

TEXAS JUNIOR HIGH RODEO ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS

A TEXAS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

UNDER DIRECTION OF TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I. NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization shall be the "Texas Junior High Rodeo Association" or herein referred to as TJHRA.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND AIMS OF THE TEXAS JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION

- A. To maintain order and standards set up by the National High School Rodeo Association.
- B. To promote junior high school rodeo on a state scale in accordance with TJHRA rules and superseded by NHSRAI rules. To work toward this goal by bringing recognition to this program by organized activity.
- C. To promote the highest type of conduct and sportsmanship at the various rodeos by setting up standards to be met to reach this end.
- D. To promote closer relationship among the people interested in this activity and the organization they represent.
- E. To increase and maintain interest of the junior high school students in rodeo on the regional level, the TJHRA Finals and other functions throughout the state.
- F. To encourage boys and girls to continue in school and participate in rodeos and continue their education and participate in high school and intercollegiate rodeo.
- G. To encourage regions to have fair quality, equitable junior high school rodeo in accordance with TJHRA and NHSRAI rules. The winners from these rodeos shall participate in the TJHRA Finals to be held at a site designated by the State Board of Directors.
- H. To ensure that contestants will be under sixteen (16) years of age at the first of the NHSRA rodeo year (August 1) and are/or have been enrolled in the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade of the year just preceding the National Junior High Finals the contestant is entering. Eligibility for Junior High age contestants is limited to a maximum of four years which is one year of eligibility for each grade identified; 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. The four year maximum eligibility will apply regardless of whether or not a contestant is voluntarily held back by their parent and/or guardian.
- I. In the event of dissolution of this organization, any assets belonging to the TJHRA will go to a non-profit charitable purpose designated by the State Board of Directors.
- J. To encourage education, sportsmanship, consideration and equality from all regardless of race, creed or color.

ARTICLE III. TERM OF OFFICE

- A. The terms of office of all officers shall commence the first Monday after the State Junior High School Rodeo Finals and will continue until the first Monday following the next Annual State Finals meeting. The exceptions will be the secretary and National Director who shall fulfill the obligations of their office throughout the National Junior High School Finals.
- B. **NATIONAL DIRECTOR**
 1. Election of National Director
 - a. The National Director shall be elected for a five (5) year term by the State Board of Directors, to be approved by the National High school Rodeo Association Board of Directors.
 - b. Nominations shall be submitted at the State Board of Directors Annual Sate Finals meeting of that year.
 2. Duties of the National Director
 - a. The National Director will attend all Board Meetings and Directors Meetings.
 - b. The National Director will attend the TJHRA Finals Rodeo, the NJHRAI Finals Rodeo, the Annual January NHSRAI Directors meeting and report to the TJHRA Board Of Directors.
 - c. The National Director will assume duties assigned by the NHSRAI Board of Directors.
 - d. The Nationals Director will attend regional rodeos and report same to the TJHRA Board of Directors. IN the event the National Director cannot attend a regional junior high school rodeo, a State Director will be present in the National Director's behalf.
- C. **DELEGATES (Adults)**
 1. Three (3) delegates shall be elected or appointed by the TJHRA Board of Directors at the TJHRA Finals Rodeo Meeting. These delegates and The National Director shall attend the NHSRAI meeting held during the NHSRAI Finals Rodeo.
- D. **STATE EVENT DIRECTORS (Adult)**
 1. State Event Directors may be appointed by the TJHRA Board of Directors for the TJHRA Finals Rodeo. They will supervise preparations for their respective event at the TJHRA Finals Rodeo. These directors may be contacted to assist any region or member association in conducting clinics and handling event related situations.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There shall be a State Board of Directors which will represent and consist of thirty-four (34) members, three (3) from each ten (10) regions, and one (1) National Directors, three (3) student officers with one (1) vote each and adults shall have one (1) vote each. No region shall elect more than one (1) director per household. (The names, addresses and other pertinent information listed on EXHIBIT A.) These State-Regional Directors will vote on any matter pertaining to respective Regional Rodeos in conjunction with the TJHRA Finals Rodeo. An Agenda containing all business to be discussed and voted upon must be mailed to all members of the TJHRA Board of Directors ten (10) days prior to a regular or special called meeting. An emergency meeting can be held and business conducted by the Executive Committee composed of those listed below. An emergency meeting will require two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Executive Committee; regular meeting fifty-one (51%) of the TJHRA Board membership with a simple majority.

There shall be an Executive Committee of the TJHRA Board of Directors composed of the Immediate Past President, President, 1st Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, National Director, and six (6) Delegates

elected by the TJHRA Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. This committee shall have the power of the TJHRA Board of Directors to transact business of an emergency nature. A report of the Executive Committee will be made to the TJHRA Board of Directors at the next regular meeting or by letter.

Vacancies on the TJHRA Board of Directors shall be filled upon recommendations by the TJHRA Board Members of that Region to be acted upon by the remaining TJHRA Board of Directors within thirty (30) days. This would also include any member resigning from said TJHRA Board of Directors. If a TJHRA Board member misses two (2) consecutive meetings, that member shall be replaced within that region, with the TJHRA Board of Directors recommendations.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

- A. There shall be three (3) types of officers in the TJHRA.
 - 1. State
 - 2. Student
 - 3. Honorary (Family of Claude Mullins)
- B. **State**
 - 1. The officers of this association will be: President, 1st Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, six (6) Delegates-At-Large, of which all will be elected by the TJHRA Board of Directors by secret ballot.
 - 2. The officers of this association will perform duties usually performed by such officers together with such duties as shall be prescribed by the By-laws of the Association and/or the TJHRA Board of Directors.
 - 3. Any officer, by election, may succeed themselves in office.
 - 4. An officer may be removed from office by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the members of the TJHD Board of Directors.
- C. **Student**
 - 1. Student officers will be elected during the TJHRA Finals. State Student Officers must be in junior high the following year.
 - 2. Student officers will be: President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.
 - 3. Term of office for all Student Officers will commence the first Monday following the Annual State Finals.
 - 4. Newly elected student officers and current student officers will attend the State Board of Directors meeting following the Annual Student meeting. The officer-elect will have no vote, but will assume their duties as board members on the first Monday following the Annual State Finals meeting.
 - 5. For election of student officers, will be by the general membership. Election shall be by a majority vote and voting by secret ballot.

ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. **President:** The President will conduct all meetings.
 - 1. The President will be the Chairperson of the Executive Committee, an ex-officio member of all committees and will represent the TJHRA Board on all Corporate matters, and shall have the authority to disburse State Funds to meet state financial obligations with the authorization of the TJHRA Board of Directors.

2. The President will call for an annual audit of all TJHRA records after each TJHRA Finals and will call for financial statements from each region semi-annually, to be submitted in January and at the Annual Meeting of the TJHRA Finals will report same to the TJHRA Board of Directors.
- B. Vice President:**
1. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence and in the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of President, he/she shall serve as President until the annual election of officers. The Vice-President shall be in charge of programs as assigned by the President.
- C. Secretary-Treasurer:**
1. The Secretary-Treasurer will record minutes of all meetings. The Secretary-Treasurer of the TJHRA Board of Directors will preserve all documents of the TJHRA, and will issue membership cards to all members of the aid of the regional secretaries. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have custody of all funds belonging to TJHRA, shall keep an accurate record of all receipts, disbursements, make reports as directed and disburse money as approved by the TJHRA.
 2. The Secretary-Treasurer will be in charge of all funds of the TJHRA, and shall deposit such funds in the bank, shall be bonded and the fee is to be paid by the TJHRA.
- D. Delegate-At-Large (6):**
1. Will be elected at large as a member of the TJHRA Executive Board, will be in charge of all publicity and advertising.
- E. Student Officers:**
1. Student Officers will perform the duties usually performed by such officers in student matters pertaining to TJHRA.
 2. The student officers will conduct the Annual Student Meeting held at the TJHRA Finals.
 3. The Student Secretary will report the minutes of the Annual Meeting at the following TJHRA Board of Directors meeting.
 4. The student officers will represent the student membership on the TJHRA Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII. MEETING

- A. The annual meeting of the TJHRA will be held during the annual TJHD Finals at a place designated by the TJHRA Board of Directors.
1. Notice of date, time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be sent to each State Board Member within each region twenty (20) days prior to said meeting.
 2. The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct the student affairs and business of the TJHRA, elect officers, both adult and student, for the coming fiscal year. Student Officers will present any proposal decided upon at the TJHRA Board of Directors meeting.
 3. The order of business at the Annual Meeting will be prepared by the beginning of the meeting and shall include:
 - a. Roll call by Regions
 - b. Reading of minutes/treasurer's report
 - c. Report of the TJHRA Board of Directors
 - d. Report of Regions
 - e. Report of special committees
 - f. Election of officers
 - g. Old Business

- h. New Business
 - i. President's Message
 - j. Report of National Director
 - k. Adjournment
4. The TJHRA Board shall accept no proxy vote under any circumstances. If a Director is absent, his/her vote is lost.

ARTICLE VIII. STATE CONTEST

- A. The TJHRA Finals shall be conducted under the same rules and regulations as set forth in Article IX of the NHSRAI Constitution and By-Laws.
- 1. The TJHRA Finals will be set as to time and place by the TJHRA Board of Directors.
 - 2. To enter in the TJHRA Finals, a contestant must be a current member of NHSRAI and qualify in his/her region.
- B. The association recognizes two (2) sexes, male and female, based solely on the contestant's genetic makeup, otherwise known as genotype. This is designated at birth, not by gender identity or preference, but based solely on the contestant's DNA. This is in accordance with and similar to Texas House Bill 25 regarding participation in school sports which defers to the gender identified on the birth certificate at or very near birth but does not address the condition that birth certificates can and/or have been changed to suit the gender identity of the participant or contestant. Males and females, as identified by their genotype, will be allowed to participate in their respective events pursuant to the rulebook and further outlined within this rule. If a contestant is found to be in violation and/or have violated this rule, their membership will be revoked, all points will be lost and any sponsorships provided, or fees paid will be forfeited and remain the property of the State and/or Region Association.

In the event of a complaint regarding sex identification it will be the sole responsibility and expense of the contestant and/or their family to provide proof that clarifies the matter at hand.

a. Junior High School Events open to genotype girls only:

- 1. Clover-leaf Barrel Racing;
- 2. Pole Bending Race;
- 3. Girls Breakaway Roping;
- 4. Girls Goat Tying; and
- 5. Princess Contest Event.

b. Junior High School Events open to genotype boys only:

- 1. Bareback Steer Riding;
- 2. Saddle Bronc Steer Riding;
- 3. Bull Riding;
- 4. Chute Dogging;

5. Tiedown Roping;
6. Boys Breakaway Roping; and
7. Boys Goat Tying.

c. Junior High School Events open to both genotype boys and genotype girls:

1. Dally Team Roping;
2. Ribbon Roping (teams must consist of one (1) genotype boy and one (1) genotype girl); and
2. Light Rifle.

ARTICLE IX. REGIONAL CONTEST

- A. All TJHRA Regional rodeos will be conducted under the same rules and regulations as set forth in Article IX of the NHSRAI Constitution and By-Laws. If these rules and regulations are not met, contestants from said region or regions will not qualify to enter the TJHRA Finals.
- B. Each region will not be required to have a Regional Finals Rodeo each year. If any region is unorganized, the TJHRA Board of Directors shall assign contestants by counties to other regions. After determining the eligibility of such applicant, the region will enter the contestant in their rodeo. A contestant is eligible to qualify in only one (1) region a year for TJHD qualifications and must place in the top ten (10) places of said qualifications.
- C. The bylaw included above in Article VIII. B. will apply equally to the Regional Contest as it does to the State Contest.

ARTICLE X. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership will be open to anyone wishing to support and perpetuate the sport of rodeo and junior high school student involvement in this sport.
- B. Membership will be divided into four (4) major categories:
 1. Student Membership – Texas Junior High School students interested in the sport of rodeo and the affairs of the TJHRA. Students shall have voting privileges at regional level only.
 2. Adult Membership – Individuals wishing to actively participate in the affairs and activities of the TJHRA. Adults shall have voting privileges at regional level only.
 3. Honorary Membership – Individuals as determined by TJHRA Board.
 4. Lifetime Non-Voting Membership - \$100.00 per person. 50% to Scholarship Fund; 25% to Fund for Travel to Nationals.
 5. TJHRA Finals; and 25% to general operating fund of administrative expenses.
- C. Any person becoming a member of the Corporation will comply with all of its rules, by-laws and decisions and will be bound by the same.

ARTICLE XI. DUES

- A. Dues vary according to the type of membership and are subject to changes as according to the State and National policies.
- B. All dues are payable to the State Secretary-Treasurer, who will divide all monies as specified and issue each member a certificate of membership which may not be transferred or assigned.
- C. Any student wishing to participate in any Regional or the TJHRA Finals must be a current member verified by a membership card or written statement by the State Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE XII. REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

- A. Officers:
 - 1. Regional President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer (to be bonded).
 - 2. Regional officers shall be elected at the Annual Regional meeting to be held prior to the TJHRA Finals by current dues paying members.
 - 3. Term of office shall be one (1) year for all Regional Officers.
 - 4. Each Officer will be eligible to succeed himself/herself in office by election.

ARTICLE XIII. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- A. Type perpetual
- B. This fund will stay intact as long as TJHRA, is in existence, with only the interest going to scholarships.
- C. Any scholarship not applied for within six (6) years will be returned to the perpetual fund.
- D. Types of Scholarships: To be determined by TJHRA State Board of Directors
- E. Scholarship approval will be made by TJHRA Executive Board after selection by Scholarship Committee appointed by the President.
- F. In the event the TJHRA needs funds to produce the TJHRA Finals, the perpetual fund can be used as collateral for one (1) year only. Any indebtedness must be paid off each year, before the said fund can be used as collateral for another year.

ARTICLE XIV. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, REVISED shall govern this association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws and those of the National High School Rodeo Association, Inc.

ARTICLE XV. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the association by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting provided notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given in the notice of the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The TJHD Board of Directors either wholly or in part may adjourn in to a closed meeting.

ARTICLE XVII. GRIEVANCE

Procedure is to be established in accordance with NHSRAI. The Regional and State executive committee shall hear grievances at the Regional and State level.

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