



## Washington State High School Rodeo Contestant Code of Conduct

As a WSHSRA member I understand and will abide by the following rules of conduct and all rules in the National High School Rodeo rule book.

1. Be in western attire 1 hour before and until 1 hour after the rodeo is over. Western attire includes cowboy hat, western shirt, boots, jeans, and back number. My back number must be worn at all times during the duration of the rodeo weekend.
2. I will not use excessive discipline on my horse in or on the arena grounds, nor abuse the stock in any way. Training my horse should take place at home and not in front of spectators.
3. No profanity of any kind on the rodeo grounds.
4. No alcohol or illegal substances will be used.
5. No tobacco use in the arena.
6. I have read the following section from the NHSRA Rule Book page 28 covering Contestant Disqualification's.

As a WSHSRA parent I understand and will abide by the following:

1. As a parent, I pledge to provide positive support and care, and encouragement for all members participating in the activities of WSHSRA.
2. Place the emotional and physical well-being of my child and the other members ahead of a personal desire to win.
3. Encourage my child to treat other members, spectators, officials, and others with respect.

The NHSRA Rule Book clearly states that the following will be grounds for disqualification.

**Rule book page 28:**

**CONTESTANT DISQUALIFICATION'S**

1. Contestant can be disqualified by judges, executive committee (or at a State/ Province Rodeo, by the State/Province Governing body), arena director, or National Director, for any offense listed under this section.

2. Contestant shall be notified as soon as possible by the person or persons disqualifying the Contestant.

3. In case of contestant disqualification under this section the contestant is entitled to a hearing with the executive committee (or state/province governing body).

4. The contestant must have his or her State/Province National Director with him or her at the meeting. Parents and guardians are not allowed at the hearings.

6. Any contestant will be disqualified from an event for any of the following offenses. If they are disqualified for any of these offenses, they may be disqualified from all events at the Rodeo, at the discretion of the Executive Committee (or state/province governing body).

**a. ATTIRE:**

(1) Contestants, parents, adults, helpers, and assistants must wear western attire: western hat, long sleeved shirt (must be wrist length sleeved shirt, with collar and cuffs. No sweat shirts, T-shirts or pullover sweaters allowed), western boots, and western trousers at all times during a performance while in the following areas: (a) All three arenas (b) Chute areas. (c) Stock working areas. (d) Any contestant in any seating area, whether competing or not.

(2) Shirt sleeves must be rolled down. (a) The only exception to this rule will be in bareback riding and bull riding; a rider may roll up sleeves as necessary to eliminate either a hang up or to accommodate necessary wrapping and/or support for the elbow. After competition, contestant must adhere to attire rules. (b) Violators of this rule will be disqualified upon the discretion of the judges or the arena director.

(3) Contestants must wear numbers on their backs and number must be visible at all times while competing in their events, when at rodeo or rodeo grounds or any rodeo function and at the motel. (4) All Contestants must have shirttails tucked in at start of their competition.

(5) Western attire per dress code is required for contestants for all NHSRA approved activities to include rodeos, safety and instructional clinics, meetings.

(6) No tobacco or alcohol patches, stickers or advertising allowed on contestant's attire or equipment.

**b. STOCK:**

(1) Contestant will be disqualified for being in a pen with the livestock at any time except when accompanied by stock contractor, arena director, or a judge, or when assigned to work in those pens.

(2) Mistreatment of Rodeo Stock or contestant's horse.

**c. RODEO:**

(1) Refusing to contest during a performance on an animal drawn for him.

(2) Any contestant that scratches an event after registration that he signed in for at registration. (a) A contestant may drop out of any event due to injury to him or herself or horse. A doctor's or D.V.M.'s excuse must be presented to the rodeo secretary to release the contestant. (b) Contestant must notify Rodeo Secretary and Arena Director for authorization. (c) 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 such 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. (d) Any contestant that has been injured and has received medical care at a hospital or urgent care facility must have a doctor's release before the contestant is allowed to resume competition. If a contestant has presented a doctor's release to draw out, he/she must present another doctor's release to resume competition.

(3) Not being ready to compete when called upon.

(4) All contestants of the High School Rodeo must make an effort when competing in the arena.

(5) If an effort is not made, it shall result in disqualification.

(6) Contestants will be disqualified for failure to follow instruction on Grand Entry in and out of the arena. Violation of this rule shall be reported to the Board of National Directors by the judge or Arena Director involved.

(7) Contestant's number must be visible when contestant is competing. Any contestant or member will be disqualified from the rodeo, NHSRA Event or other function for any of the following offenses. If they are disqualified for any of these offenses, they will be disqualified from all events or other participation in the rodeo, NHSRA Event or other function.

**a. CONDUCT:**

(1) Having any association with alcoholic beverages, narcotic or 30 other non-medicinal drugs while in attendance at any approved High School Rodeo, whether at a motel or on rodeo grounds or going to or from the rodeo or at any rodeo function.

(2) Contestants will be disqualified for the use of tobacco products while in the arena during any rodeo performance.

(3) Rowdiness, quarreling or fighting in the actual domain of the arena at any time, or any place during the duration of the Rodeo.

(4) Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the best interests of the National High School Rodeo Association or the sport of rodeo while in attendance, or coming to and going home from a rodeo.

(5) Motel or property damage by contestants or their associates; damage must be reported to their State's/ Provinces National Director and if damage is not reported, contestant will be banned from High School Rodeo Association permanently and reported to law authorities for prosecution.

(6) Contestants will be disqualified for vandalism at any place or any time.

(7) Cheating or attempting to cheat.

(8) Any contestants or parents attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, harass or coerce any rodeo official at any time between opening and closing of a rodeo.

(9) Missing any mandatory meeting, safety seminar or equipment



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We (member & parents) have read and understand the WSHSRA & NHSRA code of conduct and acknowledge that I have received a copy of the rules. We understand that if any of these rules are abused, the Executive Board will decide on the consequence.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Member Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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