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To Whom It May Concern:

The Texas Junior High Rodeo Association is an extension of the National High School Rodeo Association and the Texas High School Rodeo Association exclusively for grades 5,6,7 and 8. August through April these contestants compete in their designated regions according to where they reside. They compete during these months for a spot to make the State Finals and on to the National Finals where scholarships are given through our generous sponsors as well as colleges. The scholarships are held in trust for that contestant until they graduate from high school.

The National High School Rodeo Association is not recognized by UIL, but we have our guidelines that these contestants have to keep up in order to be eligible for competition. That includes passing with good grades and code of conduct. We take report cards at the beginning of the season, mid-term, and again before the State Finals. If these contestants are not passing they are ineligible to compete. We try and work hand in hand with the school districts to promote good grades and conduct.

There are over 750 contestants in the Junior Rodeo Association this year. There are 10 regions in Texas that the contestants compete in; and out of those 10 regions only the top 10 in each event qualify for the State Finals. At the Texas Junior High Division State Finals, we only take the top 4 to the National Finals which are being held this year in Guthrie, OK in July, where they compete with contestants from all over the United States as well as Canada and Australia. As you can imagine the competition is extremely tough and any scholarships these contestants win helps them reach their goals. Not to mention the camaraderie they get from meeting contestants that are from different parts of the United States and well as other countries.

_____ has qualified for the state finals in Gonzales this year. The dates of the Texas finals will be May 23, - May 30, 2026 Unfortunately, this is the last week of some school districts. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Anne Dollery, Secretary

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