

Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association (PHSRA)
Contestant Packet 2023 - 2024

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General Reminders

1. Please make sure you pick up a copy of the NHSRA (National High School Rodeo Association) rule book from our PHSRA Secretary.
2. Review and learn your event rules.
3. Please make sure you receive your PHSRA back number from our PHSRA Secretary.
4. Grand Entry participation is mandatory (on foot or horseback) for all rodeo contestants.
5. Grand Entry should be performed with a controlled horsemanship manner to ensure safety for all.
6. The contestant meeting prior to the rodeo is mandatory for all rodeo contestants.
7. The western attire requirements are mandatory for all rodeo contestants and all personal inside rodeo arena.
8. If you have interest in giving the rodeo prayer or singing of USA national anthem, please contact our PHSRA Secretary.
9. PHSRA stock bid sheet can be found on our website.

PHSRA Officers and Board Members

National Director: Willard (Bill) Wenrich

Junior High National Director: Josh Bodle

President: Scott Beltz

Vice President: Mellisa Moore

Board Members:

Marcy Beltz

Brian Byers

Mike Harvey

Mike Henderson

Anthony Rivera

Kyle Zerbe

Secretary: Stef Hollenbach

Treasurer: Kristen Frampton

PHSRA Student Officers

High School Division

President: Brock Beltz

Vice President: Tate Ondrik

Secretary: Gabby Beltz

Junior High Division

President: Russell Moore

Vice President: vacant position

Queen: Kayli Hollenbach

Princess: Brynn Lepsch

PHSRA Liaison

Reined Cow Horse (RCH) / Cutting : vacant position

Shooting: Chris Harvey

PHSRA Correspondence

Main PHSRA email address is phsrarodeo1@gmail.com

Please check out:

Website – phsra.org (will have additional email addresses)

Facebook – Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association

Instagram – [official_phsra](https://www.instagram.com/official_phsra)

Updated PHSRA Bylaws will be found on our website in the near future.

NHSRA TIMES magazine has listed address / number for our National Director and Secretary

President Scott Beltz, telephone (717) 644-2324

Secretary Stef Hollenbach, telephone (570) 765-2056

Address: 157 Shambach Road, Middleburg, PA 17842

Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association (PHSRA)

Rules of Conduct and Responsibilities (Code of Conduct)

In order to have a better understanding of what is **required of every contestant and their parents and adult non-parent members**, 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 must 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 must be in rodeo attire during :
 - a. Mandatory contestant / general meeting

- b. One (1) hour prior to any state sanctioned rodeo and must 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 (i.e. fundraiser / publicity booth, **awards banquet**)
 - d. Mandatory grand entry participation (on foot or horseback)
3. Contestants will attend the contestant meeting one (1) hour prior to the first rodeo performance at every venue or during designated time. 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 (National Directors, President, Vice President, Secretary) 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 rodeos event and mandatory fundraising approved by the board. The Association Fee (\$ 200) must be paid in full to the Treasurer by November 30th 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 (Junior High and High School) State Finals.
6. If a personal check is utilized for payment and the check bounces (does not clear for secure funds) then the contestant is responsible to pay with secured bank funds or cash

the amount of the check and any fees associated with the bounced check. This secured bank funds or cash payment must be received prior to the next rodeo in order to be eligible for the next rodeo participation. In addition, once one has bounced a check, then that contestant / family will no longer be able to make any future payments to the Association via a personal check for the remainder of the current entire rodeo season.

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 1st. Report cards must be uploaded to your contestant NHSRA (National High School Rodeo Association) online account before the deadline. Report cards will be reviewed, and warnings will be given to participants failing courses. If 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 PHSRA/PJHSRA State Finals.
9. Contestants shall maintain a passing grade (letter A, B, C, or D) in all their courses.

10. Entries (Online) are to be given to the individual authorized by the Association on the date and time indicated. Currently, the Association Secretary has been notifying the contestants in advance of the next rodeo Entry process format (currently online entry), time and dates available. The contestant will need to use the (Online) entry process for every rodeo for the entire rodeo season. This will allow the contestant to enter the exact events planned on participating in for every rodeo. The rodeo entry dates are listed on the website for the current season.
11. If a contestant fails to enter 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 may or may not be able to enter rodeo pending justified reason for missing entry (Call IN) as determined by President
 - b. If Contestant is allowed to enter the rodeo then they will incur a \$100 fine to their entry fees
12. If a contestant is entered in a rodeo and does not attend/compete, the contestant is responsible to pay entry fees for event(s) entered for missed rodeo.
13. If a contestant enters a rodeo but cannot attend, it is their responsibility to contact the Association Secretary to “turn out” prior to the rodeo. All rodeo 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 PHSRA/PJHSRA State Finals.

14. 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.
15. 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.
16. Any type of misconduct, including but not limited to profanity, bullying, or conduct / speech detrimental to the Association by words or actions including social media posts will not be tolerated.
17. Contestants are not permitted to have any association with alcohol, vaping, tobacco or marijuana products. Also see NHSRA rulebook pursuant to rules of disqualifications.
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 PHSRA/PJHSRA State Finals of the year and make them ineligible for future membership until obligation is fulfilled.

25. Contestant must participate in 60% of the Fall Rodeo Schedule and 60% of the Spring Rodeo Schedule and be a member of the Association in good standing in order to be eligible to receive any state awards (i.e. prizes, saddles, buckles, PHSRA jackets) and / or Association compensation (i.e. scholarships, National Team Funds). Any rodeos missed due to injury or illness of contestant / horse will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and Officers of the Association in order to determine eligibility status.
26. Each student member is required to fulfill a minimum of 8 (eight) rodeo service credits per the entire rodeo season. The Board of Directors and Officers of the Association will assign Adult Association Member Delegates to determine Service Credits options and maintain records of Service Credit completion. 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 entire rodeo season. Failure to do so will eliminate the student from entering the PHSRA/PJHSRA State Finals of the year and make them ineligible for future membership until obligation is fulfilled.
27. Violations of any rules of NHSRA or PHSRA/PJHSRA, including the Rules of Conduct and Responsibilities (code of conduct), will follow processes and disciplinary action as outlined in the rules. In addition, the contestant may be required to meet with the PHSRA Executive Committee who 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:

1st violation : acquire 2 (two) more additional rodeo service credits

2nd violation : acquire 4 (four) more additional rodeo service credits

3rd 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 violation occurs at the conclusion of a weekend (last rodeo performance), the contestant is not permitted to enter the next rodeo. The contestant is considered OUT of any future rodeo(s) until fees are paid in full. The contestant can then enter 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 1st and 2nd violation.

28. In addition to item # 16 covering social media, the Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association has adopted the NHSRA Social Media Policy noted below.

“In accordance with 2022-2024 Rules, By-laws and Constitution, National High School Rodeo Association, Article II: Membership Associations – Membership, 16. “NHSRA membership associations shall have the authority to require signature agreements to Social Media Policies for student and adult members, as a requirement of membership. The purpose of said policies is to protect the membership association and its official representatives from inaccurate, detrimental, threatening, harassing and derogatory

information, as well as from creating unauthorized websites and social media accounts utilizing the association name, whether directly or indirectly.”

As a condition of membership in PHSRA (the “Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association”), the undersigned understand that the Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association requires student, parent and adult non-parent members to agree not to post on line any comments about the National High School Rodeo Association, the Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association, and / or its official representatives that are inaccurate, detrimental, threatening, harassing and / or derogatory, as well as to agree not to create unauthorized websites and social media accounts utilizing the Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association name, whether directly or indirectly. We further understand that failure to abide by this agreement by **either** adult members, parent(s) **or** student member(s) will result in immediate revocation of all the undersigned’s adult **and** student memberships in the Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association, including any points awarded in the current **(2023-2024)** rodeo season. This revocation of membership shall not, however, preclude the Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association from bringing a claim against an adult member, parent, or a parent on behalf of their minor child(ren) who is a member(s), for appropriate damages caused by the actions of either the parent, adult non-parent or student.

By signing below, the undersigned agree to this Social Media Policy.” have read and understand and agree to the terms and conditions as described in the Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association (PHSRA), Rules of Conduct and Responsibilities (Code of Conduct).

(PHSRA student member printed name)

(PHSRA student member signature)

(PHSRA parent printed name)

(PHSRA parent signature)

(PHSRA parent printed name)

(PHSRA parent signature)

(PHSRA adult non-parent member printed name and signature)

Date signed : _____

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 PHSRA/PJHSRA and the Cinch Division.

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