

FHSRA 2018-2019 GROUND RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

These Ground Rules are very important.
PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY

It is every member's responsibility to know the Ground Rules as well as the rules of the National High School Rodeo Association rulebook. Any rule that is **NOT** covered in these Ground Rules can be found in the NHSRA rulebook.

MEMBERSHIPS AND FUND RAISERS

The membership fees for 2018-2019 are to be paid upon joining the Florida High School Rodeo Association. This includes NHSRA membership, a state family membership for all immediate family members, contestant insurance, contestant state membership, publishing fees and a subscription to both the NHSRA Times and the Western Horseman Magazine. This fee is updated each season and can be found on the NHSRA application. The state membership fee is \$130.00 and is in addition to the National fee.

FUND RAISER AS FOLLOWS:

1. Each Member is required to sell \$150.00 in advertising for the FHSRA Yearbook (Due at January rodeo). If you sell more than the required \$150.00 FHSRA will split the profits 50/50 with the contestant (pay out at State Finals).
2. Each member is required to sell 30 (\$10.00 Tickets) - ½ ticket sales are due in October and ½ due in December. If you sell more than the required \$300.00 FHSRA will split the profits 50/50 with the contestant (pay out at State Finals).

New and returning members who join FHSRA after the fundraising deadlines will still be required to pay the money.

RODEO CALL-IN

There will be a one-time open entry enrollment via email for all 2 day/2 rodeo weekends. Once you are entered in your said event(s), you are entered for the entire rodeo season. If you wish to **make a change**, you must make the change during the open entry enrollment for the rodeo in which you wish to make a change. If a contestant fails to make a change in their said event(s), they are still responsible for all fees and/or fines for the missed rodeo. After a missed rodeo and non-payment of fees, the contestant will automatically be taken off the entry list and must enter back during the next open entry enrollment time for the rodeo they plan to attend.

The open entry enrollment via email will begin at 6 am on Monday and will end at 9 pm on the Tuesday 2 weeks before the rodeo. Any exception to this will be posted on the official FHSRA website. You will be given a Confirmation email after your entry is received.

Open Entry Enrollment will be via Eventbrite.com. The link will be posted on the website as well as the face book page. The only exception is for contestants who do not have access to internet and would like to enter by phone. The rodeo secretary will take phone entries on Tuesday – the second day the books are open - from 6:30 pm -8:30 pm. Contestants can call or text their entries to 407-908-1708.

Late entries will only be accepted after 9:00 pm Tuesday to 8:00 am Wednesday. All late entries must be emailed to fhsrarodeosec@gmail.com or TEXT (DO NOT CALL after 9:00 pm) 407-908-1708.

There will be a \$100 fine for all late entries to be paid with entry fees prior to competition.

All turn-outs, doctor releases, or vet releases must be called in/texted to the Rodeo Secretary @ 407-908-1708 by 9 am Friday prior to the rodeo.

The open entry enrollment for Cutting, Reined Cow Horse and Shooting will be posted prior to these events. All details including the call in phone number and times will be posted at least 2 weeks prior to the said event.

BAD CHECKS

There will be a \$50.00 charge for all returned checks. After one returned check, you will be on a cash only basis.

BACK NUMBERS

You will be issued your back number at the first rodeo you attend. Student Officers will be issued the following numbers: President-1; Vice-President-2; Secretary-3; Queen-10. Your back number has your state membership number on it as well as your name. You are required to wear your back number (on your back) at all times, in the arena and on or off the rodeo grounds whether competing or not. This also means traveling to and from home. If you lose your back number, see the State Secretary for your 2nd back number. If you lose or forget that number you may purchase a replacement number for \$5.00 from the State Secretary. There will be no refunds given. **Do not get caught without your back number on. This is a requirement of dress code and you will be penalized the same as for dress code rule violations.**

ENTRY FEES

Entry fees will be accepted up to 30 minutes before each performance. Members are to be there on time and pay their entry fees. This will be adhered to or you will be disqualified. There is an emergency number you may call the day of the rodeo, which is to be used for emergency only (863)441-0025

Entry fees are listed below. If you enter the rodeo and do not show up, you are responsible for paying the entry fees before you are allowed to ride in another rodeo.

- All Rough Stock: \$40.00 per event
- All Timed Events: \$ 40.00 per event
- Cutting and Reined Cow Horse: \$30.00 per go plus grounds fee if not participating in other events
- Shooting: \$30.00 Trap and \$30.00 Rifle plus grounds fee if not participating in other events
- Grounds Fee: \$ 25.00 per family per weekend

Money to be paid out in Rough Stock and Timed Events. \$8 per go will be put into a jackpot fund. A 4-D formatted payout will be used.

GROUND FEES

All Grounds fees will be placed into a separate account set aside for a travel fund to be used for the National Team members.

TURN OUT RULE

Please see your National Rule Book. In addition, any contestant that turns out, without giving notification, from an event without visible injury to himself, herself or their horse must pay all of their entry fees for that rodeo. An additional \$25.00 penalty fine for each event at said rodeo must also be paid. If notification of the turnout is given, you will be assessed the entry fees but not the turnout penalty fine. This includes Cutting. The PRCA rule concerning this will be followed with the exception of the 'out time' pertaining to entering subsequent rodeos. For FHSRA purposes, the Call-in Secretary must be notified 24 hours prior to the first performance. A contestant or horse with a visible injury may turn out of any event at a rodeo without a doctor's/veterinarian's written excuse provided notification of such turn out is authorized by two (2) Directors at that given rodeo. Contestant may turn out of one (1) event and does not have to turn out of all his/her events. Failure to attend will result in the above fees and penalty, no excuses, unless complied with as outlined above. These monies must be paid before competing in subsequent rodeos. For all rodeos, the Rodeo Secretary, in addition to the appropriate Directors, must be notified of visible injury turnouts. For rodeos sponsored by other states, you must comply with the sponsoring states rules regarding turn outs.

TURN OUT FINES

- Visible injury: No Fees and No Fines
- Vet Release: No Fees and Fines
- Doctor's Release: No Fees and No Fines
- Notified Turn-Out: Fees and No Fines
- Non-Notified Turn-Out: Fees and Fines

PERMIT (ONE TIME) RIDERS

Any high school student enrolled in an accredited school whose age is 20 and under, may enter one FHSRA (2 performances). The student must follow all FHSRA rules, including the following:

- Contestants will receive no points.
- Must have notarized release form prior to contesting.
- Must pay \$35.00 for insurance and handling of paperwork.
- \$15.00 may be applied to full membership, provided he/she joins at next rodeo.
- Must have report card signed by Principal with a 2.0 GPA.
- Must call-in at regular call-in times and check back to verify time to perform.
- Members will have preference of performances.

GRADE REQUIREMENTS

Students must be in good standing; not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school. Students must have a 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) to be eligible to compete, refer to the 2016-2018 NHSRA Rules, By-Laws & Constitution (Rulebook) for complete rule. All FHSRA Contestants must turn in a report card, transcript, or certified teachers testing results (for home schooled members) from last year to prove enrollment in school. **There is no GPA requirement to start the new 2016-2018 rodeo year.**

Report cards are to be submitted in either "hard copy" or emailed form to the Report Card Secretary prior to competing in the November, February, and State Finals Rodeo by all contestants. You must have a 2.0 GPA in order to compete.

- ***If you do not have a 2.0 GPA, you will be penalized 1 rodeo and will remain ineligible to compete until you again have a 2.0 GPA. Your 1 rodeo penalty will be determined once the Report Card Secretary has your report card. It is the contestant's responsibility to verify the Report Card Secretary has received the report card and has assessed the 1 penalty rodeo. Once you have proof you once again have a 2.0 GPA, you must submit the approved documentation to the Report Card Secretary in order to resume competition in said rodeos.***

- ***If you have not been issued a report card by the November or February rodeo, you are then required to provide one of the following:***

FHSRA SANCTIONED QUALIFYING RODEO - CONTESTANT REPORT CARD INFORMATION/CURRENT GRADE

VERIFICATION (Form found on website)

VALIDATED PROGRESS REPORT FROM YOUR SCHOOL INCLUDING A SIGNATURE FROM CLASS TEACHERS OR FROM A SCHOOL OFFICIAL SUCH AS A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR PRINCIPLE

You are then required to bring the "hard copy" of your report card to the following rodeo. This must be turned in to the Report Card Secretary for verification prior to being able to compete.

DRESS CODE

When required, members, directors, officers and helpers must be in complete western attire, approved pants, hat, boots which must have a heel and cannot be riding sneakers, belt and long-sleeved western shirt. Members may remove their belt while competing, but it must be on at all other times. All shirts must have a collar. Shirt sleeves are to be worn rolled down. (See the NHSRA rule book for the only exception to this rule.) Girls wearing low-rise jeans must make sure shirt stays tucked in. Contestants must be in dress code for the State Finals Banquet and all mandatory meetings.

The above described dress code is required as specified in the NHSRA Rule Book. FHSRA members must be in official dress when in the stands or within 50 feet of the arena whether competing or not. Contestants must be in Official Dress 30 Minutes prior to rodeo starting and until the last contestant has competed. **Back numbers must be worn on your back at all times, whether competing or not.** Members will be given a warning for being out of dress code and if caught again will be either fined \$25.00 or will have the option to work it off Sunday afternoon during the pole bending event and the breakdown of the arena.

Dances/Socials: Contestants are required to wear back numbers at all Contestant Dances with the exception of PROM. T-shirts with crew neck collars and sleeves may be worn, but no low-cut shirts are allowed. NO CUT-OFF, MIDRIFF OR SLEEVELESS SHIRTS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED. Shirts MUST be tucked in. Any messages on clothing must be positive and cannot advertise alcohol or tobacco products. Western boots and hats are optional. Queens must wear banners and numbers to Contestant dances. Any attire deemed inappropriate by an adult chaperone or director/officer must be changed before admittance to the dance will be allowed. We will be abiding by the NHSFR Patch Program.

HAT RULE

All contestants must wear a western hat or helmet when they compete. Barrel Racers, Pole Benders and Goat Tiers will receive a 5 second penalty if she enters the plane of the arena without her hat. Hats must be on the contestant's head when entering the plane of the arena or a penalty will be assessed. If you are not sure where the plane of the arena starts you will need to ask the arena director or the event director for clarification. Any contestant that shows intentional placement of hat or shaking of head causing loss of hat will result in a 10 second penalty issued by the judge.

POINT SYSTEM

If you have any questions or complaints regarding the points in a rodeo, you have until the final performance of the following rodeo to get this straightened out with the Point Secretary. FHSRA will count the points from 100% of the total number of rodeos to qualify you for State and National Finals in each event. The top 15 in each event will qualify for State Finals. Contestants must compete in a minimum of 1/3 of the qualifying rodeos in a particular event to be eligible to compete at State Finals in that particular event, with the exception of a medical release. Only contestants who have entered and received points in a particular event are eligible for State Finals in that event. We will be awarding average points for the top ten contestants at State Finals in each event. The All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl will be determined for the year by total points earned in all events, plus points earned at Finals, regardless of whether they have entered those events in their State Finals, provided they have entered their State Finals

ROOKIE AWARDS

A Rookie Cowboy and Rookie Cowgirl will be chosen on points the same as All-Around. To be considered a rookie, it must be your first year competing in NHSRA and you must have entered and received points. Rookie buckles will be awarded at the year-end awards banquet.

ROUGH STOCK

A Safety Vest of your choice as well as a mouth piece is to be worn in all rough stock events. NO EXCEPTIONS. Please see the National rule Book regarding this rule. All contestants are required to complete a Safety inspection with the Event Adult Director prior to competing. Adult Event Director has the authority to mandate if a piece of equipment is unsafe to compete with and to require a replacement prior to competing. You will not be able to perform in rough stock riggings that do not conform to NHSRA standards. **All Bull riders are required to wear a helmet. NO EXCEPTIONS**

TIMED EVENTS

Any contestant knowing they need to be split during the performance or slack must notify the Call-In Secretary at the call-in time. A contestant has a 30 second time limit to compete. Time limit is to start at the judge's discretion, at his second call. Contestants have 3 minutes from the time the barrier is pulled to compete or change horses for an event. There will be no rattling of chute or gates in timed events. This applies in both the performance and slack. The contestant and/or person rattling the chute will be disqualified.

STEER WRESTLING

Please see your National Rule Book for most recent changes to rules. For safety reasons Steer Wrestlers will only get 1 jump at all rodeos.

CALF ROPING

Please see your National Rule Book for most recent changes to rules. No Jerk down. In the tie down event, a contestant will receive a no-time for that run if he brings the animal over backwards (between 10 and 2 on a standard clock) with the animal landing on his back or head with all four feet in the air.

TEAM ROPING

You will be allowed three loops in team roping with a 30 second time limit. If the front foot is in the loop when the Header dallies, turns off and changes direction of the steer, there will be an automatic 'No Time'. If your rodeo partner fails to show up or is injured and cannot compete in the team roping event, you will be drawn a partner from within the team ropers entered at that rodeo. The drawn partner will not earn points. Each contestant in team roping will receive individual points earned of the same value as contestants in other events. Partners points will be added together to form a team at the State Finals. Champions will be the end of the year high point header and heeler. If either partner is disqualified at State Finals, both are out of team roping. Please see your National Rule Book.

GOAT TYING

The arena will receive a drag before the Goat Tying event starts. The goats provided will have horns no longer than 8 inches. If the contestant's horse crosses over the rope or goat, or if the contestant's horse comes in contact with goat or rope at any time, a ten second penalty will be assessed to said contestant between flags. If the goat should break away because of the fault of the horse, the contestant will receive a no time between flags. Arena help will not catch the contestant's horse until the flag has been dropped. There will be a 1 minute time limit to enter the arena after your name has been called the first time. To qualify as a legal wrap there will be at least one complete wrap around at least three legs and a half hitch, hooey or a knot. Goats will be divided by the number of contestants. The goats will remain on the stake for the number of runs that is necessary. Example: If there are 40 contestants and there are 10 goats then each goat will go 4 times in a row. Please see your National Rule Book for most recent changes to rules.

BARRELS

Barrel Race contestants may not ride the same horse. There will be a 1 minute time limit to enter the arena after your name has been called the first time. Barrel drags will be determined by the management of the rodeo which consists of the Event Director, the judges,

FHSRA Vice President, National Director and rodeo host committee representative. Barrels will have pads placed on the top of each barrel during the barrel event. See your National Rule Book for most recent changes to rules.

POLES

Pole Bending contestants may not ride the same horse. If running pattern toward stock pens, no stock is to be loaded. There will be a 1 minute time limit to enter the arena after your name has been called the first time. Pole drags will be determined by the management of the rodeo which consists of the Event Director, the judges, FHSRA Vice President, National Director and rodeo host committee representative. See your National Rule book for most recent changes to rules.

CUTTING HORSE COMPETITION

Cuttings will be held on weekends separate from the rodeo. Information can be found on the FHSRA website in regard to the schedule and locations. The Cutting competition will be offered at a minimum of (3) times at the qualifying level. See optional cutting rule in the NHSRA Rule Book for more information. A score of 60 will receive a 0. A contestant may ride the horse of their choice. No two boys or two girls can ride the same horse in the cutting event. See your NHSRA/NCHA rule book. The cutting horse competition will only count towards boys and girls all around at the state finals competition.

REINED COWHORSE COMPETITION

Reined Cow Horse will hold competition on weekends separate from the rodeo. Information can be found on the FHSRA website. The Reined Cow Horse will be offered at a minimum of (3) times at the qualifying level. Reined Cow Horse is Coed. Boys and girls will compete in the same event. No two exhibitors can ride the same horse. The Reined Cow Horse competition will only count towards the boys and girls all around at the State Finals competition. See your NHSRA rulebook for additional information and most recent changes. Call In Information for Reined Cow Horse will be posted on the website a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the event on www.FHSRA.com

SHOOTING

Shooting competitions will be held on weekends separate from the rodeo weekends. Shooters will have a separate call in. The information will be posted on website no less than 2 weeks prior to the shooting on www.FHSRA.com

Point System: Shooting sports will follow the same points system as the rodeo except:

1. Shooting points are separate from the Rodeo points. shooting points do not apply to the all-round.
2. Shooters must compete in a minimum of 75% of the qualifying matches in a particular event (rifle, trap) to be eligible to compete at the State Finals in that particular event. Please see your National Rule Book for most recent changes to rules

ALL EVENTS

In all events, the Adult Event Director may disqualify a contestant if he/she cannot compete in a timely manner for safety reasons. All chain, metal and wire tie-downs, nosebands and bosals must be covered.

STATE FINALS

State Finals stock will be drawn with one stock per contestant, plus three extras in all timed events.

TIES AND TIE BREAKERS

All ties will be handled as follows:

- Points - Points will be split equally between the contestants. Example: 1st and 2nd place split = 19 points divided by 2 equals 9.5 points awarded to each contestant.
- Awards/buckles awarded at rodeos throughout the year and at State Finals will be duplicated in the event of a tie. There will be only one Champion in each event for the end of the year awards. Therefore, these ties will be run off after the regular competition according to PRCA or college rodeo guidelines.
- In the event of a tie in the rough stock competition, two animals will be drawn from a minimum of 3 animals, by the Event Director, Stock Contractor, and Judges.
- **Each contestant will compete on one head and the best score or time will win the tie breaker.** Contestants will draw to see who goes first.
- No animal will be bucked back to back.

NATIONAL MONEY

DISTRIBUTION

Timed event contestants and the FHSRA Queen receive a larger percentage of expense money for National Finals than rough stock and shooting contestants.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You will be given a National High School Rodeo Association Rule Book at the first rodeo you attend. Read these rules and learn them well. The Florida High School Rodeo Association State Finals are conducted by this NHSRA rule book as well as all the rodeos throughout the year. If you are in doubt of any of the rules, ask a Director or officer of the FHSRA. If you are disqualified for breaking any of the Association rules, you are entitled to a hearing before the Board of Directors. Please feel free to call any of the Directors, Officers or Secretaries of the FHSRA if you have any questions or problems. Refer to the NHSRA 2014-2016 Rules, By-Laws and Constitution (Rulebook) for all rules pertaining to conduct and levels of disciplinary action.

Duration of Rodeo is from the time you leave your residence headed to the rodeo until the time you return to your residence following the rodeo.

Remember all your Directors, Officers and Secretaries are volunteering their time to help make FHSRA a great organization. We wish all members good luck and safety this year.

STUDENT OFFICERS / QUEEN JOB DESCRIPTION

QUEEN

- During one day rodeos where there is typically not a Grand Entry, the Queen should be prepared to carry the flag and ride for the National Anthem and stand for prayer.
- For rodeos with performances, the Queen will coordinate a Grand Entry with the student members. To be included in the Grand Entry is the American flag, sponsor flags, National Anthem, prayer, introduction of Student Officers, followed by the rest of the student participants. The Queen will also need to coordinate with Queens from other states when we host a multi-state event.
- The Queen shall wear her banner/sash when required to be in official dress code. She is also required to be in western attire at all times during performances whether competing or not.
- The Queen is responsible for care, cleaning and transportation of the flags to all rodeos, expenses for maintenance to be reimbursed by the FHSRA.
- The Queen is primarily responsible for the selling of 50/50 tickets to support the student scholarship fund and promote public relations in the stands. The Queen may sell an additional \$500.00 in raffle tickets in lieu of the 50/50 tickets.
- The Queen will plan and attend at least two community service projects over the rodeo season. Coordination with the Board of Directors will be needed to ensure a coordinated event.
- The Queen will supply the website secretary with Grand Entry themes and any other articles of interest on a timely basis to ensure publication on the website.
- The Queen will be responsible for other duties as determined by the Board of Directors to be in the best interest of the FHSRA.
- Members may not run for both a Student Officer position and Queen.
- Student officers and Queen receive two (2) preferred call-ins, same as other members. It is highly recommended for the Queen, whenever possible, to enter slack at rodeos with Performances so that she is free to remain dressed with her banner and crown and perform her duties as listed above for public relations and Grand Entry. **The Queen will pay \$10 of each entry fee, with the association covering the remainder of the entry fees.** All other expenses such as hook-ups, stall fees, etc. are the responsibility of the Queen.
- The Queen is required to sign and follow a code of conduct and will hold to a higher standard than other members.
- The Queen will be allowed to keep her crown.

STUDENT PRESIDENT

- Must be present at rodeo's Grand Entry.
- Call for and conduct all student meetings.
- Attend Director's meetings when requested.
- Coordinate nominations and elections of Student Event Directors.
- Must be in western attire at all rodeos whether competing or not.
- Will assist the Queen with community service projects.
- Will promote the FHSRA to the youth and adults alike throughout the state.
- Will appoint a committee to plan, construct and submit our scrapbook for competition at the NHSFR.
- Will be responsible for other duties as determined by the Board of Directors to be in the interest of the FHSRA.
- The President is required to sign and follow a code of conduct and will be held to a higher standard than other members
- The student president will be in charge of all banner coordination and placement at each rodeo.

STUDENT VICE-PRESIDENT

- Assume the duties of the President when the President is unable to fulfill his/her duties.
- Must be present at rodeo's Grand Entry.
- Assist in fund raising events for the FHSRA and student fund.
- Attend Director's meetings when requested.
- Assist arena director with all duties.
- Must be in western attire at all rodeos whether competing or not.
- Will be responsible for other duties as determined by the Board of Directors to be in the interest of the FHSRA.
- The Vice President is required to sign and follow a code of conduct and will held to a higher standard than other members.

STUDENT SECRETARY

- Must be present at rodeo's Grand Entry.
- Send appropriate correspondence to rodeo sponsors, members, etc.
- Assist in fund raising events for the FHSRA and student fund.
- Attend Director's meetings when requested.
- Assist State Secretary in retrieving score sheets and communication with Rodeo Secretary during rodeos.
- Be in western attire at all rodeos whether competing or not.
- Will be responsible for other duties as determined by the Board of Directors to be in the interest of the FHSRA.
- The Secretary will be required to sign and follow a code of conduct and will be held to a higher standard than other members.