

2026 NATIONAL MID-WINTER MEETING

DENVER, CO

- High School membership is up 1500 members in the last 5 years

RULES:

- HS BKW & TD – ONLY 1 LOOP ALLOWED – Bell Collar in BKW

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (Tygh, Shelby, Presley)

- 2 Year terms for Executive Board

PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Charli, Addie, Raelynn)

- AQHA has scholarships for members
- BOOT BARN Future Stars of Rodeo for NHSRA Qualifiers
 - Sponsorships, to 2 boy & girl stay in Vegas
- PRO-CHOICE Monthly Winner
 - Finalist top 2 get \$1000 scholarships at NHSRA Finals
- Sponsor discounts at BEX, Smarty Young PRO, Slone Squad, QUANTA Services, Priefert Jr Elite offers camps & mentorship opportunities
- JOHN DEERE offers equine discounts on equipment

SAFETY: (Tracy, Tashia, Tygh)

- 39% of injury claims come from rough stock events
- Hard start time of 3pm for SAFETY Seminar and Equipment Check. MUST be there at start time and sit through the entire seminar and equipment, or you DO NOT COMPETE! Still doing 2 of them before Nationals starts.
 - There is discussion that we will do a mandatory Rough Stock Safety Meeting and Equipment Check at State Finals!!!
- There will be a Rough Stock REQUIREMENT checklist sent out to each state
- PRCA sending guys to rodeos for equipment checks and to help guide the kids throughout year, probably just Legacy rodeos

POWERS (Secretary Portal): (Tashia, Tracy)

- NATIONALS ENTRIES WILL BE online! There will still be Nationals packets, and a couple forms that will still have to be signed and notarized at state finals. **PAYEMTN WILL BE DUE VIA CREDIT CARD AT THE TIME OF SIGNUPS! MORE INFORMATION TO COME (LOTS MORE)**
 - Stalls (HOPEFULLY), Events and Jackpots will all be entered online
 - Camping, Mandatory Video forms, Felt Back #, W-9, Minor Release (NOTARIZED) and Dance bracelet forms will still need to be filled out and turned in to the state secretary
 - ALL Payments for these will be paid to the state!
- Relink accounts to update secretary changes

HOUSING AT LINCOLN: (Tashia, Tracy)

- No full hook ups
- There are SEVERAL dump stations onsite, and there will be 5-7 pump trucks running all day (for a fee). It was mentioned to bring your own portable dump wagon and take it via golf cart or other means, and dump your own rig FO FREE

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- There are 1306 Hookups and 188 DRY CAMPING (NON POTABLE WATER AVAILABLE)
 - Lincoln is working on getting the LARGE generators donated to be able to have everyone get to plug in at least. BUT, there will be restrictions on AC units and such
- **Washington gets 32 power/water hookups, rest dry camping (HOPEFULLY)**
 - 1 hook up per FAMILY (just like last year)
- There will only be 850 golf carts available for rent (SO AS SOON AS I GET YOU THIS INFO YOU NEED TO GET YOURS RESERVED!).
- MINIMAL personal golf cart permits will be sold
- Nebraska is a “NO BRAND” state
- There’s Boy Scouts of America Camp 4 miles away – Dry Camping
- Raceway is 13 miles away – Dry Camping
- There has been a significant internet upgrade since 2021
 - Cell tower upgrade Verizon & AT&T

SITES: (Tashia)

- NHSRA HS Nationals will be at the Lazy E in Guthrie, OK for 10 years, starting in 2030

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: (Tashia, Kylie, Harper)

- Jackpots are a good way to bring in new members and raise money at the rodeos
 - Tashia had an idea that we put on a jackpot rodeo (all ages) @ State Finals AFTER the 2 goes for JH & HS, but BEFORE the Shootout Round (SO Sunday). We could use the stock NOT drawn for the shootout round (IF the contractor is ok with that). We would have to look into insurance and facility rental fee if we do this
- Find different places to set up a booth and advertise the association
- Have 2 states come together and have a rodeo together
- Clinics for free if we talk to Gary
- We can get free merch (flyers, small NHSRA swag, etc) from Gary if we have a plan for a booth at an event. Just need to give enough heads up to get the stuff shipped
- James is available at the national office for anyone that has questions
- National Board is a great opportunity and you get to meet so many new people
- Idaho costs an average of \$150 for 5 events at a rodeo. They do regions
- **Girls events (Barrels, Poles, Goats) carry the rodeo across all states, not just Washington**
- SOCIAL MEDIA – But use it properly. Be mindful of what you post, and why you’re posting it.
- We need a “permission slip” signed from parents to allow their kids faces to be posted
- If you want the NHSRA to share your post, watch your language and the music that you use with it. And no inappropriate pictures.

FOUNDATION MEETING: (Tracy, Charli, Raelynn)

- \$200,000 in scholarships have expired this year.

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- Kids have to provide a current college semester transcript with their claim form to receive their scholarships.
- Can hold off until University or Grad School, but you have to notify the Foundation Board to set this up
- The silent auction at Nationals needs more items to help build the scholarship funds. This is separate from the Crisis Fund basket
- GIST has a 2% match for foundation scholarships on state matches if you buy GIST items
- Scholarships to the TOP 10 50/50 sellers
- Name Scholarships are covered entirely at \$1500
- ALWAYS open to sponsored name scholarships
- FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS are for Nationals Qualifiers ONLY. EVERY contestant that properly applies for a scholarship at Nationals automatically gets \$500 at minimum
- NHSRA has information on the website to download
 - Download this after state finals to have it done before Nationals. You MUST have your transcript, scholarship questions must be typed and there is NO PRINTER AT NATIONALS!
- Professionals Choice Monthly Winners, scholarship opportunity. Monthly there are barely any applicants. Apply for student or horse. Can only win 1 per year. You get a Pro Choice Saddle Pad and you can apply until you win
- Scholarships are for continuing education. There must be legal documentation (certification, license, accreditation)

CRISIS FUND: (Tashia, Presley, Shelby)

- MUST be a member in GOOD STANDING
 - Seniors can apply for Crisis fund \$\$ AS LONG AS they are still a member (BEFORE AUGUST 1st)!!
 - These funds would cover any crisis traveling to, participating, or traveling home from a SANCTIONED event
- There's also the Humanitarian Aid and the NHSRA website has the application. This covers NATURAL DISASTER (life altering)
- 2025 Crisis Fund baskets raised
 - \$49,415 for JH
 - \$75,925 for HS
- Washington JH earned the WILD CARD pick for camping at the 2026 JH Nationals
- The Crisis Fund Scholarship is raised from \$250 to \$500. Every state that either donates at least \$500 OR their basket raises at least \$300 gets this scholarship. This used to be the "Hard Luck" Scholarship
- It was recommended to have an "Injury Chairman" for each state. This person would be responsible for filing event accident forms to the National Office, as well as getting the proper insurance claim forms to the injured contestants family. And would also be able to recommend funds distribution for an injured contestant from the Crisis Fund. Tashia can explain more
- It was discussed to add the Crisis Fund application with the injury claim form so the injured contestant can have access to both.

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- Fill out the accident claim form for EVERY Rodeo or sanctioned event

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE: (FULL STUDENT BOARD)

- If you plan on running for a state OR national student board position, TAKE THE TIME to get to know the membership
- Advocate and PROMOTE rodeo
- Representation MATTERS!
- When you go out of your comfort zone, you develop leadership skills.
- Higher Boots has monthly advertised giveaways at the state level
- There is plans in the works for the Nationals KICKOFF Party again
- National Instagram giveaway launching Monday (two-week contest)
- State with most engagement wins boots
- New boot designs previewed; feedback requested
- Student officers shared Nationals, NFR, and sponsor meeting experiences

CONTESTANT ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: (FULL STUDENT BOARD)

- Dress Code will be the same for kids and chaperones
 - NO TANK TOPS OR SHORTS
 - Jeans & T-Shirts acceptable
- At least 4 chaperones each night
- No theme dances because it's too much work
- HS will have Cowboy Ball
- Volleyball Tournament is still happening
- JH Parent/Contestant Ribbon Roping
- Talent Show – SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES
- CINCH TOWN will be open daily
- CINCH Field Day – You must sign up the day before
- PRCA Camps
- SIGN UP EARLY for all extra/fun events
- Craft Showcase
- Dress code remains the same for all dances
- Back numbers required at dances; prom will use wristbands instead
- Prom dress code is formal/fancy
- Volleyball tournament requires advance signup and roster submission
- College fair to be held during Nationals for recruiting exposure
- Added clinics: Roughstock and Reined Cow Horse
- Knowledge Bowl teams consist of 3 members
- CINCH Career fair confirmed
- Western Lifestyle Craft Showcase open to NHSRA members (no qualification required)

AWARDS COMMITTEE: (Tracy, Kylie, Harper)

- Buckle price went up \$39,000

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- Do patches instead of medallions for team prizes to offset cost

QUEEN COMMITTEE: (Kylie, Harper)

- NHSRA Queen is required to be at Nationals, NFR, and Mid-Winter Meeting
 - Lots of responsibilities
 - Has to carry flags
- 2026 Contest
 - Keeping bio the same
 - Horsemanship pattern will be the same
 - Speech topic is the same, very broad
 - Discussion on attire for contest
 - Western Attire
 - CINCH jeans
 - White Shirt
 - NO accessories
 - Hat Crown
 - NO OTHER FANCY STYLES ALLOWED
 - There was discussion on changing the collar on the dress (No collar required now)

SHOOTING: (Tracy)

- We need to look into the computer program!!!!

WESTERN LEGACY SERIES: (Tygh, Charli, Raelynn)

- NHSRA gives money to each WLS Rodeo to put it on or use for payouts. IF the WLS Rodeo is put on by a 3rd party, the money must be used for added money

RODEO PERSONEL: (Tygh Kylie, Harper)

- Cutting will have the same number of judges at Nationals
- Bullfighters will be cut from 4, to 3 in the arena. This year they will have 4 there, and they will rotate. Starting next year, there will only be 3 bullfighters
- National Instagram giveaway launching Monday (two-week contest)
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LIVESTOCK INSPECTION: (Tygh, Presley, Shelby)

- They need least 75 qualified steers (usually there's 100)
- 105 goats
- RCH is expected to go up in expense this year

ANIMAL WELFARE: (Tygh)

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PLANNING & STEERING: (Tygh, Charli, Raelynn)

- Western Legacy Series has helped grow the membership
- Numbers are pretty steady

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- Western Legacy Series is like a mini Nationals, with several states coming together. Any NHSRA member from any state can enter the Western Legacy Series Rodeos.
- WLS is advertising on the Cowboy Channel to get more information out
- The question was brought up “Why was membership so high in the past years and now decreased?” – Economy, COVID, \$\$\$
- State need to take advantage of Social Media Assets. Tell stories, connecting moments
- More advertising for National Scholarships

GRAND ENTRY COMMITTEE: (Tashia, Kylie, Harper)

- Every performance there will be 2 random flags with prize tags on them. If you volunteer to carry a flag and get one of the tags, turn it in for something great from one of the NHSRA sponsors
- Monday – Polka Dots & Stripes (ALL OTHER THEME NIGHTS WILL STAY THE SAME)
- Wednesday – Queen Showcase Costumes
- NO BABY POWDER, CONFETTI CANNONS, ETC