

CONTESTANT GROUND RULES NMHSRA & NMJHRA 2023-2024

1. In your packet you will find an information form that lists all the information in the packet. Both, contestants and parent must sign the form, stating you have received and read and understand the rules.

2. Academic Eligibility

A. Student shall have a 2.0 grade point average with no F's, based on a 4.0 grading scale, or its equivalent, for the semester grading period immediately preceding participation. For students not eligible at the semester, the next six- or nine-week grading period can be used to regain eligibility. Grades earned during a summer session must be placed on a student's transcript by the school registrar prior to the first day of the Fall semester for the course to be utilized for eligibility purposes.

B. All class work counted for eligibility must be acceptable for graduation.

C. The GPA is based on a 4.0 scale with an allowance for consideration of honor points.

A Student must be enrolled in at least 51% of the member school's regular class schedule in courses that will be counted towards his/her graduation and in regular attendance during the current as well as the previous semester.

D. An eligibility form and report card with the school stamp must be submitted to the secretary at the completion of each semester. If a contestant's academic eligibility is in question, the signatures and grades will be verified with the contestant's school. NMHSRA & NMJHRA is not responsible for any omissions or errors, made by a contestant's school regarding grade and conduct forms signed by the school.

E. Anyone caught providing false documents to NMHSRA & NMJHRA will be expelled from the Association, as per NHSRA rulebook.

F. A current signed report card/progress report will be required 10 days prior to national finals check-in to attend national finals.

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3. Your membership form, **last report card** (copy), **not transcript**, the NMHSRA & NMJHRA Eligibility form, physical, concussion certificate, concussion form, and medical release must be **postmarked 14 days prior to the rodeo you** are competing in or you will not be allowed to compete. These forms must contain the school stamp and/or the school notary.

4. Entry forms must be postmarked 10 days prior to the rodeo you are entering in to avoid late fees. A \$50.00-dollar late fee per rodeo will be assessed after that. You will have until 7:00 PM Wednesday prior to rodeo to enter. You can call and enter anytime up until the Wednesday deadline, but a call-in entry will be assessed the late fee. Call backs are always the Wednesday before the rodeo. It is your responsibility to call and/or check the web site to see if you are entered. This must be done before the Wednesday deadline. Positively no late entries will be accepted after 7:00 PM Wednesday night

5. Attendance is required at the first fall rodeo Mandatory Contestants meeting. Roll call will be taken. Failure to attend this meeting without approval from an executive director will result in a \$50 fine.

6. At any rodeo, you must compete in the performance and section drawn for you.

7. It is your responsibility to check the Web Site or call during callbacks to make sure the Secretary has received your entry. On the web site under Entries Received you will find your name listed with the events you entered. If there are no events marked, your entry has not been received or posted by the secretary. You will need to contact the secretary before entries close; or **you will not be allowed to compete at the rodeo.** Be sure you contact the secretary if you are unsure about the status of your entries.

8. If you draw out of any rodeo after 7:00pm on call back day you will be required to pay the administration fee, run fee, and stock charge. You will only be refunded your actual entry fees and awards fee. Once your entry is in the secretary's hands you are considered entered. If you draw out before 7:00pm on call back day you will only forfeit the administration fee. You will forfeit the administration for any type of draw out.

9. All entry money must arrive with your entry form or you will be charged a \$50.00 late fee per day.

10. A \$100.00 fine has been implemented for the first returned check per family. The family will then be placed on a cash only basis for the remainder of their junior high and high school rodeo career.

11. At the State Finals Rodeo, contestants will pay all fees with **cash, money order, or cashier's check** only.

12. For graduation or SAT/ACT testing you may request set ups. **You must notify the entry secretary in writing three weeks before the rodeo.** No set ups will be allowed after that time. **Absolutely no other set ups.**

13. If you have disagreement with a ruling in your event, you are to go to the student event director first, then the adult event director. Under no circumstances are you or your parent to approach the judge, stock contractor or any other rodeo official, as per page 53 #13 in NHSRA rulebook. If you wish to file a grievance with the ruling, you must file the grievance by the end of the event that performance. There will \$250 charge grievance charge for the board to review your situation.

14. The entry secretary and rodeo officials are employees of the board, not a member of the board. Any harassing, or derogatory comments made to officials will be considered an infraction of the contestant conduct rules in the NHSRA rulebook as per pages 34-38. These infractions will result in disqualification from the next rodeo and dealt with accordingly.

15. Order of events at a rodeo can be changed if needed. It is your responsibility to be on time and ready when you are called.

16. Any contestant, who wishes to compete in the NMHSRA & NMJHRA State Rodeo Queen contest, **MUST** enter and compete in at least one rodeo event and attend a minimum of two rodeos to be eligible. These are the same eligibility rules for all events.

17. Horses shall not be worked around official pattern with or without barrels or poles. Barrels and poles shall be set not less than fifteen (15) feet off markers. Barrels or poles used for practice must be removed from arena and restored to original location. Once the ground has been worked for a performance or slack, no practicing will be permitted.

18. Contestants participating in all events must enter the arena upon call by the announcer. If the contestant does not enter the arena immediately, the 45 second rule will be applied. Forty-five (45) seconds after the first call, a second call will be announced. Forty-five (45) seconds after the second call, a third call will be announced. If the contestant has not entered the arena after the third call, the contestant will receive a no time for the event.

19. For the rodeo season, contestants will take 100% of their regular season accumulated points in each event into the State Finals Rodeo.

20. All contestants competing at the New Mexico High School State Finals will comply with all mandatory check in policies. These policies (ex. check-in, meetings) will be posted on the website and placed in the newsletter. Failure to meet scheduled check-in times will result in disqualification. Appeals for disqualification will heard on an individual basis with the board of directors. Failure to attend mandatory membership meeting will result in a \$250 fine. A \$250 fine will also be imposed for answering roll call for another contestant.

21. Any contestant who qualifies for the NHSRA National Finals Rodeo **MUST** attend the awards presentation and the national qualifier meeting. **Parents or a parental power of attorney will need to be present at this meeting.** All fees pertaining to NHSFR competition will need to be paid in full before your national entry is complete. Inability to follow these conditions will constitute you being replaced with the 5th place contestant. It is mandatory except in the case of an emergency, which would be determined by the discretion of the executive board.

22. If you enter the team roping open, you must pay an additional stock fee of half the cost of the stock charge for that event. A contestant may only enter the team roping "open" for four rodeos. Saturday is considered one rodeo and Sunday is considered another rodeo.

23. In the event that a contestant is found by the board to have violated Contestant Disqualification rules (pages 36-38), then the contestant shall be disqualified from the next rodeo which starts after the board makes its finding that a violation has occurred. In the event that a contestant is found by the board to have violated Contestant Disqualification rules during a rodeo season after having already been disqualified for one day, the board may vote to impose a harsher punishment for the subsequent violation. In the event the disqualified contestant is entered in the team roping, then the disqualified contestant's

team roping partner may select another team roping partner from among the rodeo contestants not already entered in the team roping, or may have a partner drawn as a helper from those contestants already entered in the team roping. If the disqualified contestant's team roping partner wishes to select a new partner, the new partner must be designated to the rodeo secretary prior to the start of the rodeo. The designated partner will be eligible for pay back, point, and prizes for that run. In the event that a helper is drawn, the helper is not eligible for points and prizes for that run, but is eligible for payback for that run.

24. Five or more contestants must be entered and compete at 60% of the season rodeos before a year-end saddle will awarded in that event, or at the discretion of event directors with approval from the Executive Board.

25. Dress code violation policy for contestants and contestant assistance.

- First warning to all contestant will be given at the membership meeting at the first fall rodeo.
- 2nd infraction will result in a \$20 fine and each infraction thereafter will result in an additional \$20 fine to the previous fine.

This includes the cutting and RCH events held on Friday and Saturday evenings.

26. All roping events will only allow one loop.