

## OHIO HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION GROUND RULES

1. All Ohio High School Rodeo Association (OHSRA) contestants shall be members of the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA).
2. All Contestants shall observe ground rules by the NHSRA and OHSRA.
3. Students must be a fully paid OHSRA member to enter any OHSRA contest and have all required paperwork turned in to the State Secretary, with the exception of a one time trial entry.
4. Contestants must raise \$250.00 for the OHSRA through sponsorship, fundraiser, or donation. Money is due by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the current rodeo season. If not received by March 1<sup>st</sup>, points for next entered rodeo will not count. An invoice will be provided to the contestant and the contestants are responsible for delivering the invoice to the sponsor and collecting the sponsorship, fundraiser, or donation by the March 1<sup>st</sup> due date.
5. **Late call in's will be penalized with a \$25.00 late fee per event up to 24 hour after the deadline. No entries will be accepted after the 24 hour extended period.**
6. All rodeo fees will be paid with cash, check, or money order. Jackpots are to be paid with cash. There will be a **\$35.00 charge for returned checks**, paid to OHSRA. **Non-Sufficient Funds:** refer to any checks written to OHSRA or anyone hosting an OHSRA event. OHSRA members with NSF checks will be placed on a cash basis list for the duration of the rodeo season. Members will not compete in any rodeos until all fees are paid. The member will be deemed disqualified from competition and a loss of points for the rodeo that was NSF if fees are not paid in full by the next date of rodeo entry.
7. **Grades Defined:** To qualify to enter and receive points at any OHSRA rodeo, students must have a current grade card. Grade cards are to be turned in for each grading period as furnished by individual school systems. Home schooled students are to turn in reports from the company or person teaching them. There shall be a time limit of three weeks after the grading period ends for all grade cards to be turned into the state secretary. The prior grading period makes eligibility for the following grade period. If a student is found to be ineligible due to grades, for a period in which he/she participated in as an OHSRA contestant, all points accumulated during that time shall be revoked. (See NHSRA Rule Book under Grades Defined)
8. **Commencement Ceremonies:** OHSRA members (and participating family members) may be permitted to take events on the same day with prior approval by OHSRA Board of Directors and Stock Contractor.
9. **Out of State Points:** All OHSRA approved out of state rodeos will count for year end points.
10. The State Secretary shall furnish a contestant eligibility list to all rodeo secretaries.
11. To enter the OHSRA Finals, each student must enter and compete in at least one other OHSRA in-state rodeo in that event.
12. The Adult Event Directors for the OHSRA Rodeos shall be: Rough Stock Director and assistant, Boys Timed Event Director and assistant, Girls Timed event Director and assistant. The event Directors shall be voted on by the students.

13. There shall be meetings before each OHSRA rodeo between the Judges, Arena Director and Student Event Directors when necessary. If special problems surface in these meetings, Judges and/or Arena Directors may call for a meeting of contestants in which clarifications of these problems shall be explained.
14. Rodeo livestock cannot be used for more than one event per rodeo.
15. The right to "Jackpot" at OHSRA rodeos must be voted on by the student membership on a year to year basis. Entry fee and pay back to be recorded by the rodeo secretary as determined from the student vote and posted at each rodeo.
16. All members must enter any event they participate in. There will be no exhibition runs. Mount outs will be at the discretion of the stock contractor but cannot be member of the OHSRA or the NHSRA.
17. Any in state and/or out of state approved rodeo that has to have a make-up event or events must be entered and paid at the time of the original entries to the Ohio State Secretary to be able to participate in the make-up events.
18. Contestants are to be on the grounds in full rodeo attire and checked in one hour before the scheduled performance time. If you "No Show" events after you check-in you lose your points for the entire rodeo. If you "No Show" an event then check-in you must pay all fees but will receive the rest of your stock but not what you no-showed. (Example: If you breakdown and miss an event or events and arrive at the rodeo you must pay fees for all events but will not receive stock/runs missed but will receive what you have not missed and your points.) Final decisions will be up to the Executive Board.
19. No drugs, alcohol or tobacco products are permitted at rodeo performances.
20. There will be a 12:00AM curfew at all rodeos for OHSRA participating members. You must be in your camp areas at this time. No driving of motor vehicles, bicycles, and/or riding horses.
21. There will be a mandatory student meeting one hour prior to rodeo performances. All contestants must be present at roll call and attend the meeting. If you miss roll call you did not attend the meeting you are subject to disqualification. Contestant Disqualifications: Missing any mandatory meeting, safety seminar or equipment check.
22. Helmets are strongly recommended while participating in all Rough Stock Events.
23. **Calf Roping: Jerk Down Rule** will be in effect at all OHSRA rodeos. Contestant will be disqualified. A jerk down will be defined as a calf coming straight over backwards landing on its head or spine.
24. **Barrel Racing and Pole Bending:** If a contestant's hat hits arena ground upon entry and before exiting, there will be a ten dollar (\$10.00) fine payable to the OHSRA Scholarship fund.
25. It is the opinion of this Committee that the NHSRA rule book and addendum of the aforementioned additions and clarifications regulates all decisions made for the OHSRA.
26. These ground rules for the OHSRA Association were compiled and approved by the majority of the 2009-2010 Board of Directors.