

# PENNSYLVANIA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

## RULES OF CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In order to have a better understanding of what is required of every contestant and their parents, the Board of Directors and Officers of the Association have prepared these rules of conduct and contestant responsibilities. It is our hope that a clear explanation will help everyone have an enjoyable rodeo season.

**Rodeo Attire** Cowboy hat or helmet (on head), long sleeve western shirt (buttoned and tucked in), western boots, jeans and back number.

**Back Number** Official back number issued by the Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association is to be properly attached to the students back on the outer most layer of clothing. No waists, gear bags, saddle pads/blankets, etc.

**Contestant Meeting** Mandatory meeting for contestants called by the President or National Director for contestants to discuss safety, rodeo rules, concerns and issues relating to the contestants and organization.

1. Contestants shall wear their assigned back number upon ARRIVAL at any venue hosting a PHSRA sanctioned rodeo or exhibit until the contestant departs from said venue.
2. Contestants shall be in rodeo attire during:
  - a. mandatory contestant/general meeting
  - b. Two (2) hours prior to any state sanctioned rodeo and shall remain in rodeo attire throughout the entire performance. (This would include any scheduled slack or re-runs before or following any performance.)
  - c. any association activity (*ie* fundraiser/publicity booth, **awards banquet**)
3. Contestants shall attend the contestant meeting two (2) hours prior to the first rodeo performance at every venue. If it is apparent that you will be late or unable to attend the contestant meeting, you must notify a member of the Executive Committee prior to the start of the meeting. Students are NOT permitted to attend the meeting on horseback. If you are on horseback, you will be marked absent at roll call. Delinquency is considered an absence.
4. No earbuds are permitted to be used while on horseback, in the arena or during any meetings.

5. Contestants will be responsible for all fees incurred in each rodeo event and mandatory fundraising approved by the board. The Association Fee (\$200) shall be provided to the Treasurer by November 30<sup>th</sup> of the current rodeo season. Failing to meet any of these requirements shall make the contestant ineligible to participate in any rodeo until the requirement is fulfilled. This is to include, but not limited to participation in the Pennsylvania State Farm Show rodeo and the PJHSRA/PHSRA State Finals.
6. Each student member is required to fulfill a minimum of 10 Rodeo Service Credits per rodeo season. Any credits (including any additional credits incurred through a violation) not fulfilled during the current rodeo season, will result in an additional Association fee of \$25 per unfulfilled credit. All student members must fulfill all financial obligations for each rodeo season. Failure to do so will eliminate the student from entering the PJSHRA/PHSRA State Finals of that year and make them ineligible for future membership until obligation is fulfilled.
7. A copy of the previous year's report card is to be submitted with each membership application for verification of current grade-level status only. Failure to comply will nullify the application.
8. Report cards/progress reports are due no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. Report cards may be emailed ([phsrarodeo1@gmail.com](mailto:phsrarodeo1@gmail.com)) or handed in person at any rodeo before the deadline. Report cards will be reviewed, and warnings will be given to participants failing courses. If a contestant does not provide a report card the contestant becomes ineligible to participate in PHSRA/PJHSRA rodeo until report card is received. Third marking period report cards must be turned in before competition at state finals. Each contestant must be passing 70% of their main courses to compete in state finals. Contestants that enter state finals and are not passing 70% of their main courses will be responsible for their entry fees if they do not call out. This is to include both the PJHSRA/PHSRA State Finals.
9. Contestants shall maintain a passing grade (letter value grade A, B, C or D) in all their courses.
10. Entries are to be given to the individual authorized by the Association on the date and time indicated. Contestant's first rodeo entries establish their entries for the entire year if no changes are made throughout the season.

11. A contestant must Call IN/OUT during specified times in order to make changes to their rodeo entry. If a contestant changes their entry for any rodeo, that change will establish their entries ongoing.
12. If a contestant misses Call IN/OUT during the indicated time, the contestant has **24 hours** from the close of entries to contact the President (must speak with the President, no messages). The contestant will be given the following options:
  - a. Contestant's entry is removed, added or changed pending justified reason for missing entry Call IN/OUT as determined by President
  - b. Contestant is entered the same as their last rodeo
  - c. Contestant may enter rodeo/make changes and incur a \$100 fine to their entry fees.
13. If a contestant is entered in a rodeo, does not Call OUT during designated time and does not attend/compete, the contestant is responsible to pay entry fees for event(s) entered for missed rodeo. At this point the contestant is considered OUT of any future rodeo(s) until they pay fees for missed rodeo and then Call IN during designated entry time to be entered.
14. If a contestant enters a rodeo but cannot attend, it is their responsibility to contact the rodeo secretary to "turn out" prior to the rodeo. All fees associated with their turn out will be charged to the individual unless the "turn out" is due to injury or illness to the contestant or horse. A written doctor or veterinarian excuse must be submitted within 7 days of the rodeo to be released of entry fee requirement. Failing to meet any of these requirements shall make the contestant ineligible to participate in any rodeo until the requirement is fulfilled. This is to include, but not limited to participation in the Pennsylvania State Farm Show rodeo and the PJHSRA/PHSRA State Finals.
15. A contestant may turn out of specific rodeo event(s) due to injury or illness with a doctor's note which specifies which events the contestant can/cannot participate in.
16. If a contestant turns out of any Rodeo due to injury or illness using a doctor's excuse, a doctor's release must be provided to resume competition.

17. Any type of misconduct, including but not limited to profanity, alcohol use, vaping or tobacco use by contestants or conduct detrimental to the association by words or actions will not be tolerated.
18. In addition to PHSRA sanctions, Law Enforcement will be contacted in the event there is any illegal activity.
19. Contestants and parents should display team support and good sportsmanship.
20. Contestants and parents should be available to assist in the rodeo, the Association and its operation.
21. Any abuse or mistreatment of any horse or animal will not be tolerated.
22. Any contestant who goes off pattern shall dismiss themselves from the arena at the time of the "off course." The contestant shall not continue to finish the pattern.
23. The curfew for all rodeo grounds is 11:00 PM.
24. All student members must meet all the standards of the code of conduct and fulfill all financial obligations for each rodeo season. Failure to do so will eliminate the student from entering the PJHSRA/PHSRA State Finals of that year and make them ineligible for future membership until obligation is fulfilled.
25. Contestant must participate in 60% of scheduled rodeos per event to be eligible for any state award(s) and/or association compensation (ie National Team funds). This percentage will be based on the total number of rodeos posted for the season schedule (not to include any additions during a rodeo season).

Violations of any rules of NHSRA or PJHSRA/PHSRA, including the Rules of Conduct and Responsibilities, shall require the contestant to meet with the PHSRA Executive Committee whom shall have the authority to discipline the contestant based on the violation list below. If contestant feels that the punishment is excessive, they may request review of the matter by the full board of directors. Any decision made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be final.

**\*\*Violations\*\***

1<sup>st</sup> violation- 4 Additional Rodeo Service Credits

2<sup>nd</sup> violation- 8 Additional Rodeo Service Credits (addition to the 4 for first violation)

3<sup>rd</sup> violation- Contestant back number is pulled for the remainder of events in which they are entered for that performance and the next rodeo/performance. Contestant is still responsible for entry fees for events entered. If the 3<sup>rd</sup> violation occurs at the conclusion of a weekend (last rodeo performance), the contestant is not permitted to enter the next rodeo. It is the contestant's responsibility to Call OUT of the next rodeo as a result of the violation. If the contestant fails to Call OUT during designated time and does not attend do to violation, the contestant is responsible to pay entry fees for event(s) entered for missed rodeo. At this point the contestant is then considered OUT of any future rodeo(s) until fees are paid for the missed rodeo. The contestant can then Call IN during designated entry time for rodeo in which they are eligible to compete. Contestant is still responsible to complete any additional Service Credits incurred from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> violation.

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions as described in the Code of Conduct.

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(Student member Name)

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(student member signature)

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The PHSRA Executive Committee has the authority (with a Majority vote of the Executive Committee) to amend this document at any time it is deemed necessary to better improve the ongoing operations of the PJHSRA/PHSRA and the Cinch Division.