



# North Carolina High School and Junior High Rodeo Association

## Contestant and Parent Handbook 2024-2025

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to North Carolina High School and Jr. High Rodeo Association! As the season begins this year, we are looking forward to a great increase in membership and a season that provides quality rodeos for our membership to compete at. We hope to build strong teams to represent North Carolina at both the Junior High and High School National Finals. Hopefully, this handbook will be helpful to our new and returning contestants, and we encourage all parents and guardians to read this handbook. A lot of things about grades, rules, financial matters and State and National Finals are explained, and all of these subjects will be helpful to both our student and adult membership this season.

### **SOME NEW THINGS HAPPENING IN NCHSRA**

We are trying to roll with the times, we now have the capability to pay with Swipe Simple. This a card service, we store a card number safely if you choose to use this service. There is a small convenience fee that will apply. You can pre-pay entry fees, or pay for merchandise. We hope this will be more convenient for our members that like to use their debit/credit cards. You also have the option to pay in person. Entry fees must be cash if paid in person. **Also, all MEMBERSHIP documentation is handled online now at <https://equestevent.nhsra.com> instructions on our website – this year you will also pay your membership online through this website when you register.**

## PURPOSE AND GOALS

The purpose of the North Carolina High School Rodeo Association (NCHSRA) is to provide an activity for High School and Jr. High School students, that promotes our Western heritage and creates an opportunity to further their education.

## ORGANIZATION

NCHSRA and the Jr. High Division are members of the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA), and are organized under a constitution and set of bylaws that are available upon request. The student members of the NCHSRA are led by a set of Student Officers. The adult membership is represented by an Adult Board, which is elected from the adult membership. This Board includes adult officers and at-large Board members. Both the Student Officers and the Adult Board are elected by ballot at the State Finals.

## GROUND RULES

1. Contestants should be at the rodeo and checked in one (1) hour before the rodeo is scheduled to begin. Sometimes bulls can be bucked at the beginning of a rodeo and being there early will ensure someone not being turned out. **All entry fees, conduct forms, and report cards MUST be SUBMITTED before you will be allowed to enter the arena to compete. \*\*THIS YEAR EVERYONE TURNS IN CONDUCT FORMS. NCHSRA/NCJHRA IS REQUIRING PASSING GRADES & ACCEPTABLE CONDUCT FROM ALL CONTESTANTS. ALSO, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CONDUCT FORM IS A NATIONAL MANDATORY MEDICAL TREATMENT RELEASE THAT HAS REQUIRED PARENTAL SIGNATURES.**
2. This year Contestant meetings are 1 hour before the rodeo is scheduled to begin, unless an earlier meeting time is announced. **These meetings are MANDATORY unless we designate otherwise. Dress code is in effect for this meeting. We will have role call at each meeting.**
3. The 30-second rule is in effect for all roping events, steer wrestling, chute dogging and goat tying at all North Carolina rodeos. There will also be a time limit in the barrel racing and pole bending events if contestant is not able to get their horse in the arena. It will be at the discretion of the judges if the contestant and their equine partner are “put on the clock”.
4. Each contestant can get **one** guest in free to each rodeo. **The guest MUST be with the contestant** when he/she comes in the gate to get their hand stamped. We will be stamping hands or giving out wristbands this season. The association misses a lot of money at the gate that could be given back to the contestants in the form of Year End Prizes, Nationals Travel Money, or Scholarship opportunities. Keep in mind all the money raised goes **BACK TO THE CONTESTANTS**. That’s why we are here!
5. In the NCHSRA, Mouthpieces are also mandatory for all contestants in the steer wrestling, chute dogging, and all rough stock events.
6. It is mandatory for all NCHSRA rough stock members and parents to view and sign a document stating you completed the viewing of the safety seminar(video) provided by Nationals prior to competing at your first rodeo each year in order to be eligible to compete.. (Refer to page 8 in this handbook).
7. A contestant must be in good standing and compete in 50% of the rodeos to be eligible to apply for a state scholarship and an equal share of travel money for Nationals.
8. Contestants must compete in the State Finals Rodeo to be eligible for all year-end awards.
9. **One (1) late call-in will be accepted for the entire rodeo season after that a \$25 fine will apply for late call- ins. If late call – ins are repetitive, the contestant could be denied rodeo entry.**
10. A contestant must compete in 50% of the rodeos per event to be able to compete in that event at the State Finals. To qualify to compete at State Finals in an event you picked up mid-season you must have entered at least 2 times in that event in order to be eligible. This 2-entry minimum will only make you eligible to earn points at State Finals, NOT awards (Awards require entries to be 50% Saddle eligibility is 60% rodeo attendance).
11. **Back numbers AND dress code are mandatory on rodeo grounds from 1 hour prior to the rodeo performance until the last contestant of the weekend competes. 1<sup>st</sup> Offense, \$25 fine. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense, \$50 fine, etc...**

We suggest you make copies of your number for your coat/vest.

**In a rodeo where there is inclement weather and jackets or rain slickers need to be worn, it will be permissible to wear them over your back number while you are waiting to compete. BUT, no jackets etc... will be allowed to cover your back number during the time you compete in the arena. The NCHSRA president, will make the call on the weather status.**

## NHSRA RULEBOOK

Each Contestant is given a National rulebook when they join. The rulebook covers event rules, conduct rules, protest procedures, point systems, and miscellaneous rules. **It is the responsibility of everyone to read and know the rulebook.** This is probably the most important regarding re-runs, re-rides, protests and conduct. In some cases NCHSRA has made a ground rule that will be consistent with, but more workable than, the subject rule in the rulebook.

## DUES AND FEES

**\*Membership Dues** for the High School and Jr. High Division are 217.77 per year after on-line fees. **Fees will be paid online when you register through the National Membership Website.** They cover NCHSRA membership, National membership, Supplemental medical insurance, and Subscriptions to The Times. The insurance is with a company, (Western Specialty Insurance) that specializes in rodeo claims. The policy is a supplemental injury policy that can be used with other injury policies or by itself.

**\*Entry fees** (for both divisions) are \$40.00 per timed event, per rodeo, and rough stock events are \$50.00 per event, per rodeo. (Cutting and reined cow may be subject to additional cattle fees enforced by the facility where the competition is being held.) Entry fees are paid before the rodeo begins! The entry fees include a **\$15.00 jackpot fee per event.** The payoff will be one place per 5 contestants. This will apply to all qualifying rodeos during the year, sponsored by NCHSRA. This may not be applicable to multi-state rodeos. The entry fees for the Queen will be offered at 50% discount in return for the extra responsibilities the Queen title requires.

**\*Optional Side – Pot** NEW this year! We are offering an **OPTIONAL SIDE POT** of \$50.00

It is 100% payback!! Payoff is based on the number of entries in the side pot. Has to have a minimum of 2 entries to take place. Should there be no qualified times/scores the side pot money will roll to the next rodeo. There are **NO REFUNDS.**

**FINES – All fees and fines must be paid before you can compete in the next rodeo!**

**TURN-OUT FINES** are \$25.00 per timed event and \$55 per rough stock event per rodeo. This is in addition to entry fees. A **TURN-OUT** is when a contestant is called in for a rodeo, comes to the rodeo, but refuses to take his/her run or animal.

**NO-SHOW FINES** are \$25.00 per timed event and \$55 per rough stock event per rodeo. A **NO-SHOW** is when a contestant is called in for a rodeo and fails to show up with no notification given to a board member. These fees are not waived and must be paid before the contestant can compete again.

**DRAW-OUT:** (not a Med-Out) must pay entry fees but will not be assessed a fine. A draw-out is when a contestant is called in for a rodeo and before the rodeo begins, discovers he/she cannot be at the rodeo. **The contestant must let the Rodeo Secretary know at least 24 hours in advance of the rodeo. Rodeo entry changes are to be made before the rodeo entry books close.**

This lets us plan with the stock contractor and event personnel so that the rodeo goes on smoothly. **If you do not let us know you cannot be there, the no-show fees and fines will be charged and you cannot compete until all fees and fines are paid in full.**

**MED-OUT:** Your entry fees will be returned. When a contestant or the contestant's horse has an injury that prevents them from competition in one event, or there is any type of sickness. The Arena Director must be notified before that event begins. **To avoid losing points for the entire rodeo,** a doctor's or vet's excuse must be presented to the State Secretary within five working days of that rodeo. If it is a visible injury, occurring at the rodeo, refer to the NHSRA rulebook, page 26; Section: Contestant Disqualifications; subsection "c" which states: "A contestant with a visible injury or illness may turn out of any event at a rodeo without a doctor's written excuse, provided notification of turn-out is authorized by a judge or National Director at that given rodeo.

**If a contestant has drawn out with a visible injury, he/she must have a doctor's release to resume competition.**

**LOSS OF HAT PENALTY:** When you are called to compete, your Hat must remain on prior to entering designated arena. If your Hat falls off for any reason prior to entering the arena will be assessed 5 second penalty assessed if the contestant enters the arena without their hat. The 5 second penalty rule is on page 64, rule #10 in the NHSRA Rule Book.

**EVENT DIRECTORS:** If are an Event Director you are to be on the arena floor at the time of your designated event. If for some reason you cannot be present you must find someone to fill in for you. Not showing up for your event during the performance and in slack or finding a substitute could result in a \$25 fine. Keep in mind if the performance has slack and you do not show up for performance or slack that is a double fine (\$50).

#### **GRADES AND ACADEMICS:**

**REPORT CARDS** - Starting this season report cards are **due at designated times in August (first rodeo, this will prior year if you didn't turn in at State Finals) October, December- January, March & May. Contestants will be notified of REPORT CARD DEADLINES!** This allows us to make sure we have grades for every contestant. **A good practice would be to up load each report card you receive and progress reports to your National Profile.**

The following is the policy of the NCHSRA for grades and academics. This rule closely follows the standard for grades that is used for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. A contestant must have passed a minimum workload during the preceding grading period to be eligible to participate in any rodeo during the present grading period. The following is a description of a minimum load:

Contestant must pass:

- Three out of four subjects if you are on the block scheduling format.
- Four out of five or six subjects.
- Five out of seven subjects, and
- Six out of eight subjects
- **Less than four courses must have 100 percent passing grades.**

This is a higher standard than the NHSRA rulebook states. That is a minimum and NCHSRA has voted to follow the guidelines required by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

NCHSRA recognizes **home schooling** as long as there is documentation that you have a registered home school with the state of residence., proof of grade proficiency and homeschool verification form found on National website. All **NEW Members (grades 9 and up, High School Division, and grades 6-8<sup>th</sup>, Junior High Division)** must turn in their last report card, birth certificate, and conduct form to the State Secretary along with the application for membership before they can compete.

**ALL CONTESTANTS** must turn in their report card to the State Secretary by the first rodeo online. Report cards will be uploaded to the National Profile each contestant is required to create for membership. If a contestant is not academically eligible at the beginning of a grading period, then he/she is not eligible at any time during the grading period. **Progress reports will be accepted.** A contestant who receives an **incomplete** in a subject which causes him/her not to meet minimum scholastic requirements is **ineligible** until the course is satisfactorily made up and his eligibility is restored at that point. **If a contestant lies or cheats about grades, they are out for the rest of the season and they may be permanently expelled depending on the circumstances.** This suspension means that the contestant will not be allowed in or around the arena. He or she may not work with or help any participant at a rodeo.

## CONDUCT

CONDUCT/SCHOOL FORM MUST BE TURNED with each rodeo entry for everyone no matter the type of school you are enrolled in this year.

The NHSRA is very clear concerning contestant conduct. Please read the rules concerning disqualifications in the National rulebook. **Alcohol, drugs, profanity, animal abuse, and bad sportsmanship have no place in high school or junior high rodeo. All of these will result in disqualification.**

A lot of contestants do not realize they can be disqualified just for being around where alcohol or drugs are being used. **Association with non-members or members that are doing something wrong is considered the same as doing it yourself. Contestants you are responsible for your parents.** Do not let them get you in trouble. Drinking, fighting, **arguing with judges and officials is not allowed** and you are expected to keep your parents in line. Smoking in the arena is not allowed by either contestants or adults. Tobacco and alcohol patches cannot be worn in the arena by contestants or workers. Fighting at a rodeo is grounds for disqualification for the NCHSRA. Fighting, alcohol, drugs, cheating, tobacco use, animal abuse, profanity, are all grounds for possible disqualification from an individual rodeo and/or from the NCHSRA entirely. In the case of illegal activity, law enforcement will be involved. **Social media is a part of our association. We maintain a Facebook group and an Instagram account. These will be monitored. Inappropriate comments/posting may also result in disqualifications. NCHSRA is reserving the right to take immediate action in regards to the conduct of contestants and parents at a rodeo event without warning if it is deemed necessary. That being said, you can be Disqualified without a warning and your parents' behavior can get a contestant Disqualified also.**

- **NEW TO CONDUCT POLICY:** [Noise Ordinance](#) in affect for contestants & parents or anyone associated with the contestant. 12:00am or one-hour post rodeo we will enforce a noise ordinance. This means, quite time. Please respect your neighbors. First offense, \$100.00 there after fines will increase by \$100 increments.

## DRESS CODE

All contestants need to be in western attire at least **one hour before** a performance begins. You need to stay in western attire during the entire rodeo, **even if you are not competing, until the last contestant has competed.** Western attire is a western shirt that has wrist length sleeves with a collar and cuffs, a western belt, western jeans, and western boots. The shirt must be tucked in – **no short or cropped shirts.** You may remove the belt while you are competing and rough stock riders may roll up the sleeve on their riding arm while they are competing. At MULTI-STATE rodeos, you must be in western attire during the entire slack. At local qualifying rodeos, only competing personnel (**personnel meaning contestant, judge, pick up men, volunteers in arena, and helpers**) have to be in western attire during slack. Athletic shoes designed to look like western boots are not western attire and are not allowed. This includes “racer-lacers” and all other brands that are similar.

**Your back number is part of the contestant's dress code.** A back number will be assigned to you at the beginning of the year. If you lose a back number, there is a **\$10.00 fee to replace it. The back number must be worn on your back and visible at all times (other than the exceptions listed under Ground Rules #11).**

According to the rule in your national rulebook, the back number must be on your back when at the rodeo, on rodeo grounds or rodeo functions and at a motel. **If you have parents that come in the arena to help you in any way, they have to follow our dress code.** Baseball caps, short sleeves, etc. are not allowed. The visitor will be asked to leave the arena and return to the spectator area. No alcohol or tobacco patches, stickers or advertising is allowed on contestants' attire or equipment. Like stated in prior text. **In a rodeo where there is inclement weather and jackets or rain slickers need to be worn, it will be permissible to wear them over your back number while you are waiting to compete. BUT, no jackets etc... will be allowed to cover your back number during the time you compete in the arena.** Billy Williams, president, will make the call on the weather status.

## CONTESTANT MEETINGS

Contestant meetings are held before our rodeos. These meetings are going to begin one (1) hour before the rodeo and are used to give out information about upcoming rodeos, event changes, or ground rules. **This year meeting are again mandatory** (unless otherwise approved by a board member). You must be in western attire for the meeting.

## PHONE USAGE

**The use of phones and/or ear buds are prohibited while in the WARM UP ARENA, MAIN ARENA, and BACK PENS. This is a safety precaution. We want contestants to be aware of their surroundings during these times.**

## GRAND ENTRY

All contestants that have horses at the rodeo are required to ride in the Grand Entry. This event sets the tone for the rest of the rodeo and is a good way to show our sponsors how much we appreciate putting on the rodeo. The NCHSRA Queen is in charge of the grand entry but she will greatly appreciate all of the help you can give her. You will be asked to carry a flag or banner, and if you can, it will certainly be appreciated. Please cooperate with our queen and do your part. Only NCHSRA members are permitted to ride in grand entries except at Multi-State rodeos when the other states are participating.

## EVENT DIRECTORS

At the beginning of the year, the rodeo contestants will elect an event director for each event. It is the director's duty to be in the arena during the event for the rodeo. This is an important job. The event director must know the rulebook and must be present for a contestant to contest a call. **If the elected event director cannot attend a rodeo, it is their responsibility to arrange a suitable replacement and notify the Arena Director prior to the rodeo.**

The Student Officers will oversee this process.

## POINT SYSTEMS

The National High School Rodeo Association has implemented one point system to be used for the State Finals by all associations. Points for qualifying rodeos are explained in the NHSRA rulebook, (page 31, paragraph 4). For State Finals: Points coming in to the finals plus points for each go round and in the average will determine the event champions. The number of points available at state finals will be dependent on the number of regular season rodeos. Please direct any questions to your National Director or State Secretary.

## APPEALS AND PROTESTS

Any contestant that wishes to appeal a decision must do so through the event director. **DO NOT GO DIRECTLY TO A JUDGE.** Only contestants may appeal. We do not look at videos and do not hear appeals on mark outs or rough stock scores. The NCHSRA will follow the national rulebook in handling hearings and appeals, (page 6, Article II, Membership Associations Membership, paragraphs 12 and 13).

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Beginning in August 1995, approved safety vests are required for the rough stock events. Also, beginning 2014, industry approved helmets are required for both bull riding and steer riding. Mouthpieces are mandatory in all rough stock events, steer wrestling and chute dogging events. A contestant will be subject to disqualification for failure to utilize proper safety equipment.

## SEMINARS AND CLINICS

NCHSRA provides a mandatory safety seminar each year for rough stock members. The seminar will be held in the fall or spring. If a member cannot be at the first safety seminar, he/she must notify the safety committee chairperson. The member can then attend the make-up safety seminar. Members must attend a safety seminar during the year to be eligible to ride in the State Finals.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available to qualifying students on both the state and national levels.

State Level: At the end of each rodeo year, the NCHSRA awards scholarships to deserving seniors planning to further their education, based on academics, years of membership and letters of recommendation. An application, which you will receive from the State Secretary, must be filled out and turned in along with a copy of your school transcript. The transcript must be contained within a sealed envelope and can be mailed after final grades are issued at the end of the school year. **The application must be in by the advertised deadline for consideration.**

Scholarships are awarded based on the following:

1. Must be a member in good standing of the NCHSRA
2. Must be a full-time student and enrolled in a full schedule of classes.
3. Must be a graduating high school senior at the time of application.
  - a. Year-end report card accumulative grades; and
  - b. SAT and ACT scores (helpful but not mandatory)
5. Scholarship fund will be a separate account, which will not be used to promote NCHSRA or association rodeos.

6. Awarded scholarships will be held in trust for a maximum of two (2) years from the time of award.

7. Scholarships will be paid on receipt of application, showing proof of enrollment in college or approved trade school. Checks will be made payable to the student and college of choice.

**National Level:** Any senior that goes to the NHSFR is eligible for scholarship monies. This form can be found in the "NHSRA Times" and needs to be accompanied with a copy of your transcript. The student applying is responsible for turning in the scholarship applications at Nationals, according to the instructions provided by the National Scholarship Committee. The National Director will be available for assistance when asked. You are responsible for having the National Director sign your application.

The exceptions to these scholarships on both the state and national levels are contestants that are in home-school programs. The criteria used to award these scholarships are not available from home school programs. All event winners at the NHSFR also receive a scholarship and it is held for them until they graduate. JAY HINSON SCHOLARSHIP: An amount to be determined annually will be awarded to a graduating senior. Winner to be chosen by Jay Hinson.

## **RODEO VOLUNTEERS**

It takes a lot of people for a rodeo to go smoothly. There are many duties and jobs that go on behind the scenes and in the arena. Most of this work is done by parents and friends who receive no pay for their time. NCHSRA always needs and welcomes volunteers, and we will be happy to train anyone for any job. The following is a partial list of the many positions that need volunteers for each rodeo:

Barrel and Pole Spotters

Sign-in Assistants

Grand Entry Assistants

Goat Handlers

Gate / Admission

Back up Timers

This is not a complete list, but as you can see, there are many slots to be filled. Volunteers help us to have higher quality rodeos, run our rodeos faster and volunteers save the association money, which equals more money for the contestants!

\* The 2024 -2025 season we will use a random draw to assign volunteers tasks beginning at Winston Salem. Once the draw is completed, we will notify you of your volunteer task. If no one in your family can work the rodeo task you get assigned, notify a Board Member Immediately! Volunteering should work out to one rodeo per family. If your volunteer spot goes unassigned it will result in a \$200 fine and your name goes back into the draw for future rodeos.

## **MEDICAL SUPPORT**

It is the policy of the NCHSRA to always have an EMT or higher qualified medical personnel to be at each rodeo.

## **FUNDRAISERS**

NCHSRA relies heavily on the fundraising efforts throughout the year. We use the money to finance rodeos, support the scholarship fund, purchase awards and provide travel money for National Finals.

It is a **requirement** for all High School and Junior High Division contestants to raise **\$400.00** in sales for the State Finals. The \$400 can be raised by the one or more of the options that are outlined in the fundraising flyer in your membership packet. Since this is our major fund raising project for the year, the more you sell the better it is for the association, and you! **Please refer to the cover letter and forms detailing this fundraiser in your membership packet.**

The State Finals programs are given out at the State Finals each year. We have enclosed a letter that may help you in introducing the NCHSRA to sponsors. Anyone can purchase an ad in the program. Many contestants have pages wishing them best wishes from friends, relatives and other members.

**ALL FUNDRAISING WILL BE DUE BY MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025! You may make payments on this requirement when you choose. Last date for turning in ALL fundraising money is March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. After that you will not be allowed to enter the remaining rodeos that are on the schedule until it is paid. The final deadline for ad artwork is March 31, 2025. So that we can get all ads to the publisher in time.** Other fundraisers which may include but are not limited to, may include: t-shirt sales, jackpot roping, barrel racing jackpots, etc.. The NCHSRA is always open to new ideas for fundraising **that will work better for you.** Please contact a **board member** with any ideas.

## **WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?**

A lot of money comes into the NCHSRA and **ALL of it goes back out to our contestants** in one form or another. Some of our expenses are awards, stock contractors, workers, insurance, advertising and operating expenses. Money is also paid out in **SCHOLARSHIPS, TRAVEL MONEY & AWARDS- If the money is available**, the national finalists that are traveling will be given travel money to help defer the costs of going to National Finals. Travel money is not something that is guaranteed each year. It all depends on how the association is financially at the end of the season.

## **PRODUCING RODEOS**

We are often asked what it takes to put on a rodeo. There are so many different situations that it would be impossible to have one answer for this question. But, generally, you need an arena large enough to run our events. You need a sponsor to pay the stock contractor's fee and you need some way to draw a crowd of paying spectators. Saddle clubs, social and service clubs do very well by selling program ads and chute gate signs to help pay for their rodeo expenses. The best situation is for sponsors to try to have the rodeo paid for with ads, etc. before they begin trying to sell tickets. This way, they are not subject to weather and other competitions.

Each stock contractor has their own fee schedule. We have a list of approved contractors and will be glad to share this information with anyone interested in producing.

### **RODEO POINTS**

For the 2024 - 2025 season we will have 12 – 14 rodeos. All of the rodeos on the schedule WILL be pointed.

### **MULTI-STATE RODEOS**

We have been invited again to attend the Southeast Showdown in Perry, Georgia and the Multi- State Rodeos in Chatham, VA. The board feels these are an outstanding events! It is a great opportunity to get the feel of National competition close to home. This year these rodeos will be pointed like all the other rodeos of the season. Like any other rodeo on our schedule, it is your choice to attend. We would like to strongly encourage attendance, as it is a great experience. Please do not hesitate to ask any board member questions about these rodeos.

### **STATE FINALS**

NCHSRA State Finals will be held in May. There are three go-rounds for all contestants in each event, that have met their fundraising requirements and have attended at least 50% of the rodeos in that event.

If you pick up an event mid-season then you are required to have entered at least 2 times in that event to be able to compete at State Finals. There will be awards for Go-Round winners and Average winners. **In order to be eligible to win a Year End Event Saddle you must be entered in 60% of the rodeos in that event. Due to the minimum number of events, there will not be a saddle offered for the Cutting and Reining Cow events unless we obtain a saddle sponsor.** The top four winners in the high school division and junior high division will receive awards and the right to compete at the National Finals. There will also be awards for All-Around Cowboys, All-Around Cowgirls, All-Around Rookie Cowboys and All-Around Rookie Cowgirls.

### **NATIONAL FINALS**

If any of the top four winners cannot go to the NHSFR or NJHFR, we can “roll down” to eighth place to fill the slots. If any of the top two cannot go to National Finals, we can “roll down” to fourth place to fill the slots. (Please refer to your National Rulebook to clarify questions). This has no effect on state standings or awards at State Finals. Travel monies are given to our national finalists based upon availability of funds. In the case that we are able to award travel monies to contestants going to National finals, the money will be given to them at Nationals after the Mandatory Contestant meeting. If for some reason, other than a med-out or vet-out while at Nationals, a competitor chooses to not compete in all events they have been given travel money for, they will be responsible for giving back that portion of their travel money to NCHSRA.

### **THE FUTURE**

NCHSRA is growing each year. These are exciting times to be involved in the sport of rodeo, especially with the high school rodeo. Our contestants are the future of rodeo and the furthering of Western Heritage. As we grow in numbers, we will grow in ability. With increased membership and the higher level of competition, we should see our teams improve each year, as well as our ability to offer more money, scholarships and awards.

North Carolina High School and Jr High School  
Rodeo Association  
Attestation

I hereby attest that I have read the North Carolina High School and Jr High School Rodeo Association's Contestant and Parent Handbook. Therefore, I have made myself aware of the contents of the handbook and understand the rules and regulations of NCHSRA/NCJHSRA.

**Please sign and return to the State Secretary.**

\*Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Good Luck this season!