Miss NTHSRA immediately and will be given the crown and prizes within 30 days. A new buckle will be ordered and formally presented to this Queen at the next Finals Rodeo.

## CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

### RE-RIDE RULES

- 1. If the animal fails to break, stops, fouls rider, comes in contact with pick-up horse, or flank comes off before the whistle blows, contestant shall be entitled to a re-ride. Re-rides shall be given at the discretion of the riding event judges immediately following the ride.
- 2. Parents or sponsors may not ask for a re-ride at any time, subject to disqualification of the contestant.
- 3. If a qualified ride is made by the contestant and the animal is marked by either and/or both judges at 8 or under, contestant shall be eligible for a re-ride.
- 4. Any turnout stock will be treated as ridden and turned out. Any re-ride will be on drawn re-ride stock. If there are more re-rides than drawn, they will be drawn from all turnout stock, with contestant to have reasonable time for preparation.
- 5. If an animal that runs off is already drawn for that contestant, that contestant must qualify on that animal before re-ride is given.
- 6. The judge shall inform contestant he is qualified for a re-ride. Contestant may refuse re-ride and take marking.
- 7. If an animal has run off four (4) consecutive times, he must be taken out of the draw permanently and an animal will be drawn to replace him.
- 8. If, in the opinion of the judges, a rider makes two (2) honest attempts to get out on a chute fighting animal and is unable to do so, he may have a re-ride.
- 9. No re-ride will be given if a contestant's own equipment breaks. If stock contractor's equipment breaks, contestant may have a re-ride.
- 10. Animal must fall on side or foul contestant to be eligible for a re-ride. In case of animal fouling contestant, contestant must declare himself in the prescribed manor. Failure to do so means that the contestant accepts the animal as is.
- 11. If the judge sees he has made an error, he must declare a re-ride before the contestant leaves the arena.

## CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

### EVENT RULES

#### BAREBACK RIDING

**\*ALL BAREBACK RIDERS MUST WEAR A MOUTHPIECE\***

- 1. Horses to be furnished by stock contractor.

2. Riding to be done with one-hand rigging. Riders may use their own rigging if rigging is not over ten inches in width at handhold and not over six inch "D" ring, or not a freak. Rigging must lie flat on a horse's back while rigging is being checked. Stock contractor may call judge to pass on whether rigging is being set and/or cinched in a way that might hurt horse's back. No fiberglass or metal handholds. Only leather or rawhide allowed for handholds. All rigging must have enough sheepskin or sponge rubber underneath to cover the bars. A one-inch-thick pad must be used underneath bareback rigging. Contestants must have pads available. Cinches on bareback riggings shall be made of mohair or neoprene and shall be at least five inches wide.
3. There will be no tape or any other adhesive material or substance other than dry rosin used on handhold or on rider's glove, which will be a plain glove with no flaps, rolls, wedges, or finger wraps. An extra piece of leather may be used at the base of the little finger only. It must be on the inside of the glove and is not to extend out from the seam more than 5/8 inch and can be no more than 5/8 inch thick. On the outside of the glove, there are to be no horizontal cuts from the second knuckle back. On the inside (palm side), only vertical cuts or slits are allowed on fingers only. See photo in the back of this rulebook. A palm piece may be used which will be at least 1 inch wide and 3 inches long and will be glued in. There will be no bareback riggings cinched down with rider's hand in the handhold. If it is necessary to re-set or re-cinch rigging after hand is in the handhold, rider's hand must be removed from handhold while rigging is being re-set or re-cinched. Tightening rigging from both sides will be permitted but latigos cannot be drawn up at the same time. Violators shall be disqualified and automatically declared ineligible for three rodeos. Said suspension to start from the date of offense. Violators may be subject to a fine at the Board's discretion.
4. To qualify, the rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and the rowels touching horse when horse's front feet hit the ground on its initial move out of the chute.
5. The contestant will have the right to call Judges to pass on whether or not horse is properly flanked and cinched.
6. Stock producers will have the right to have Judges pass on whether riggings are objectionable.
7. Judges may require the contestant to take his hand out of the rigging after a horse is cinched. Stock contractor may request such action.
8. Rider must tell flank man and/or stock contractor if he does not want his draw touched with the hotshot.
9. Any of the following offenses will disqualify a rider:
  - A. Riding with rowels too sharp in the opinion of Judge.
  - B. Being bucked off.
  - C. Touching animal, hat, fence, or self with any part of free arm or hand.
  - D. Improper handholds.
  - E. If rigging comes off horse with or without breaking, rider is disqualified.
  - F. Approved quick releases cinches are required and must be provided by each contestant.
10. If flank strap comes off, rider may have a re-ride on the same horse provided rider makes a qualified ride.
11. Arena Director or Judges may disqualify bareback rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his glove on when previous horse leaves arena.
12. Re-rides at the discretion of the Judges.
13. If, in the opinion of the Judges, the contestant failed to receive equal opportunity due to the performance of horse, a re-ride will be given.
14. Horses are to be ridden eight seconds; the time to begin when the horse's inside shoulder crosses the plane of the chute.
15. The horse and rider will be marked separately.
16. If, in the opinion of the Judges, a rider makes two honest efforts to get out on a chute fighting horse and is unable to do so, he may have a re-ride drawn for him.
17. If a bucking horse comes in contact with a pick-up horse, a re-ride may be given if a qualified ride has been completed until time of contact.

18. Each contestant shall ride stock drawn for them. Contestants will only be scored if on stock drawn for them.
19. Riders who are fouled at chute or when a horse falls on his side will be entitled to a re-ride at discretion of Judges. Rider must declare himself by double grabbing.
20. If contestant's hand is not out of rigging after four jumps after pick-up man reaches him, he can be disqualified for that rodeo and one more at Judge's discretion. If a contestant hangs up, he may be fined \$5.00, and his equipment may be checked immediately by Judge or Arena Director. **\*\*THIS VIOLATION MAY BE REPORTED TO THE JUDGE BY THE PICK-UP MEN OR THE STOCK CONTRACTOR.**



#### SADDLE BRONC RIDING

**\*ALL SADDLE BRONC RIDERS MUST WEAR A MOUTHPIECE \***

1. Animals will be furnished by stock contractor.
2. The riding is to be done with a plain halter, one rein, and saddle. Halters, bucking reins, and saddles will be furnished by the contestants. (Saddle must meet listed specifications). Position of middle flank and bucking rein belongs to stock contractor.
3. The bucking rein and hand must be on the same side. The horses are to be saddled in the chutes and the rider may cinch his own saddle or examine it to determine if it is satisfactory.
4. To qualify, rider must have spurs over the break of the shoulders and the rowels touching horse when horse's front feet hit the ground on its initial move out of the chute.
5. The matter of re-rides shall be determined by the Judge.
6. The contestant will have the right to call Judges to pass on whether the horses are properly flanked and saddled to buck to his best ability.
7. If in the opinion of the Judges, a horse deliberately throws himself, the rider shall have the choice of that horse, or he may have a horse drawn for him from the re-ride horses.
8. If, in the opinion of the Judges, the contestant failed to receive equal opportunity due to the performance of the horse, a re-ride will be given.
9. Any of the following offenses shall disqualify a rider:
  - A. Being bucked off.
  - B. Changing hands on the rein.
  - C. Wrapping the rein around his hand.
  - D. Losing a stirrup.
  - E. Touching the animal, rein, hat, fence, or self with any part of free hand or arm.
  - F. Riding with locked rowels or rowels that will lock on spurs.

10. Horses are to be ridden eight seconds; the time to begin when the horse's inside shoulder crosses the plane of the chute.
11. The rider and horse will be scored separately.
12. If in the opinion of the Judges, a rider makes two honest efforts to get out on a chute fighting horse and is unable to do so, he may have the option of the next re-ride horse.
13. Rider must tell flank man and/or stock contractor if he does not want his draw touched with the hotshot.
14. Arena Director or Judge may disqualify saddle bronc rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal when previous animal leaves the arena.
15. If a bucking horse comes into contact with a pick-up horse, a re-ride may be given if a qualified ride has been completed until time of contact.
16. If flank strap comes off, rider may have a re-ride on the same horse provided the rider makes a qualified ride.
17. All re-rides are at the discretion of the Judge.
18. Each contestant shall ride stock drawn for them.
19. Riders who are fouled at chutes or when a horse falls on his side will be entitled to a re-ride at discretion of Judges. Rider must declare himself by double grabbing.
20. If contestant is not off horse after four jumps after pick-up man reaches him, he can be disqualified for that rodeo and one more at Judge's discretion.
21. Neither parents nor sponsors may ask for a re-ride at any time subject to disqualification of contestant.
22. Only dry rosin to be used. There will be no tape or any other adhesive material or substance other than dry rosin used on saddle or chaps.

#### Contest Saddle Specifications

**RIGGING:** Three-quarter (3/4) double-front edge of "D" rings must pull not further back than directly below center of point of swell. Standard E/Z or ring type saddle "D" must be used and cannot exceed 5 3/4" outside width measurement.

**SWELL UNDERCUT:** Not more than two inches, one inch on each side.

**GULLET:** Not less than four inches wide at center of fork of covered saddle.

**TREE:** Saddle must be built on standard tree.

**SPECIFICATIONS:** Fork – 14" wide/cantle – 5" maximum height. Height – 9" maximum. Gullet – 3/4" wide. Stirrup leathers must be hung over bars. Saddle should conform to the above measurements with a reasonable added thickness for leather covering. No freaks allowed. Cinches on bronc saddles should be 5" wide at least.

#### BULL RIDING

**\*ALL BULL RIDERS MUST WEAR A MOUTHPIECE AND A HELMET\***

1. Animals to be furnished by stock contractor.
2. Riding to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold; no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off bull when rider leaves him. Rope must have bell, no bell, no marking. Bell must be under belly of bull. Hooks, rings, or post, or any other object for the purpose of placing spurs therein will not be permitted. Rider not to use sharp spurs. Any tacky substance is banned from use except dry rosin and glycerin. No open flame heating of ropes at the arena before or during the rodeo performance.
3. Bull will be ridden eight seconds; time to start when the bull's inside shoulder crosses the plane of the chute.
4. Riders who are knocked off at chute or if bull falls causing the contestant to come in contact with the ground, may be entitled to a re-ride at discretion of judges.
5. If a flank strap comes off, a re-ride will be offered on the same bull, provided rider has made a qualified ride.

6. If in the opinion of the Judges, the contestant failed to receive equal opportunity due to the performance of bull, a re-ride will be given.
7. If rider makes a qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, he is to be marked. Contestant will have a right to call Judges to pass on whether or not bull is properly flanked to buck to the best of his ability. The matter of re-rides shall be decided by the judges regardless of performance.
8. Maximum of three people, one in arena and two behind the chute to pull contestant's ropes.
9. Head fighting bulls having bad horns must be dehorned or kept out of draw. No bull may be put in the draw until his horns have been cut back a reasonable distance.
10. Rider must tell flank man and/or stock contractor if he does not want his draw touched with hotshot.
11. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following offenses:
  - A. Being bucked off.
  - B. Touching animal, hat, fence, or self with any part of free arm or hand.
  - C. Using sharp spurs or chaps under the rope when rope is being tightened.
  - D. If rope breaks during ride, contestant will receive no score.
  - E. Rider leaving chute with spurs hooked or lodged in the bull rope knot and/or loop(s).
  - F. Arena Director or judge may disqualify a bull rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his glove on when previous bull leaves the arena.
12. If in the opinion of the Judges, a rider makes two honest efforts to get out on a chute fighting bull and is unable to do so, he may have a re-ride drawn for him. (See chapter 17, rule #4).
13. The bull and rider will be marked separately.
14. All re-rides are at the discretion of the judge. Rider must declare himself by pulling dally.

#### CHUTE DOGGING

1. Judge will start time with flag when the animal's nose crosses the three-foot line.
2. At all rodeos a straightaway chute will be used in lieu of bucking chutes. The chute must have a gate with at least thirty-six inch (36") clearance. It should ideally be at least six feet (6') in length. Ideally it will also have a side entrance for doggers to enter. All chute dogging runs will be made from the same chute. With steer loaded in chute dogger gets beside the steer right hand in front or behind of right shoulder. When dogger calls for the steer the chute gate will be opened. Dogger must keep right hand in front of or behind shoulder until the steer's nose crosses the score line. If dogger moves into throwing position or touches either horn(s), or ear(s), before steer's nose crosses score line there will be a ten (10) second penalty added to time. If steer is thrown before crossing the score line, the dogger will be disqualified. Chute dogger must allow steer to maintain forward motion to the score line. Chute dogger may not choke steer.
3. There will be one flagman to designate a legal fall, which shall be all four feet extended in the same direction.
4. Any steer making a hula-hand must be let to his feet and thrown again for a legal throw.
5. If a steer breaks away from the dogger, the dogger may take no more than one step to catch the steer.
6. Hotshot may be used at the discretion of the contestant.
7. There shall be a thirty (30) second time limit.
8. Any steer accidentally knocked down without being thrown, must be let to his feet and thrown by hand.
9. All doggers must keep a hand on the steer until the Judge drops the flag.
10. Contestant and one helper may not enter from front of the chute. All contestants, parents, sponsors must stay behind chute. Helper cannot cross three-foot line while in contact with steer or contestant is disqualified.
11. Stock producer must use steers, not to exceed 600 lbs. All steer wrestling steers must weigh a minimum of 400 pounds and a maximum of 600 pounds. Any steer suspected of not conforming to weight requirements may be contested under protest.
12. Contestant must start his run with his hat on.

13. All contestants must stay behind chutes.
14. The tractor should not be used to drag the arena for the pole bending event during the chute dogging event.

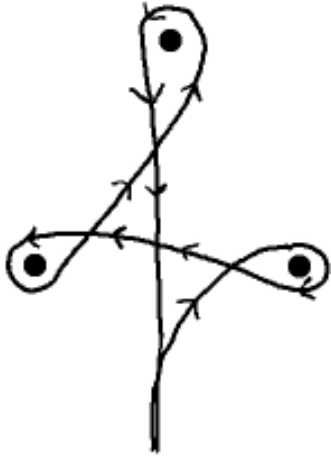
#### GENERAL RULES FOR BARREL RACING AND POLE BENDING

1. Timing will start when the contestant crosses the starting line and will stop when she re-crosses it. Flag Judge will start and stop time when the horse's nose crosses the line.
2. A contestant will be disqualified for not riding the pattern correctly. No corrective practice will be permitted. A fine may be assessed at the Arena Director or judge's discretion.
3. The contestant will receive a five second penalty for each barrel or pole knocked over.
4. Arenas with two gates at the same end: Contestant shall have choice of gate they enter or leave, other gate shall remain closed.
5. The barrel or pole pattern may be moved up and down the arena as long as the distance between the barrels or poles and the starting line are the same.
6. Two Judges will be present in the arena. One to start and end the back-up timer; one to judge the pattern and the hat rule. Judge will see that only one gate is open at one time.
7. Raking or dragging around barrels and poles will be done prior to the start of the event and after every ten positions drawn. The Arena Director will determine if the arena conditions prevent dragging.
8. Complete electric timer must be backed up by a Flag Judge who will stand directly behind one of the timer posts in the arena. One timekeeper will record the times that appear on the electric eye-controlled readout. The second timekeeper will operate the backup manual clock or stopwatch and record the time, which is shown thereon. She will operate from the Flag Judge's signals. If the electric clock fails to operate, the manual or stopwatch back up times, if recorded in hundredths of a second will have a zero added to the hundredths making the manual or stopwatch read in thousandths. The electric controlled times will stand unaltered.
9. Contestant running out of order may be disqualified at the discretion of the Judge.
10. If the Judge sees he has made an error in flagging, he must declare a re-run before the end of the event.
11. A horse breaking the plane of the next pole on the wrong side shall constitute a broken pattern, and the contestant will be disqualified.
12. If a contestant is taking too much time entering the arena, the Arena Director and/or Judge may offer the option of using another horse or being turned out. The contestant must be warned by the Arena Director or Judge prior to being turned out.

#### CLOVERLEAF BARREL RACING

1. The starting line should be at least fifteen yards from the chutes, arena conditions permitting.
2. The location for the starting line and each of the barrels must be staked permanently for an entire rodeo.
3. Ideal barrel pattern: 60 feet from starting line to number 1 barrel, 90 feet to second barrel and 90 feet to third barrel. If arena size does not permit this pattern, third barrel to be no further than 105 from the center line of barrel 1 & 2.
4. The stakes marking the barrels must be at least twenty feet from the nearest arena fence and the barrels should be set to the inside of the stakes.
5. The pattern may be run as one right and two left turns: or one left and two right turns, depending on the turn for the first barrel.
6. All three barrels must have both a top and a bottom.
7. See General Rules for Barrels and Poles.

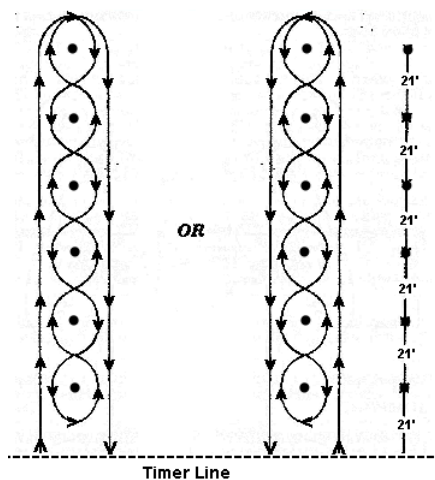
## Barrel Pattern



## POLE BENDING

1. The starting line should be at least 15 yards from the chutes, arena conditions permitting.
2. The distance from the starting line to the first pole shall be twenty-one feet and spacing between poles shall be twenty-one feet apart. Measuring device furnished by NTHSRA must be used.
3. The pole bending pattern is to be run around six poles furnished by NTHSRA. No flags to be used on the poles.
4. Poles must be in a straight line.
5. Touching poles is permitted by horse or contestant.
6. A contestant may start either to the right or left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly.
7. See General Rules for Barrels and Poles.

## Pole Bending Pattern



## WALK UP GOAT TYING

1. Goat is staked 40-45 feet from the start line.
2. Start line is at corner of calf box.

3. Time started by the electric timer and stopped by the flag judge at goat. Flag judge will start and stop time when contestant crosses the line as backup.
4. Once time has started, regular Goat tying rules apply as stated below in Chapter 18 Event rules page 47. Exception 1, 2, 7, 9 and #11.

#### GOAT TYING

1. The starting line should be at least 15 yards from the chutes, arena conditions permitting.
2. One goat will be staked in the center of the arena at a minimum of 100 feet from the starting line and at least 50 feet off back fence.
3. The goat will be tied to a stake with a rope at least ten feet in length and no more than fifteen feet (same length each performance). The goat collar and rope shall be furnished by NTHSRA. The stake shall be pounded completely into the ground so that no part is visible.
4. All positions will be drawn; three goats will be drawn as to which goat goes first. The runs will be alternated as drawn. The goat will be changed after every three runs. In the event of a MTO/VTO/TO, or due to other reasons the competitor does not make a run on the goat drawn, the goat must be tied by the previous contestant, or another person approved by the arena director or judge. The goat must be held exactly how it would during a normal rodeo run. The person tying will run at the goat on foot, tie all 3 legs with a goat string, and step back for 6 seconds.
5. If a goat is tied less than three times consecutively in a performance, that goat will be the first goat staked in the next performance and tied as many times as needed to complete three consecutive runs.
6. **Each goat must be tied down 5 times with a goat string and remain tied for 6 seconds each time before the first performance by someone not entered at that rodeo and witnessed by that week's Arena Director and/or Judge.** This applies to all goats whether they are fresh or not fresh.
7. The contestant must be mounted on a horse and must ride from the starting line to the goat, dismount from her horse, throw the goat by hand and tie any three feet together with a string with at least one wrap and tie. The contestant must step back three (3) feet from the goat after signaling for time before the Field Judge starts the six (6) second time limit for the goat to remain tied. Goat's feet must be crossed when tied and must remain crossed.
8. If goat is down when contestant reaches it, the goat must be let to its feet or may be helped up and the goat must clear the ground before being thrown by hand.
9. Time started by the electric timer and stopped by the flag judge at the goat. Flag Judge will start and stop time when horse's nose crosses the line.
10. There will be a 30 second time limit.
11. Should the girl run over or contact the goat or rope while having control of her horse, she will be fined ten seconds; if the goat should break away because of the fault of the horse, she will be disqualified. If the goat should break away for any other reason, it will be left to the judge's discretion whether or not she will get a re-run. Clarification of rule: A contestant is still in control until both feet are on the ground.
12. The goat is to be held straight back from the stake when the goat tier enters arena. When she crosses the starting line, the goat will be released.
13. Contestants will be disqualified for going back to the tie or the goat after she has signaled for the completion of the tie at the judge's discretion.
14. All goats used in the goat tying event will be of equal medium size and as near equal in temperament. Goats must be no less than 45 lbs. and no more than 65 lbs. All must either have horns or muley.
15. Goats shall be tagged.
16. Sponsoring club will provide someone other than goat tying contestants or their parents to hold the goat.
17. No goat is to be used more than four rodeos in one season.
18. Contestants running out of order may be disqualified at the discretion of the judge.



## GENERAL RULES FOR CALF ROPING, RIBBON ROPING, BREAKAWAY ROPING, STEER WRESTLING, AND TEAM ROPING

1. The roping box is to be considered a part of the arena and a calf or steer which circles back and enters the roping box after the contestant has called for the release, is still subject to time. The stopwatch will not be stopped when the animal goes into the roping or dogging box. If the animal does do so, it is the responsibility of the Barrier Judge and Arena Director to chase the animal back out into the arena proper as rapidly as possible.
2. Contestant will get one chance at animal and one chance at barrier. If re-run is awarded for any reason, he will carry any penalties with him.
3. Barriers –Score Line is the distance from the barrier pin to the end of a calf/steer's nose when the pin is pulled by the neck rope. The score line on steer wrestling should be the length of the box minus six feet from the barrier pin with an 8-foot maximum. The neck rope will be 2 feet short of the score line. On team roping the score line should be the length of the box minus 4 feet with a 10-foot minimum. The neck rope will be 2 feet short of the score line. On calf roping, ribbon roping and breakaway roping the score line should be the length of the box minus 4 feet with a 10-foot minimum. The neck rope will be 18 inches short of the score line. Adjustments from barrier pin to the score line when not at the NTHSRA arena may be made by the Arena Director and/or representative while trying to keep the above-described lengths.
4. If animal escapes the arena before the contestant completes his run, the flag judge will immediately signal for the time to stop. The contestant will get the animal back, lap and tap, with elapsed time of the first attempt added to the run. If the watch is not stopped immediately, the contestant will receive the animal over, plus any barrier penalty.
5. If the Judge sees that he has made an error in flagging, he must declare a re-run before the contestant leaves the arena, plus any barrier penalty.
6. The Line Judge must have a tape measure in his possession in case the short end of the barrier is carried. The tail of the barrier should not exceed 10 inches in length. A longer tail on a barrier will often be carried when he should have broken the barrier. If the tail is carried 10 feet or further, from a point on the ground directly under the pin to the closest part of the tail, the contestant is considered without barrier penalty.
7. Barrier equipment must be inspected by the Judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced. Should barrier break at any point other than designated breaking point, the barrier judge shall determine whether the break was caused by the contestant. If contestant obviously beats barrier, or rope is broken and string is unbroken, Barrier Judge may assess a 10 second penalty against the contestant.
8. An animal belongs to a contestant when he calls for him, regardless of what happens, except in cases of mechanical failure. In case of mechanical failure, the Barrier Judge will grant a re-run. If barrier equipment hangs on animal and contestant tries the animal, he accepts the animal. If contestant pulls up, he receives the same stock back plus any barrier penalties, if the judge sees that he beat the barrier.
9. Gate puller must be the same person for the entire rodeo if possible.
10. Pusher may not leave mouth of chute before contestant crosses line. Lap and tap: A lap and tap start occurs when the calf or steer is released from the chute without a barrier. Time will start when the calf's or steer's nose crosses the score line and is flagged by the Barrier Judge. The roper may leave the box as soon as the calf leaves the chute or may choose to rope the calf from the box.
11. If the stock fails to break the automatic barrier neck rope away from its neck and is hung in the neck rope at the chute, it will be considered a mechanical failure. A re-run will be granted on the same animal without any barrier penalties. If the stock fails to break the neck rope a second time the Judge shall grant a re-run.

## CALF ROPING

1. There shall be two individual timekeepers, a tie or Field Judge and a Barrier Judge.
2. Automatic barrier will start time.

3. Length of box will remain the same for all ropers.
4. Any contestant will have the right to ride his horse in the arena and back into the box before the barrier is set.
5. Only one loop will be permitted. Exceptions: Finals Rodeo two loops will be allowed, if two loops are carried.
6. A legal catch shall be catch as catch can. Loop must be drawn tight around some portion of the animal.
7. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted.
8. The contestant must adjust the rope and reins in a manner, which will prevent his horse from dragging the calf. If roper intentionally causes horse to drag the calf more than ten feet, the Field Judge may stop the horse and contestant will be disqualified.
9. The contestant must rope the calf, dismount, go and tie any three feet and feet must remain crossed. To qualify as a legal tie there shall be at least one wrap around any 3 legs (or all three legs must be tied together) and secured with a half hitch. (Example: 1 wrap around two legs, third leg wrapped to one or both of first two). The tie must hold the three legs and legs remain crossed until passed on by the judge.
10. If the calf is down when the roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to its feet or the calf may be helped up with at least three legs dangling. If caught by foot or leg at least two legs must be dangling, and then thrown by hand. If the roper's hand is on the calf when it falls, the calf is considered thrown by hand. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf.
11. The tie must hold until passed on by the Field Judge which will be a six second period after the roper has mounted his horse and taken one step forward to allow slack in the rope. If the tie comes loose or the legs become uncrossed before the tie has been passed on by the Field Judge, the roper will receive no time. The field judge will be mounted and must use a stopwatch.
12. The roper will be disqualified for going back to the tie or calf after he has signaled for time to stop at the discretion of the Judge.
13. Ten seconds will be added to the time for a roper breaking the barrier and will be carried with any re-run.
14. Roper will have a 30 second time limit.
15. Hotshot will be used only if requested by roper.
16. When any calf is let out or breaks out of arena, the time will stop. See General Rules.
17. If automatic barrier fails and time is recorded, contestant will receive time. It will be the line judge's decision if the contestant beat the barrier. If so, a plus 10 will be added. If time is not recorded, re-run will be awarded only if qualified catch is made. If any part of barrier fouls the roper, he must not contest calf to receive a re-run.
18. If a roper's horse comes into contact with a calf, a rerun will not be granted.
19. Roper will tie hard and fast and use neck rope and/or noseband keeper.
20. Tie down calves' weight 180 to 225 pounds.

#### RIBBON ROPING

1. Barrier rules apply as in general rule #2. Time will start with automatic barrier and stop with judge's flag.
2. There will be allowed only roper and one runner to each team. But only the roper will receive points.
3. Only one loop will be permitted. Exception: Finals Rodeo – Two loops will be allowed if two loops are carried.
4. **A contestant must arrange for their own runner. The runner must be an NTHSRA student member in good standing.**
5. All ribbons will be put on the calves with a rubber band and should be as close as possible to the tail head. All ribbons will be 9" in length, brightly colored and tied in the middle.
6. The runner must take the ribbon off the calf's tail and carry it across the flag line. Flag line to be the same as the score line. The line must be permanently marked for the entire weekend. Part or all of the ribbon is passable. The ribbon must be presented to the judge; the rubber band is not part of the ribbon. Contestant

will be disqualified for runner crossing line without all or part of ribbon. If a roper finds calf without a ribbon on its tail, he is to stop and notify the field judge in order to receive a re-run. Re-run must be taken on same calf, plus any barrier penalties.

7. A legal catch shall be catch as catch can. The rope must hold calf to horse until the runner gets his hands on calf to be considered a catch as catch can.
8. The rope does not have to be off the calf before the runner crosses the score line.
9. If field judge finds that a calf did not have a ribbon on its tail when the runner got to it, then the roper shall be entitled to rope the same calf, (i.e.: must take another run at the same calf), plus any barrier penalties.
10. Roper will tie hard and fast and use neck rope and/or noseband keeper. No quick release.
11. A ten second fine will be assessed for breaking the barrier and will be carried to any re-runs.
12. Roping the calf without releasing the loop is not permitted.
13. There will be a 30 second time limit.
14. Weight limit on ribbon roping cattle shall be a minimum of 160lbs, and a maximum of 225lbs.

#### BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. Legal catch: Bell Collar catch only.
2. Barrier rules apply as in General Rule #2.
3. Only one loop will be permitted. Exception: Finals Rodeo – two loops will be allowed if two loops are carried.
4. Contestant will be disqualified for roping calf without throwing loop.
5. If rope is broken free from horn by contestant, the contestant will receive no time. The calf must break the rope free from the horn. If the rope should dally around the horn, the contestant may ride forward, undally the rope, and stop the horse to make the rope break away.
6. Ropes are to be tied to saddle horn with nylon string. A knot must be at the end of the rope with the string tied at the knot. There will be no tail. A flag that is visible to the flagman or judge must be attached at the knot at the end of the rope. Nothing may be used on the rope to keep loop from drawing tight.
7. A nylon string will be furnished by NTHSRA to tie the rope to the saddle horn. This is the only string contestants may use for the purpose of tying the rope to the saddle horn. Arena Director and or Barrier Judge will inspect the string to be attached properly. Failure to comply with this rule will be a disqualification for that rodeo.
8. A dropped loop will be counted as a thrown loop.
9. Contestants dismounting for any reason before a legal catch is made or time is stopped by the Field Judge will be disqualified.
10. If horse comes in contact with calf, this is not grounds for a re-run.
11. There will be a 30 second time limit with the gates closed. The time will be announced to the contestant at the end of 30 seconds.
12. Time will be started and stopped between two flags; one at the barrier (mechanical or manual) to start and one at the field judge to stop.
13. If the Barrier Judge is used for flagging time, time will start when the calf's nose crosses the score line.
14. The Barrier Judge will assess a ten second penalty for breaking the barrier. This penalty will be added to the contestant's time and will be carried with any re-runs. The Barrier Judge shall be responsible for the operation of the barrier.
15. The flag or Field Judge shall be mounted and in position to accurately judge the contestants.
16. The field or Flag Judge will stop timer when the rope is broken from saddle horn by a legal catch.
17. Time shall be stopped only at the Field Judge's signal. In the event time is stopped for any other reason other than the Field Judge's signal, the contestant will receive a lap and tap time and the same number of loops being carried at the time of stoppage.

18. If automatic barrier fails and time is recorded, contestant will receive time with no penalty. If time is not recorded, re-run will be awarded only if qualified catch is made. If any part of barrier fouls the roper, she must not contest calf to receive a re-run.

#### DALLY TEAM ROPING

Team Roper can enter once as a header and once as a heeler. If a team roper earns points at both ends, all points will be counted for the event as well as All Around and Rookie. Two loops will be permitted. Team roping pairs must be made and sent to the arena director by the end of goat tying.

1. A team can be composed of two members of NTHSRA: 2 boys, 2 girls, or 1 boy and 1 girl.
2. Header will start behind barrier and must throw the first head loop; heeler must start from behind the barrier line.
3. Each roper will be allowed to carry only one rope.
4. Each team is allowed a total of two loops.
5. There will be a ten second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier.
6. There will be two judges: a barrier judge and a field judge. Time will start with automatic barrier and end with the field judge's flag.
7. Time will be stopped when steer is roped, both horses facing steer with ropes tight and dallied and straight from saddle horn to steer. Horses must have all four feet on the ground. Header must hold dally if asked by field judge. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
8. Steer belongs to roper after he calls for steer, regardless of what happens, with one exception; if steer gets out of arena, flag will be dropped, and the roper gets the steer back lap and tap with the time added which was taken when steer left arena plus any barrier penalties. See General Rules for Ropers and also rules for interference.
9. There will be only three legal head catches.
  - A. Head or both horns.
  - B. Half a head.
  - C. Around the neck.
10. Roping steer without turning loose of the loop will be considered no catch. Header must dally to stop steer. Boy heelers must dally. Girl heelers may dally or tie on with a quick release.
11. If loop passes over one horn, the loop over the other, catch is illegal.
12. If loop crosses itself in the head catch, it is illegal.
13. If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over the other horn or head with his hand.
14. No foul catches can be removed by hand.
15. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels.
16. One hind foot catch receives a five second penalty.
17. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot or feet from loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by time the field judge drops his flag, the time will be counted.
18. After the header ropes the steer and turns off, the steer must take one or more forward strides or jumps before the heeler can rope him. No cross firing allowed. If in the opinion of the field judge, a heel loop is thrown before the header has dallied and changed direction of the steer, team shall receive no time.
19. Header must release or slacken rope after catch is approved. Failure to observe this rule will result in disqualification.
20. Steer must not be handled roughly at any time and ropers may be disqualified if, in the opinion of the judge, they have intentionally done so.
21. If header jerks steer off feet, a ten second penalty will be assessed. If steer trips or falls, header must not drag over eight feet before steer regains his footing or the team will be disqualified.

22. Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time.
23. Any question as to catches will be decided by the judge.
24. If a contestant's partner does not participate in the rodeo by a no-show or an MTO, the contestant that is present may get a refund or pick up a partner from among any of the contestants entered at the rodeo, except team ropers already scheduled to compete the maximum number of times in the event. Picked up partner must pay an entry fee before competing. No show partners must notify partner or rodeo secretary 3 hours before the performance, or they will be subject to a 2-rodeo disqualification.
25. There is a 30 second time limit.
26. Only the top fifteen headers and heelers will attend the Finals Rodeo.
27. If you are entered twice, you should not be back to back. The rodeo secretary should split you up to help speed up the rodeo.

## STEER WRESTLING

1. An automatic barrier must be used to start the contestant's time.
2. All Steer Wrestling steers must weigh a minimum of 400 pounds and a maximum of 600 pounds each. Any steer suspected of not conforming to weight requirements may be contested under protest. With responsibility for proof of non-conformity left to the contestant. Weighing of protested animal must be witnessed by at least two Directors, the Stock Contractor, and the contestant. The weighing must be done within 24 hours of the filing of the protest. In order to declare a formal complaint, a contestant must place \$25.00 on deposit with the rodeo secretary prior to competing on the animal. In the event a contestant's protest is sustained, the contestant will receive a refund of his entry fee for this event and a refund of his protest deposit. In addition, the stock contractor will be fined \$35.00 for each occurrence. In the event the protest is not sustained, the contestant will forfeit his entry fee and protest deposit. In either case, the event points and awards will not be affected.
3. All horns on steer wrestling steers must be tipped to a size no smaller than a nickel.
4. A contestant must furnish or arrange for his own hazer and horses. The same hazer and/or horses may be used by more than one contestant. The hazer must conform to the dress code and conduct rules. Rule violation by hazer will result in disqualification of contestant. The hazer may be a student or an adult. The hazer may not bat or strike the steer to slow or stop forward motion while the contestant is attempting to catch steer, but he may bump him with hazing horse. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify the contestant.
5. Two judges will be used in this event. The barrier judge will be on the ground even with the score line in front of the box on the contestant's side. The barrier judge will observe the rule on any action prior to the contestant crossing the score line (such as equipment malfunction or contestant's feet touching ground). The field judge or flag judge will observe and rule on any action after the contestant crosses the score line (such as when steer has been thrown, legality of throw, etc.).
6. Steer belongs to contestant when he calls for him regardless of what happens, except in cases of mechanical failure. In case of mechanical failure, the barrier judge may grant a re-run, plus any barrier penalties.
7. Contestant must catch steer from a horse. If steer escapes from contestant, contestant may take no more than one step on foot to catch steer. Contestant must remain in contact with steer until thrown.
8. Contestant must stop the steer or change its direction before twisting it down. If steer is accidentally knocked down or thrown down before being turned or being stopped or is thrown by contestant putting steer's horns into the ground, it must be let up on all four feet and then thrown. Steer will be considered down only when it is lying flat on its side, or on its back, with all four feet and head straight. Contestant must have a hand on the steer when the flag is dropped, otherwise contestant will receive no time. Contestant must assist steer in getting up, if necessary. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

9. If a contestant's feet touch the ground before the contestant crosses the score line, a ten second penalty will be imposed.
10. If contestant's horse breaks the barrier, a ten second penalty will be imposed.
11. Fresh steers added to a herd that has not been used, must be thrown prior to the rodeo they will be used in. They must be thrown from horseback or from a chute as in chute dogging by someone not competing in said rodeo in steer wrestling or chute dogging.
12. A contestant must check the condition of the animal he has drawn prior to contesting on the animal. Any objectionable animal should be called to the attention of the judges prior to competing on the animal. Contestant will not be required to compete on a crippled steer or a steer with a broken horn or any other condition determined by the judges to make the steer unsatisfactory for competition.
13. A maximum time limit of 30 seconds per contestant will be allowed. A contestant may make only one jump during the time limit.
14. A steer wrestler will be disqualified if his hazy hips or slows the forward progress of the steer while steer is leaving the chute.

## CHAPTER NINETEEN

### RULE CHANGE REQUEST

1. All rule change requests must be submitted on an official North Texas High School Association rule request form, signed, and dated by the person submitting the rule change request. No rule may be backdated from deadline due date or signed by someone for another person. A notice will be given 30 days prior to the deadline of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in April by 5:30 pm. Notification will consist of the website, bulletin board, announcers at the rodeo and all sponsor and contract help boxes.
2. Any rule brought before the rulebook committee and denied will not be voted on by the Board of Directors.
3. All requests for rule changes must be sent to the Rule Committee in writing for review. The rule committee will present all approved requests to the Board of Directors for approval.
4. New rule changes will take effect the next rodeo season.
5. Rules deemed to be a safety issue, approved by the Rule Book Committee, and approved by the Board of Directors may be changed at any time.

## CHAPTER TWENTY

### GENERAL RULES FOR NORTH TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION FINALS RODEO **AND YEAR END**

#### **AWARDS**

1. No sponsor's cards will be used for The North Texas High School Rodeo Association Finals Rodeo – everyone pays.
2. Back numbers will be issued per standings, according to points.

3. Points – 1<sup>st</sup> go-round, 2<sup>nd</sup> go-round, and an average. Each go-round receives same points as a regular rodeo.
4. Timed events will be adjusted to size of arena.
5. All roping events will get 2 loops at the Finals, except for Team Roping, they will get 3 loops.
6. Bulldoggers will be allowed 2 jumps.
7. All contestants must pay entry fees to receive their awards.
8. Goats will be changed after every 5 runs.
9. All contestants will have the option to turn out either head of stock.
10. Any student that graduates at mid-term will be eligible for the Finals rodeo.
11. All stock will be run through chutes.
12. All contract help will be selected by the Board of Directors based on the performance of contract person during the year. Contract help must have worked at least two rodeos during the current season prior to voting for their names to appear on the contract voting ballots.
13. **Finals and year-end awards eligibility: To qualify for finals and year-end awards you must be in good standing with NTHSRA and club/team.** This includes have competed in at least 50% of the rodeos from the date that you paid your membership and your grades from the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester or 1<sup>st</sup> semester and the fourth six weeks will be totaled and divided by two (2). On nine weeks schools, the 1<sup>st</sup> semester and third nine weeks grades will be totaled and divided by two (2). You must be passing 2/3 of your subjects to compete at the Finals.
14. Any student to receive an award of any kind must be in full dress code at the awards ceremony. Saddles will only be awarded in events where 6 or more contestants qualify for Finals. There must have been at least 6 contestants in said event for at least 50% of rodeos in that event unless there is a sponsor for the saddle.
15. All contestants in the Finals Rodeo may not prepare or practice any finals stock at said rodeo.
16. Raking or dragging of the arena will be done prior to the first runner and after every five (5) contestants during barrel racing and pole bending. barrels may be raked after each run instead of dragging if necessary
17. The top 15 contestants in each event will go to finals.

#### FINALS TIE BREAKER RULE

1. If there is a tie in the Average, then an extra buckle will be bought.
2. If there is a tie for a year end saddle it will result in a runoff.
  - A. In timed events where there is a draw for cattle who ever came into finals in 1<sup>st</sup> position calls the flip of the coin (heads or tails) and winner draws first. All eligible finals stock for that event will be in the draw and the flip winner draws first and will run first on that head of stock. The flip loser draws second and will go first on the stock he/she draws.
 

Example:

Contestant A wins the draw and draws stock 7, Contestant B draws second and draws stock 12  
 Contestant A runs stock 7 and then Contestant B runs stock 7,  
 Contestant B runs stock 12 and then Contestant A runs stock 12  
 The times from both runs are taken and averaged and the winner of the average wins the saddle, and the loser of the average is Reserve Champion for the year.
  - B. Barrels and Poles-winner of the flip runs first, and loser runs second and then reverses order. Runs are averaged and winner of average on two runs wins the year end saddle and loser wins Reserve Champion.
  - C. Rough Stock: who ever came into finals in 1<sup>st</sup> position calls the flip of the coin (heads or tails) and winner draws first. All eligible finals stock for that event will be in the draw and the flip winner draws first and will ride first on that head of stock. The flip loser draws second and will ride first on the stock he draws.

Example:

Contestant A wins the draw and draws bull 00; Contestant B draws second and draws bull 527

Contestant A rides Bull 00 and then Contestant B rides bull 00

Contestant B rides bull 527 and then Contestant A rides bull 527

The scores from both rides are taken and averaged and the winner of the average wins the saddle, and the loser of the average is Reserve Champion for the year.

If neither head of stock is covered then the average of the ground time will be used and averaged.

3. The pen should be cleared of all parents and fellow competitors during a runoff or ride off. A Board of Director should be assigned to alley, chutes, boxes, etc. to make sure there is no outside interference. The Board of Director assigned to an area must not be the competitor's parent or sibling to assure no questions of fairness. Contestants should be allowed to have one person assist in the box and choose who pushes their cattle on the roping end. Contestants may choose two persons to assist at the chute at the rough stock end.
4. Contract help judging or timing cannot be a parent or sibling of the competing contestant in a runoff. They can however be the backup timer or barrier judge. In the case of rough stock, it would be the decision of the Board of Directors by majority vote as to whether an alternate Judge needs to be brought in, in rough stock.

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