

## WSHSRA STANDING RULES (revised June 21, 2011)

1. **High School Division:** These standing rules apply only to the high school division of the WSHSRA.

2. **Membership Forms:** must be completed, fees paid and both submitted to the Membership Secretary 10 days prior to entry date for the first rodeo in which the individual wants to compete. Memberships not submitted within this time frame will be accepted at the discretion of the State Membership Secretary and the Qualifying Rodeo Committee Secretary and additional fees may apply (see standing rule #18)

3. **Fund Raising:** Each member will be responsible for a minimum of \$ 50.00 in fund raising, due with the application.

4. **Awards:** Awards will be standardized 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place and presented at State Finals. When team jackets and/or shirts are awarded to members qualifying for the NHSFR or the SSIR, qualifiers through 10<sup>th</sup> place will receive the team jacket or shirt.

5. **Lettering:** Members must participate in 75% of the qualifying rodeos and have a GPA of 2.0 (based on the last GPA earned before the State Finals rodeo) or better to receive a letter. Honor Roll is for a GPA of 3.0 or better.

6. **Qualification to Rodeo:** Report cards must be submitted before competing in the fall rodeos, before competing in the spring rodeos, and before the State Finals to the Membership Secretary. Member must be in good standing.

7. **Entry Fee Breakdown:** Contestants will pay the following entry fee per event - \$15.00 Rodeo Committee (\$35.00 for rough stock (BB, SB, BR), and \$30.00 for cutting (BC, GC), \$5.00 Jackpot, \$4.00 Awards, \$3.00 Central Entry. (The Central Entry fee is paid once per rodeo. Contestants do not pay the Central Entry for the additional events entered).

8. **Refund of Entries:** All fees must be paid in full at the rodeo. Refunds will be mailed upon receipt of a Vet or Medical slip. The Rodeo Committee fee of \$15.00 is refundable when the Vet or Medical slip is postmarked within 3 days of the said rodeo, and is sent to the Qualifying Rodeo Secretary. The \$5.00 jackpot, \$4.00 awards fee, and \$3.00 Central Entry fees are non-refundable. Only cutting, barrels and poles can be a Vet Out. 9. **Points:** Members receive points for 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place respectively at Qualifying Rodeos. State Finals is two go-rounds, and a short go. Members are responsible for contacting the Points Secretary to resolve discrepancies in their points.

10. **Back Numbers:** Contestants must have their back numbers on at all times in and around the rodeo grounds, from the time the contestant checks in until the rodeo is over on Sunday.

11. **State Finals Points:** Rodeos will be capped at 20 per year. (10 weekends) Members take points from 75% of total rodeos, always rounding up (Example: 18 rodeos x .75=13.5 / 14 best rodeos count toward State Finals)

12. **NSF Check:** If the Association or any Qualifying Rodeo Committee receives an NSF Check, the contestant who submitted the check may be required to pay all further fees with cash, money order, or a cashier's check at the discretion of the WSHSRA Treasurer. The contestant will also be responsible for all NSF fees that might be assessed by the bank.

13. **No Show Fine:** A No Show fine of \$25.00 per rodeo weekend will be charged to any contestants who does not show up for the scheduled performance and does not notify the rodeo secretary at least one day before the first performance that he/she is unable to attend. This fine is in addition to any entry fees that are due. Any contestant who has a "No Show" fine levied against him/her will be ineligible to rodeo until the fine in question is paid in full.

14. **Timers:** There will be two official timers at all rodeos. All timers are required to use digital watches which record to the hundredth of a second. Timers will record their individual times. The two (2) times will then be averaged (rounded down to the nearest hundredth) by the timers and then given to the announcer. The average will then become the official time. In cases where only one (1) watch records a time, that time shall be used. The timer who has missed a time, will record a "/" on the official timers sheet to verify the missed time. The recorded times shall stand and take priority over a verbal announcement. Poles and barrels will be timed with an electric eye when available.

15. **Meetings:** The Officers and Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of four times a year to conduct the business of the Association.

16. **Western Attire:** All Officers and Directors, including students, when in an official capacity, shall be in western attire. Hat is optional except when in the arena, where full western attire shall be worn.

17. **Rodeo Judge/Timer Pool:** Each district shall submit a list of judges and timers at least yearly, to be approved by the Board of Directors. This will provide a pool of qualified judges and timers for all rodeo committees to choose from for their district rodeos. Names may be added at any Board of Directors meeting as they are submitted.

18. **Late Entries:** After the books close for the rodeo, late entries will be accepted through Central Entry for 36 hours after regular book closing, with a \$10 fee per day and will be placed in the least advantageous position in the draw from all member entries. No other entries will be accepted after this time. Late Entries will be payable to Central Entry.

19. **Rule Interpretation:** If the standing rules conflict with the Association bylaws, the bylaws will take precedence. If the standing rules or bylaws conflict with the currently valid NHSRA rule book, the NHSRA rule book will take precedence. Final interpretation of said bylaws or rules is by the Executive Board.

20. **Jackpot:** In the event that there are not enough qualified rides for the entire jackpot payoff, the money is to be split among the qualified rides.

21. **Membership List:** A \$50.00 fee will be charged to vendors for the WSHSRA membership list. The membership list will be sold only to vendors deemed to be in the best interest of the Association by the Executive Board of Directors.

22. **Voting:** all members in good standing shall have a vote at any membership meeting.

23. **Non-Member or Local Entry:** Non-Members may enter one Rodeo only and will be placed in the least advantageous position in the draw. They must have all fees paid by the Wednesday prior to the rodeo or be drawn out. Cashiers check or Money order will be made payable to the WSHSRA and sent to the State Secretary. Central Entry will notify the state secretary of the local entry and the state secretary will notify the local rodeo secretary when fees are paid.

24. **ANY member** or members family that has hooked up to power and/or water at a High School sanctioned rodeo and who has not notified and paid the rodeo secretary the amounts due before leaving the fairgrounds for the weekend will owe that amount plus a \$50 fine payable before the member is allowed to compete at another High School sanctioned event.

25. If a **Team Roping Partner** is injured and unable to compete at a rodeo(s) where entries have closed, the non-injured partner can pick from contestants who are not already entered in the team roping and if unable to find a partner that way, then draw from willing team ropers, which would count against their 3 draw opportunities for the year. Points will not count for picked or drawn partner.

**The WSHSRA is a member of the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA). This association is governed by the: NHSRA Rule Book, WSHSRA By-Laws, and the WSHSRA Standing Rules.**

## Ground Rules 2011 NHSFR

Re: rule clarification for the bareback glove – Picture displayed on Page 130

ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE GLOVE, THERE ARE TO BE NO HORIZONTAL CUTS FROM THE SECOND KNUCKLE BACK. ON THE INSIDE (PALM SIDE), THERE ARE TO BE NO CUTS OR SLITS ALLOWED.

Re: rule clarification concerning the bareback rigging – Bareback Riding, Page 59, #2

**DELETE entire paragraph and TO READ AS FOLLOWS:** Rigging shall be leather and shall not be more than seven (7) inches in width top center, front to back and over 6 inches at the “D” ring. There may be a concave inset at the center back of the body, not to be over one (1) inch deep and not over eight (8) inches in width. Rawhide may be used under the body of the hand-hold and tapered down the full length of the body to allow it to wrap around the “D” ring inset. Also, there may be full rawhide around the “D” ring inset not to be over four (4) inches in length.

### #7 – Rodeo Secretary, Paragraph 17, Page 44

Add to Paragraph:

17. Rodeo results must be audited within two (2) days after rodeo to check for **ADD: mathematical** errors.

### #9 – Queen Contest Event, Paragraph 2, Page 106

Change Paragraph to Read:

(8) Horsemanship 1-50 points. Each contestant will be judged **DELETE: twice ADD: once (1)** for horsemanship. **DELETE: Each time judged will be worth 25 points.** Contestant will receive a zero (0) from each judge for falling off or being bucked off horse during the horsemanship pattern. States/Provinces holding multiple queen contests have the option of choosing from three approved reining patterns at the qualifying rodeos. Only approved patterns by the National Queen Committee will be used at State/Provincial Finals and National Finals. No two girls may ride the same horse in this event.

Change Spreadsheet Column Horsemanship to Read:

Horsemanship 1-50 pts **DELETE: (25 each go)**

### #13 – Bullriding, II General Rules, Paragraph 7, Page 77

Paragraph to Read:

7. An approved NHSRA rodeo is required to have at least two (2) bullfighters.

### #16 – Bareback Riding, III Event Rules, Paragraph 2, Page 70

Change Paragraph to Read:

2. To qualify, **ADD: for a marking** the rider must have **DELETE: spurs over the break of the shoulders and ADD: the rowels of the spurs** touching the horse **ADD: above the break of the shoulders** when the horse’s front feet hit the ground on its initial move out of the chute.

### #17 – Saddle Bronc Riding, III Event Rules, Paragraph 9, Page 79

Change Paragraph to Read:

9. To qualify, **ADD: for a marking** the rider must have **DELETE: spurs over the break of the shoulders and ADD: the rowels of the spurs** touching the horse **ADD: above the break of the shoulders** when the horse’s front feet hit the ground on its initial move out of the chute.