

WSHSRA STANDING RULES
(voted on at STATE FINALS - Revised May 2024)

1. Membership Forms: Must be completed, fees paid, and both submitted to the Membership Secretary 10 days prior to entry date for the first rodeo in which the individual wants to compete. Memberships not submitted within this time frame will be accepted at the discretion of the Membership Secretary.

2. Fund Raising: Each member will be responsible for a minimum of \$250 in fundraising (selling raffle tickets), per the fundraising policy approved by the Board of Directors. If a member does not turn in the required amount of money and raffle tickets by the postmark date as set forth by the raffle committee, their membership status will change to “not in good standing” and they will not be eligible to compete in the first rodeo. They will continue to be ineligible until the requirements are met. If tickets are not returned, members will not be allowed to join the WSHSRA again until all previous fundraising requirements are fulfilled. Furthermore, if the rules on how to return tickets, as expressed in the raffle letter, are not followed, members will be fined \$50 and placed on probation. If they do not turn in their raffle tickets, as instructed, the following season, they will be fined \$100 and not eligible to compete in the first rodeo.

3. Awards: Awards will be standardized 1st through 5th place and presented at State Finals. When team jackets and/or shirts are awarded to members qualifying for the NHSFR or the SSIR, qualifiers through 10th place will receive the team jacket or shirt.

4. Grades: In order to become a member of the WSHSRA or WSJHRA, students must submit the last posted report card from their school. The report must be stamped or affixed with the school seal or school letterhead. A student must have at least a 2.0 grade average to become a member. A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0.

The only acceptable report is an end of semester or end of trimester report card. Midterms and/or quarter grades or skyward may not be used. Once a student becomes a member, a 2.0 GPA must be maintained.

If a student has established membership and loses eligibility by dropping below a 2.0, that member will be placed on academic probation for the remainder of the season. If a member is placed on academic probation, they will be disqualified for one rodeo. The member will be required to provide a weekly grade report to the secretary one hour prior to the rodeo performance, for the remainder of the rodeo season. The grade report must be signed by a school official, on official school letterhead and reflect at least a 2.0 before being allowed to compete.

Homeschools, online schools, private schools, or religious schools that are accredited by the State of Washington must turn in grades as if you were a public school. If the home school, online school, private school, or religious school is not accredited by the State of Washington, the student must take a grade equivalency test once a year and pass at your current level in order to become a member.

In order to be eligible to participate in the WSHSRA State Finals, the member must submit a current progress report showing a minimum of a 2.0 GPA. The progress report must be dated, signed by a school official and the report card must be stamped or affixed with the school seal or on official school letterhead.

The report cards for fall and spring must be uploaded to the members membership account only.

5. Qualification to Rodeo: Report cards must be submitted to the Membership Secretary by the deadline as set forth by the board of directors before competing in the fall rodeos and before competing in the spring rodeos. And a progress report before state finals. If report cards and progress reports are not received by the deadline, member will not be in good standing, and will therefore not be eligible to compete in the first rodeo of each season. Students in the high school and junior high divisions must be in good standing; not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school. Students must be under 20 (high school) and under 16 (junior high) at the first of the National High School Rodeo year (Aug. 1), and are to have been enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade (high school), and are or have been enrolled in the 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade (junior high) the year just preceding the National High School Finals or National Junior High Finals the contestant is entering as long as the (minimum requirements) have made; passing grades in at least 70% of the classes taken, or met the state activity requirement of the state they are members in, even if they have graduated in the middle of the year (12th grade or 8th grade) or have attended school on half-days, they will be eligible to compete in National High School Rodeo/National Junior High School Rodeo through the National High School Finals Rodeo/ National Junior High School Finals Rodeo if he/she has not participated for more than 4 years (high school) or 3 years (junior high).

6. Entry Fee Breakdown: Contestants will pay the designated entry fee per event, to be voted on by the board of directors annually. The breakdown will include timed event/rough stock/reined cow horse/cutting/shooting fee, plus a \$5 jackpot fee and \$4 awards fee per event. An additional Central Entry/Secretary fee and credit card processing fee will be added to each contestants' entries. If a club is hosting a rodeo, they are allotted up to a \$10 camping/facility/club fee. If a family has more than one member living in the same household and competing in the junior high or high school rodeos, the family is only charged one time for the additional club fee.

7. Refund of Entry Fee: All fees must be paid online through Central Entry by the established day and time of closure for each rodeo. Entry fees are only refundable when a vet or medical slip is postmarked within 3 days of the rodeo and submitted to the Central Entry Secretary. Only cutting, reined cow horse, barrels and poles can be a vet out. The jackpot, awards and central entry fees are non-refundable.

8. No Show Fine: A No Show fine of \$25 per rodeo weekend will be charged to any contestant who does not show up for the scheduled event at any time during the weekend and does not notify the Central Entry Secretary at least one day before that performance that he/she is unable to attend. This fine is in addition to any entry fees that are due. Any contestant who has a "No Show" fine levied against him/her will be ineligible to rodeo until the fine in question is paid in full.

9. Late Entries: After the books close for a rodeo, late entries will be accepted through Central Entry until 3pm the following day after regular entries close, with a \$10 fee per day and will be placed in the least advantageous position in the draw from all member entries. No other entries will be accepted after this time. The \$10 fee will be payable to Central Entry.

10. Points: Members receive points for 1st through 10th place in each event at qualifying rodeos.

11. State Finals Points: Rodeos will be capped at 16 per year. (8 weekends) Members carry their highest points in an event from 14 rodeos into state finals. -A member must enter, and compete, in their respective event (any rodeo event, cutting, shooting, reined cow horse) at least 1 time in the regular season to be eligible to enter that event at state finals.

12. Back Numbers: Contestants must have their back numbers on at all times, and number must be always visible while competing in their events, when at rodeo or rodeo grounds or any rodeo function any time on or off the grounds at any time for the duration of the rodeo weekend. This is from the time the contestant checks in until they leave the grounds to return home.

13. NSF Check: If the association or any qualifying rodeo committee receives an NSF check, the NSF check will be dealt with in accordance with the NSF Check Policy as approved by the Board of Directors.

14. Timers: There will be two official timers at all rodeos. All timers are required to use digital watches which record to the hundredth of a second. Timers will record their individual times. The two times will then be averaged (rounded down to the nearest hundredth) by the timers and then given to the announcer. The average will then become the official time. In cases where only one watch records a time, that time shall be used. The timer who missed a time will record a "/" on the official timers sheet to signify a missed time. The recorded times shall stand and take priority over a verbal announcement. Poles and barrels will be timed with an electric eye when available and recorded in 1/1000ths.

15. Western Attire: Western attire consists of western hat, long sleeved shirt with shirttails tucked in at all times for the duration of the rodeo, shirt sleeves must be rolled down, (must be wrist length sleeved shirt, with collar and cuffs. No sweatshirts, t-shirts or pullover sweatshirts allowed), western boots, and western trousers at all times during a performance while in the arena, chute areas, stock working areas or any seating area, whether competing or not. All officers and directors, including students, when in an official capacity, shall be in western attire. Hat is optional except when in the arena, where full western attire shall be worn.

16. Rodeo Judge/Timer Pool: WSHSRA shall maintain a list of qualified judges and timers, each of whom has been approved by the board of directors, for all rodeo committees to choose from when hiring staff for their rodeo. Names may be added at any board of directors meeting as needed.

17. Pickup Men/Bull Fighter Pool: WSHSRA shall maintain a list of qualified pickup men and bull fighters, each of whom has been approved by the board of directors, for all rodeo committees to choose from when hiring staff for their rodeo. Names may be added at any board of directors meeting as needed.

18. Rodeo dates: Dates for all rodeos shall be scheduled a minimum of 30 days prior to the first rodeo of each season. Committees may then submit bids for those weekends. Scheduled weekends that are not approved for a specific committee shall be held as state run rodeos.

19. Event Sections: When an event is run in multiple sections the number of contestants in each section must be as equal as possible. Only events with 30 or more contestants may have three sections.

20. Rule Interpretation: If the standing rules conflict with the Association by-laws, the by-laws will take precedence. If the standing rules or by-laws conflict with the currently valid NHSRA rule book, NHSRA rules will take precedence. **Washington State will defer to the PRCA/WPRA rulebook if the matter at hand is not covered by the state rulebook or the NHSRA rulebook, as long as the PRCA/WPRA ruling does NOT directly contradict a NHSRA or WSHSRA rule already in the books.** Final interpretation of said by-laws or rules is by the Executive Board.

21. Jackpot: In the event that there are not enough qualified times/scores for the entire jackpot payoff, the money is to be split by payoff percentages among those qualified. Events with more than 20 contestants will pay 5 places.

22. Membership List: A \$50 fee will be charged to vendors for the WSHSRA membership list. The membership list will be sold only to vendors deemed to be in the best interest of the association by the Executive Board.

23. Voting: All members in good standing shall have a vote at any general membership meeting. Adult memberships may be purchased through the membership secretary.

24. Non-Member Entries: Non-members may enter one rodeo only and will be placed in the least advantageous position in the event draw. They will be charged a \$10 fee in addition to all applicable entry fees and must have all fees paid to the State Treasurer no later than Wednesday prior to the rodeo or will be drawn out. Central Entry will notify the State Treasurer of the non-member entry. Treasurer will notify the rodeo secretary when fees are paid.

25. Power and water fees are to be paid at the time of rodeo entry, whenever possible. Any member or members family that has hooked up to power and/or water, used a stall/shavings, or accrued any additional miscellaneous charges at a WSHSRA, and who has not notified and paid the rodeo secretary the amount due before leaving the grounds for the weekend will owe that amount plus a \$50 fine, payable before the member is allowed to compete at another WSHSRA sanctioned rodeo.

26. If a **team roping partner** is injured and unable to compete at a rodeo(s) where entries have closed, the uninjured partner can pick from contestants who are not already entered in team roping, and if unable to find a partner that way, then will draw from willing team ropers. Points will not count for the drawn partner.

27. NO WSHSRA sanctioned rodeo may begin unless a complete set of sponsorship flags are carried in the Grand Entry.

28. If the pattern is broken during barrels or poles, contestant **MUST** immediately exit the arena. If contestant continues on the course, a mandatory \$25 fine will be assessed, and must be paid before they can compete at the next rodeo.

29. All adult board members & adult event directors must wear a designated official marker, identifying their position.

30. The persons in charge of the scholarship program, sponsorships & awards will be an official board member. Website & Scholarship chairman will be added to the executive board. (Sponsorships is listed under "Business Manager in our bylaws, therefore they are already an EC member).

31. An "equipment manager" position will be added to the general board. This person is responsible for ALL of the state-owned rodeo equipment (poles, timer box, rope box pads, banners, markers & barrier set up) and will be sure to have all of the equipment at each rodeo. If there are repairs or replacement needed to any of the equipment, the equipment manager will report this to the board for approval to repair or replace.

32. The official points spreadsheet will be updated and available to the membership via the WSHSRA website and WSHSRA Facebook page no later than 72 hours after the conclusion of a sanctioned event. During State Finals, events will be officially updated no later than 1 hour after the conclusion of an event.

33. All new rule proposals will be due no sooner than the last day of the last rodeo in the regular season prior to the beginning of state finals.

34. All association paid positions will submit an application for the open position and be interviewed by a committee approved by the association board of directors. A recommendation made by that committee will be submitted for a full board of director vote. Positions will be no more than a two (2) year contract but may be terminated prematurely with a vote from the board of directors.