



## IMPORTANT 2022 SEASON INFO

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### Community & Culture:

As you consider where to invest your resources this summer and what organizations may be the best fit for your family, we are pleased that you may be considering RHRA. We are excited to share a little bit about RHRA and its philosophies and culture that make it unique. RHRA is a **“Family Tradition”** and this is an organization that is focused on family values, community and sportsmanship. There are many opportunities available to be focused strictly on “competition, the win & hunting awards or prize money;” The types of events where you can haul in, unload, lay down a run and then hit the rodeo road onto the next one – but – RHRA is not that association! RHRA has a culture rooted in family values, community and sportsmanship. This rodeo is about growth, cheering each other on, having dinner at your competitor’s trailer, lending a hand and learning that these events aren’t produced without effort and yes, of course some friendly competition! With so much of this world becoming focused on winning at all costs & social status, RHRA works hard to foster a different culture. We hope to foster a culture where youth and adults can bond with like-minded individuals focused on growth, forming lasting relationships, exhibiting exemplary sportsmanship and respect and learning the true meanings of “family traditions!”

### Schedule:

RHRA is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month in June, July and August. We host 2 rodeos each weekend (Saturday & Sunday) at the Rosalia Rodeo Grounds and each rodeo will be considered a separate rodeo. Rodeo start time is 9am. We will have a short lunch break each day and we anticipate our typical concessions by Rosalia Rodeo Grounds. Overnight, dry camping is available on a first come, first served basis at no extra charge. No horse pens are available but you may tie or bring your own pens; any pens on the grounds are reserved for stock or producers. We will have a variety of Saturday night community activities for those who stay on the grounds.

### Age-Groups/Events:

All of our age groups are combined genders or coed and are based off of a contestants Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> age. We do offer a Lead Line age category that does not have an age limit. The lead line age group will get “day of prizes” only and do not receive per rodeo payouts nor do we track any standings for them. The following age groups and events are offered:

**Lead Line:** Cal Stake, Barrels & Goat Undecorating

**7 & Under:** Cal Stake, Barrels, Dummy Roping, Goat Flanking

**8-11:** Poles, Barrels, Goat Tying & they may pick one roping event between Dummy Roping, Calf Tracking or Breakaway.

**12-16:** Poles, Barrels, Goat Tying, Steer Daubing & Breakaway.

**17-39:** Poles, Barrels, Goat Tying & Breakaway.

**40+:** Poles, Barrels, Goat Tying & Breakaway.

**Team Roping** is open to all ages and individuals whom have experience and can do so safely.

### Memberships and Non-Members:

In the beginning of 2021, we were faced with unprecedented restrictions due to the pandemic. As a direct result (of having to have 200 or less people at an outdoor WA event) we had a limited number of memberships

available and didn't allow for non-member entries. When we combined those restrictions with the double-header format, it gave members and participants a unique opportunity to have an experience full of community and camaraderie! This experience was liked so well that it became a *clear request* at the meeting following our awards banquet to allow for growth but keep the numbers to a size that we could focus on community, camaraderie and family. Many members greatly appreciated the Saturday evenings for activities and mingling with other families. As a result of this feedback, here is what 2022 will look like:

- **There will be a maximum number of 120 contestants allowed per day; which allows for over 20% growth. This is an actual cap on the number of *daily contestants* at each rodeo which can include non-members if space allows. This does however place a natural maximum capacity for memberships at 120.**
- Memberships will be accepted on a *first come—first served* basis and will only be counted with accompanying payment.
- **Notarization will be required FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS on Hold Harmless Waiver forms. Please ensure that you have all of the applicable forms completed, notarized and sent in for each of your family. **Memberships and payments will only be accepted via our online form.****
- As space allows, **non-member participants** will be available, up to the 120/day contestant max. Non-member entries will only be open the Saturday and Sunday prior to the rodeo on a first come/first served basis and will be subject to a daily non-member fee. ***A notarized hold harmless form will need to be provided to RHRA in advance. No notary will be available.***
- Still no same day entries.

### **Membership Fees:**

Memberships are \$75 for an individual and \$175 for a family (criteria applies). Memberships allow you to compete without any additional daily fees, it allows you to be eligible for end-of-year awards and the right to vote at general membership meetings and in elections. In 2022, there will be a cap on the total number of *daily contestants* and priority event entries will be given to members followed by non-members, as space allows. Total maximum contestants are 120 per day. This is actual contestants, whom may be entered in multiple events; not entries. Memberships will be available from early March thru May 31<sup>st</sup>. This year, all memberships will need to be submitted online with accompanying documents and payments. Memberships will be considered received when the online membership form is complete with required documents uploaded and payment received.

### **Entries:**

All entries will occur online and we will accept online payment. Entry fees are not expected to change much from the previous years; however, we are still looking into costs for stock and other pending costs. If for any reason you are unable to make an online payment, please contact us.

- **Member Entries:** will open the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month for the current months rodeo only. It will close when full or the Sunday prior to the rodeo @ 11:59pm.
- **Non-Member Entries:** will be open the Saturday and Sunday (as space allows) prior to the rodeo on a first come, first served basis. They will close when full (120 max contestants per day) or on Sunday @ 11:59pm.

### **Volunteer Requirements:**

This year there we have implemented a small addition to the year-end award eligibility. This year each contestant will be required to volunteer in the production of the rodeo at least 4 of 6 rodeos. A contestant must make arrangements with Board Members or Volunteer Committee Member and seek sign-off each day. More info can be found in the Rule Book; however, more info and possible “sign-up” sources will come from this committee.

**Dress Code:**

RHRA does have a dress code though it is somewhat relaxed compared to other associations. Contestants are expected to wear: button up shirts with a collar (short or long), jeans and boots. Parents and helpers do not have a specific dress code but must be mindful to be in appropriate clothing for the task.

**Rule Book:** All of our rules can be found in our 2022 Official RHRA Rule Book on our website. It is the responsibility of all contestants to read the rule book, know and abide by all of the rules.

**No Representation of Awards:** RHRA does not guarantee or make any representations on what the awards will be like for the 2022 Season. This includes, but is not limited to, buckles, saddles or other prizes. RHRA determines its awards budget on an annual basis and is determined in large part by community sponsors.

**Committee’s:** We have several committees that could use some help this year including our Fundraising Committee, Saturday Night Events Committee and our Education Committee. With a very small board we need your help in order to have this the great family focused, community organization we all love. Email us at [rhrodeo@gmail.com](mailto:rhrodeo@gmail.com) or contact one of our board members for more information or to sign-up.

**Stock Contractor(s):**

We are still looking for a person or persons to provide the stock that we need for our performances which include goats, calves and roping cattle. Our open bid process closes on 03/18/22. If you know of anyone who may be able to provide one or all of these species please have them contact us.

**Business and Community Sponsors:**

While RHRA doesn’t require members to secure sponsorships as part of their membership or eligibility requirements; business and community sponsors are especially critical to the success of the organization as a result. Our buckle and event award sponsors begin at just \$100. For families and business who would like to contribute more and also receive advertising benefits like banners, online visibility and more beginning at \$250. More info can be found on our website.

**Questions:**

This is just a quick overview for new and returning members and certainly more information will be released and shared as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [rhrodeo@gmail.com](mailto:rhrodeo@gmail.com) or visit our contact page on our website: <http://www.rhrodeo.com/contact-us.html> .

Sincerely,

**Your 2022 RHRA Board,**

**Trisha Brash – *President***

**Michele Wood – *Vice President***

**JoAnn Gallik – *Secretary***

**Nancy Sagerser – *Treasurer***

**Shawn Brash – *Arena Director***

