

GUIDELINES FOR REGIONS
TEXAS JUNIOR HIGH RODEO ASSOCIATION
UNDER DIRECTION OF THSRA, INC.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of these guidelines/rules is to supplement and/or clarify the NHSRA rule book and the Constitution and By-Laws of the TJHRA. Because TJHRA is not structured exactly as the national organization, there are areas which are not specifically covered in the NHSRA Rule book or the TJHRA Constitution. Additionally, The TJHRA State Board of Directors, have adopted rules for the Regions which enables them to function on a similar basis, thus attaining a measure of common ground among the Regions.

Members should always keep in mind that the FIRST AUTHORITY for TJHRA is the NHSRA rule book. Substituting the word "Region" for the word "State-Providence" will usually enable one to easily apply the NHSRA Rule book to a Region situation. The SECOND AUTHORITY is the TJHRA State Constitution and By-Laws. Region officers and directors are especially Guidelines/Rules.

REGIONAL ORGANIZATION:

1. Officers of each region shall consist of: President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer a minimum of at least five (5) directors elected by the general membership of said region.
2. It is suggested that the annual election of officers be held at the last region rodeo prior to the -state finals or by a mail-in ballot, thus enabling as many members as possible to participate in the election process. Region officers should be elected, not appointed. Vacancies should be filled by a general membership election.
3. Term of regional officers shall be for one (1) year and two (2) years for state directors.
4. Each officer shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself in office by election.
5. **Student contestant members and ADULT MEMBERS are eligible to vote in Region elections as long as said dues are paid prior to an election.**
6. Region Secretary/Treasurer **MUST BE BONDED** prior to August 31st for the following contesting year (Aug 1- July 31), said fee to be submitted to the State Office.
7. State Directors, at their Regional Rodeo(s), are the designated representatives of the National Director. It shall be their responsibility to see that the NHSRA Rule book is followed and to address any problems that might arise.
8. The Executive Board of each Region shall consist of the elected officers, three State Directors and the Past President.

9. Any checking accounts used by the Region, should use the THSRA tax ID number. When setting a region checking/savings/CD accounts shall require three officers on the signature card, including the Secretary and or Treasurer and President. If the secretary/treasury is the same person the Vice President must be an additional signer on the account.
10. The Region Secretary/Treasurer shall collect, receive and disburse ALL funds. This includes any and all moneys paid as jackpot or prizes at Region Rodeos.
11. The Region Secretary/Treasurer shall submit a quarterly financial statement: 1st quarter being August 1st – October 31st due November 15th; 2nd quarter being November 1st – January 31st due February 15; 3rd quarter being February 1st – April 30th due May 15th; May 1st – July 31st due August 15th. Failure to submit said information on the deadlines stated above shall result in the offending region being fined **One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars**. Within five (5) days of the being assessed, notice of said fine will be given in writing, to the Region President and the three State Directors of said region. Additional fine of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars shall be assessed for each thirty (30) days said financial statement is not remitted to the State Office. Any fines must be paid and said financial statement remitted to the State Office in order for contestants from that Region to compete in the State Finals Rodeo.
12. The Region Secretary/Treasurer shall submit a yearly financial statement by November 15th to cover the period of August 1st to July 31st of the previous “rodeo” year that has been reviewed by a third party not affiliated with the association. Failure to submit said information on the deadline on November 15th shall result in the offending region being fined **One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars**. Within five (5) days of the being assessed, notice of said fine will be given in writing, to the Region President and the three State Directors of said region. Additional fine of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars shall be assessed for each thirty (30) days said financial statement remitted to the State Office in order for contestants from that Region to compete in the State Finals Rodeo.
13. The Region Secretary/Treasurer shall submit monthly bank statements (with copies of the checks), along with monthly financials including Profit/Loss, Balance Sheet, Deposit Detail and Reconciliation Summary and Detail or give the State secretary access to online banking. If turning in monthly bank statements they should be turned in by the 15th of each month. Failure to submit said information on the deadline of the 15th of each month shall result in the offending region being fined **One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars**. Within five (5) days of the being assessed, notice of said fine will be given in writing, to the Region President and the three State Directors of said region. Additional fine of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars shall be assessed for each thirty (30) days said statements is not remitted to the State Office. Any fines must be paid and said bank statements remitted to the State Office in order for contestants from that Region to compete in State Finals Rodeo.

TRANSFERS

1. Once a student has ENTERED in a rodeo in a given Region, that student CANNOT transfer to another Region unless he/she is released from said region and accepted by the region

he/she is wanting to transfer into. The transfer form must be signed by both Region Secretaries and contestant wanting to transfer before contestant will be eligible to enter a regional rodeo.

2. Student contestants MAY NOT transfer points from one Region to another in the event his/her family moves to another Region.
3. When a transfer is made, the transfer is permanent, unless the member should physically move to another region, or if the member wanted to join another region at the beginning of the next rodeo year.

GRADES/ELIGIBILITY

1. In order to participate in TJHRA approved qualifying rodeos, students must be passing four (4) subjects, or if taking less than four (4) subjects must be passing at least 70% of the classes taken. **ALL STUDENTS** will turn in grades to region secretary at the beginning of the year and at the end of the **FIRST SEMESTER**. If a student does not meet grade requirements, he/she must miss the next two (2) rodeos in their region after the failing report card is received. **When official verification that grades have been improved to meet NHSRA minimum requirements is received by the region secretary, student will be eligible to compete at the next qualifying rodeo.** All Official TJHRA Region rodeo entry forms must have certification of eligibility signed and dated by a school official as stated in the current NHSRA Rule Book. Or they may attach a computer generated grades with current date showing their current grades. All TJHRA members, including those home schooled, must attend an academically accredited high school. And, in the case of members being home schooled, their work and tests must be returned to the accredited home school from which they purchased their curriculum for grading, with an official report card or progress report being issued by the accredited home school. The home schooled student must have their curriculum approved by the state office if they grade their own work.
2. **SECOND SEMESTER GRADES ONLY** (or a certified letter from the school, if grades are not ready before the TJHRA finals) will be considered for eligibility of contestants to participate in the TJHRA State Finals Rodeo. Students that take a multi-hour course but receive only ONE GRADE on the grade report form, will be considered taking ONE subject for that course.
3. Summer school will be treated as a semester.

TEAM ROPING/RIBBON ROPING

1. Points earned will belong to the contestant (Event and All Around).
2. As voted on by the High School State Board of Directors, in order for a contestant's points to count in the team roping and/or ribbon roping, he/she must rope with another member of the same region.

3. As voted on by the High School State Board of Directors, draw partners are not allowed for any reason. If a team roper and/or ribbon roper is left without a partner, he/she can pick up someone to rope or run for as long as that person is not already entered in the team roping and/or ribbon roping and is already entered in the particular rodeo in question.
4. As voted on by the State Board of Directors, the top 10 headers or ropers and heelers or runners from each region are the ropers (runners) that qualify for the State Finals Rodeo. Points coming into the State Finals will be determined by how said headers or ropers and heelers or runners partner up after the last region rodeo. The top 10 headers or ropers and top 10 heelers or runners pair up to enter the state finals. The season points for the header or roper and the season points for the heeler or runner are added together to determine the region rankings for points. The entering teams are assigned region points for the state finals from 10 points to 1 point.
5. **After qualifying, if for any reason, his/her partner cannot attend the State Finals Rodeo, he/she may pick up a new partner of his/her choice, provided the new partner has roped in the Region's team roping/ribbon roping event during the qualifying year.**

REGION ENTRY BLANKS

1. Each region is required to use the official, state-approved entry form for each of said Region qualifying rodeos.
2. All entry blanks/forms must have the eligibility certification signed and dated as per NHSRA Rule Book.

POINT SYSTEM (need to add this wording)

1. Each Region shall use a ten (10) point system for each event to qualify contestants to the State Finals Rodeo. First place – ten (10) points, second place – nine (9) points, etc., through tenth place – one (1) point. All points will count.
2. The All-Around in each region shall be computed as specified in the NHSRA Rule book on pgs. 39-42.
3. Any TJHRA member may compete in ANY REGION RODEO other than his/her own region for money, prizes and and/or practice but will receive NO POINTS.

ACTIVITY SHEET (we have this wording under Point System)

1. Activity approval sheets must be submitted to the State Secretary 45 days prior to the scheduled event. Late activity sheets will not be approved.
2. **Regional rodeo results must be uploaded to the official website www.tjhra.net within five (5) days following the approved event. Failure to upload said information within the above time frame shall result in the offending region being fined Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for each occurrence. Within five (5) days of being assessed, notice of said fine will be given in writing to the State Directors and Region President. All fines must be**

paid prior to the State Finals Rodeo in order of r contestants from that Region to compete in the State Finals Rodeo.

REQUIRED DONATIONS

1. It is **MANDATORY** for all TJHRA members to sell, at least, one (1) \$50.00 ad for the State Finals Program. The 1st \$50.00 ad must be turned into the member's region secretary by **DECEMBER 1ST**. If a member fails to meet this requirement, he/she will not be allowed to enter any TJHRA rodeo until this requirement is met. All of the first \$50.00 ads will be due at the state office by **January 1st**. For an additional ads sold, the member will receive 25% commission on the additional ad amount and the member's region will receive 20% commission once the total sales has reached \$350.00.
2. Each Region may set up a donation schedule or program of their own to qualify for awards given on the region level.
3. Each TJHRA member will be required to sell one (1) Bloomer trailer raffle tickets. Each ticket cost \$50.00. The ticket and money shall be turned into the Region secretary by **December 1st**. If a member fails to meet this requirement, he/she will not be allowed to enter any TJHRA rodeo until this requirement is met. The drawing will be held during the THSRA Finals Rodeo. All of the members' Bloomer Raffle ticket will be due at the State Office by **January 1st** of the following year.
4. Each TJHRA member will be required to sell fifteen (15) Ford Raffle tickets. Each cost of the ticket will be \$5.00. The ticket and money shall be turned into the Region secretary by **December 1st**. If a member fails to meet this requirement, he/she will not be allowed to enter any TJHRA rodeo until this requirement it met. The drawing will be held during the THSRA Finals Rodeo. All of the members' Dodge Raffle ticket money will be due at the State office by **January 1st** of the following year.
5. Each Region Secretary should make an attempt to have the first ads of \$50, Ford Raffle tickets and Bloomer ticket turned into the state office by **January 1st**. After January 15th a fine of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars shall be assessed to the Region. Within five (5) days of being assessed, notice of said fine will be given, in writing, to the Region President and the three Sate Directors of said region. Additional fine of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars shall be assessed for each thirty (30) days said ads and tickets is not remitted to the State Office. Any fines must be paid and said ads and tickets remitted to the State Office in order for contestants from that Region to compete in the State Finals Rodeo.
6. **Any member not meeting these requirements will not be allowed to participate in any region rodeo until the requirements listed above have been met!**

MEMBERSHIP

1. Applications for membership in TJHRA will be accepted at any time.
2. **Paid adult members and student members** are eligible to vote on any regional matter brought before the general membership.

3. There shall be no waiting period after application is **CORRECTLY** submitted before allowing a contestant to compete in a region rodeo. If the application is incomplete, member **must not** be allowed to compete in a region rodeo until such time the incomplete application has been corrected.

REGION RODEO

1. Each region shall hold a minimum of ten (10) qualifying rodeos for determining qualifying contestants to the State Finals Rodeo.
2. Regions have the option of adopting certain ground rules for region rodeos by approval of a majority of the Region Executive Board. These rules include suspension of the dress code due to inclement weather and designation of the area to be considered the "arena".
3. Qualifying contestants for the State Finals Rodeo must complete entry blanks for the State Finals Rodeo **at or prior to the final region rodeo.**
4. All region rodeos shall be conducted under the rules and regulations set forth in the NHSRA rule book; if said rodeos are not, contestants of said region shall not be qualified to enter the Texas State Finals Rodeo.
5. All region qualifying rodeos must be completed **BY THE FIRST WEEKEND IN APRIL OF THE RODEO YEAR.** All entries to the State Finals must be mailed to the State Secretary postmarked no later than seven (7) days following each respective region final rodeo.
6. All grievances will be handled under the rules and regulations of the Constitution and By-Laws.

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