

**Dear Rodeo Contestant, Family Member and/or Rodeo Fan,**

As another rodeo season is drawing to an end and our State Finals are here. I thought it would be helpful to explain how the points for our State Finals and Year End standings will be calculated. Up to this point, it has been fairly simple. 10 points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 points for 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc. (see Figure A).

At State Finals, the stakes go up. There will be 30 points in each go round: 30 points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 27 points for 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc. (see Figure B). In addition to the 30 points available in each of the 2 go rounds, we will award 30 points in the average based on accumulative times or scores, i.e. 30 points for 1<sup>st</sup> in the average for State Finals, 27 points for 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc. (see Figure C).

With 90 points up for grabs in the Finals, you can see there is still plenty of time to improve your place in the standings. Keep in mind that we take the top 4 in each event to NHSRA Finals (5 in the event of a 4<sup>th</sup> place tie). Also, if a contestant placing in the top 4 and decides not to go to Nationals or to not compete in a particular event, then the 5<sup>th</sup> place contestant moves up.

**So to recap, how we determine our event winners and NHSRA Qualifiers: (points brought into finals) + (points in each go round) + (points in average) = Total Event Points.**

This is where it can get confusing...In accordance with the NHSRA Rule Book, "To offer 10 more points at the State Finals than a contestant can carry into the State Finals", we will have had 14 rodeos leading up to the State Finals, therefore a contestant can carry in a maximum of 140 points (10 X 14). We offer up to 90 points at our State Finals so 140+10=150-90=60 bonus points. On the following scale 60 points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 54 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc. (see Figure D). Bonus points are given so as State Finals is not overwhelmingly heavy with points so that points accumulated all year still have weight going into Finals.

*Please note these points are for everyone, but only affect All-Around Cowboy/Cowgirl and Rookie Cowboy/Cowgirl. Bonus points are added after State finals points and will not affect any event champion or NHSRA Qualifiers.*

**I encourage all contestant and family members to focus on having fun and doing your best!**

**Figure A  
Regular Season  
Rodeo**

Place Points	
1	10
2	9
3	8
4	7
5	6
6	5
7	4
8	3
9	2
10	1

**Figure B  
Both Go Rounds  
State Finals**

Place Points	
1	30
2	27
3	24
4	21
5	18
6	15
7	12
8	9
9	6
10	3

**Figure C  
Average  
State Finals**

Place Points	
1	30
2	27
3	24
4	21
5	18
6	15
7	12
8	9
9	6
10	3

**Figure D  
Bonus Points  
All-Around/Rookies**

Place Points	
1	60
2	54
3	48
4	42
5	36
6	30
7	24
8	18
9	12
10	6

\*Point calculations based on 2020-2021 Rodeo Season