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CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

DISTRICT 8

MEMBER INFORMATION, REQUIREMENTS, POLICY MANUAL AND BYLAWS

DISTRICT 8 GOVERNING BODY:

- Refer to California State High School Rodeo Policy and National High School Rodeo Association Rulebook.

MEMBERSHIP/GRADE/REPORT CARD REQUIREMENTS:

- Refer to California State High School Rodeo Policy and National High School Rodeo Association Rulebook for membership and for Report Card & Progress Note acceptance rules.
- It is your responsibility to make sure the **MEMBERSHIP** Secretary receives a copy of your **MOST CURRENT REPORT CARD** or School issued Progress Report as soon as the grading period ends.
- If you withhold a report card from the Secretary, it will be considered a disqualifying infraction and you will not be allowed to rodeo until it is received.

RESIDENCE CHANGE AND DISTRICT TRANSFER:

- Refer to California State High School Rodeo Policy

ENTRIES:

- Late entries will be accepted until 2 days after entries close with a \$50 late fee. All entries will be done online only.
- The grade release form must include all of the required signatures, Official School validation. If the grade release form is not uploaded by the deadline you will not be in the rodeo.
- It is your responsibility to call back (Via email) to verify that your rodeo entry was received and complete at the designated call back time. Call backs will only be accepted on the date and time listed on your entry form, which will be Monday by 9pm. Call back lists will be emailed to all contestants.
- The draw date will always be the Wednesday prior to the Rodeo. This will be the last opportunity to draw out of a rodeo without a doctor's or veterinarian's note.

CALL BACKS:

- The purpose of "CALL BACKS" is to verify your entry was received, complete and accepted or to make any changes, additions or draw outs, without forfeiting your entry fees, you have until Monday at 9pm to notify the rodeo secretary.
- After this time the draw will be done and stock ordered therefore no changes accepted.

REFUNDS:

- There will be no refunds after the call back date. Stock will be ordered and your entry fees will be figured into the payout when applicable.
- However, a contestant may drop out of any event due to injury to themselves or their horse. A doctor's or DVM excuse must be presented to the Rodeo Secretary to release contestant. A contestant with a doctor's written excuse provided notification of such turn out is authorized by a Judge, Arena Director or Rodeo Secretary, then you will be eligible for a refund

NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECKS:

- Any returned check if not cleared by entry deadline of the following rodeo will result in becoming a member in bad standings and the member will not be allowed to compete in the next rodeo.
- 2nd returned check puts member on a Cashier's Check/Money order basis only, to begin immediately.
- A returned check fee of \$50 will be charged. District Secretary to notify State Secretary of any outstanding debts due to the District by August 1st.
- Membership will not be issued until all District and/or State obligations are satisfied. District Secretary may require money order or cash for all payments if checks are returned more than once.

CONTESTANT TURN OUT:

- You can turn out of an event before the call back date and receive your full entry fees back.

Notified turn out on the day of the rodeo:

- If you will not be able to make it to the first go, you are to notify the rodeo Secretary.
- You will be eligible to ride in the 2nd go and get points in that go but will not be eligible for average points.
- If you are hurt and require medical attention at the rodeo, you must have a medical release to return to the rodeo.
- Any contestant that scratches an event after the call back date forfeits his/her entry fee in total.
- However, a contestant may drop out of any event due to injury to themselves or their horse. A doctor's or DVM excuse must be presented to the Rodeo Secretary to release contestant. A contestant with a doctor's written excuse provided notification of such turn out is authorized by a Judge, Arena Director or Rodeo Secretary. In either case a doctor's

written release may be required to resume competition.

Non-Notified turn out on the day of the rodeo:

- If you will not be able to make it to the first go, and do not notify the rodeo Secretary, you will not be eligible to ride in the 2nd go.

CONTESTANT DISQUALIFICATION:

- Any contestant using foul language can be disqualified.
- Any contestant or parent/relative/guest of a contestant disturbing the progress of a rodeo can result in that contestant's disqualification from the rodeo.
- It is a State Policy that any member falsifying a report card or entry form or cheating or attempting to cheat shall be suspended for the balance of the rodeo season.
- Refer to NHSRA Rule book for further contestant disqualifications. Any student turned out for any reason will forfeit entry fees.
- **NO ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS** are tolerated at a High School Rodeo performance by anyone, adults or youths.

DRESS CODE:

- Contestants must wear western attire at all times while on the rodeo grounds: Western hat, long sleeved shirt with wrist length sleeves, cuffs and collar, Western boots and trousers.
- Shirt sleeves must be rolled down and shirt tails tucked in.
- The only exception to this rule will be in rough stock events, a rider may roll up sleeves two rolls, not to exceed the elbow on riding arm only, when competing.
- Contestants must wear their rodeo numbers on their backs at all times on the rodeo grounds. The entire number must be visible, when you are competing or you will receive a no time or be disqualified.
- Dress code is in effect at all times during the performance while in the following areas: Arena, Chute Areas, Stock Working Areas, and Warm up areas.

RAIN DATES:

- An attempt will be made to give 24 hour notice to contestants when a rodeo is canceled. We will attempt to contact all contestants, but when in question, it is the contestant's responsibility to contact a Board Member to see if the Rodeo has been cancelled.

RULE BOOKS, BYLAWS & POLICIES:

- Each member will receive an NHSRA Rule Book, California Bylaws and Policies & District 8 Bylaws and Polices.
- You and your parents are expected to be familiar with the contents & rules within each of these documents.

QUALIFYING RODEOS:

- All district rodeos are qualifying rodeos.

POINTS:

- The point keepers will check the official time/score sheets to verify the 1st to 10th place in each go around and the average.
- Each rodeo will have 2 go rounds and an average. Points awarded as follows: 1st – 10, 2nd – 9, 3rd – 8, 4th – 7, 5th – 6, 6th – 5, 7th – 4, 8th 3, 9th – 2, 10th -1.
- The maximum points that can be awarded per rodeo event are 30.

HELPERS:

- Requirement of District 8 Membership is every student member must have an Associate Member helper.
- It is mandatory that all helpers are current members or associate members for insurance purposes this includes hazers, pushers or helpers.
- All helpers are subject to Penalty Clause stated under the Judges section and must adhere to all district, state and national rules.
- Anybody inside the arena, chute areas or stock working areas at any time must be an associate member.
- The person pushing the cattle in the timed events cannot leave the mouth of the box until the animal has crossed the score line. Penalty for failure to abide by this rule will be a no time. Infraction to be determined by the barrier line judge.

PARENT WORK CREW:

- It is a condition of membership that an adult parent/guardian or representative be required to work at a minimum of five rodeos per season.
- In addition, those who qualify & compete in Challenge of Champions and State Finals will be required to either participate themselves or have an adult parent/guardian or representative participate in the District 8 work crew assignments as needed.
- Failure to meet this requirement will deem the contestant involved in bad standing with the District.

STUDENT WORK CREW: DO NOT TAKE THIS LIGHTLY!!

- The work crew list will be posted at Check-in. Be sure to check your work crew for the rodeo.
- EVERY CONTESTANT WILL HAVE A WORK CREW AT EVERY RODEO.
- You must check in with the adult event director PRIOR to the beginning of the event you are to work.
- If you cannot work, it is your obligation and responsibility to find someone that will work for you.
- This is a separate obligation than the parent work crews and parent helping does not count for the student work arrangements you will be subject to disciplinary action.

- Such disciplinary action may include disqualification, trash duty after the rodeo, double assignments for the next two rodeos.
- If you do not comply with the mandatory student work crew you will be deemed a student not in good standing and will be ineligible to enter another rodeo until good standing is re-established.
- You will never be assigned a work crew in an event of which you are competing.

GENERAL MEETING:

- A meeting may be held at each rodeo, time permitting, at the discretion of the directors. This will be a mandatory meeting in a designated area at a predetermined time.
- Roll call will be taken at the beginning of each meeting. The Student Board will act as Sergeant at Arms.
- All parents or guardians are required to attend.
- Only members are allowed to vote at these meetings.

EVENT DIRECTORS:

- The Student Event Director and alternate will be elected by the student members prior to the first rodeo.
- The Student Event Director must know the rules of his/her event. He/she will be in the arena during the event.
- Only contestants will be allowed to register complaints and these must be placed first through the Student Event Director prior to the start of the next event.
- A Contestant must go to Student Director; Student Director will go to the Adult Director who in turn will go to the Arena Director and Judge for a ruling. No complaints or protests will be acknowledged from anyone other than the contestant themselves.
- Event Directors will not be assigned a work crew, as the event they direct will count as their work crew.

JUDGES:

- The decision of any judge will be final and no protest by any Contestant will be permitted, except first through the Student Event Director.
- Under no circumstances will a video be used to change a judge's decision.
- Any contestant or parent attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, harass or coerce any Rodeo Official at any time will be disqualified from the rodeo and may be banned for the entire season.

MANDATORY CHECK-IN:

- The Contestant is to check-in at the Rodeo Office during the check-in times printed on the Rodeo Entry form.
- If contestant is going to miss the posted check-in times, must call the Rodeo Secretary to notify him/her the reason for being tardy.
- If contestant arrives after posted check-in time and hasn't called the Rodeo Secretary then they will be disqualified.

- Contestant must show membership card at check-in. He/she will receive his/her number and program.
- Contestant must have membership card when checking in at a Rodeo to receive a number. Number must be worn, as per rule book at all District Rodeos.
- A fee will be assessed for duplicate membership cards by the National Office. Membership card numbers must be listed on all entries. If not included, entries can be rejected.

HUMANE TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK;

- Contestant will be disqualified for any mistreatment of stock or his/her horse. The district will make sure there are accommodations made in case of animal injury.
- Stock contractor will provide transportation. District staff will have a vet contact to be available.

FIRST GO OF RODEO:

- Be ready when your name is announced!
- Be sure to check and see when your event is to be run and when you are up.
- Any changes will be posted at check-in and announced at the ground rules meeting.
- If you have a conflict, such as last out in one event and first out in next, notify the Arena Director prior to the start of the rodeo.

SECOND GO OF RODEO:

- Event order will remain the same as the first go but the Contestant order will be reversed.

GRAND ENTRY:

- Grand entries will be performed at all District Rodeos.
- All contestant members must participate either on horseback or on foot.
- Student Directors and Queen will lead the Grand Entry.

CUTTING/REINED COW HORSE:

- If cutting event is held at another location or date, other than the Rodeo, a check-in will be made available at that location for cutting Contestants.
- If a Contestant turns out at a Rodeo but appears for check-in for cutting/reined cow horse, he/she will be allowed to compete.
- Refer to NHSRA Rule Book and CHSRA Policy for all other event rules.

ALL-AROUND POINTS:

- If you compete in two or more events at a district rodeo, the points received in each event are credited to the Contestant's All-Around Tallies.
- All points received are totaled together and the Cowboy and Cowgirl with the highest point total at year end will be the All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl.
- You must compete in and earn points in two or more events to qualify for this award.

Optional events are not included in all around points.

ROOKIE ALL-AROUND:

- All first year, new members are considered Rookies. An award is given at the end of the year for All- around Rookie Cowboy and Cowgirl.

YEAR END AWARDS:

- District 8 requires participation in a HALF PLUS ONE qualifying District 8 rodeos, acquiring a minimum of a \$250.00 Sponsorship for High School and \$250.00 for Jr. High, participation in all designated fundraisers and membership in good standing to qualify for year-end awards.

EVENT SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Each year end event winner will be awarded a scholarship including the All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl.
- Amounts awarded will be determined by the success of the district fundraising and financial status.
- If enough funds are available Jr. High All-Around scholarships will be awarded.
- Contestants must enter in HALF PLUS ONE qualifying rodeos in the event in order to be eligible for event scholarships.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Senior Merit Scholarships will be awarded by decision of a designated Scholarship Committee.
- The merit scholarship winners along with other attributes have demonstrated leadership and participation within our district, possess a positive team attitude, and demonstrated scholastic success.
- The amount of the scholarships will be based on the success of our district fundraisers with a minimum of \$1000.00 total funds available.
- For the merit scholarship both boys and girls will be considered if acceptable applications are received by the deadline.
- Committee will determine how to distribute the available funds. The committee will be using the criteria of leadership, district participation and scholastic success when delegating the distribution of funds.
- The Committee should consist of 2 to 3 Junior or sophomore parents.
- The applications for this award should be picked up at the March Rodeo and must be completed and handed in by check in of our final rodeo of the season.
- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the awards banquet.
- The Student officers, President, Vice President, Secretary, Queen and State Rep will receive scholarships in the minimum amount of \$200.00. If two or more mandatory events/meetings are missed, the scholarships will be forfeited.

DISTRICT FINALS SPONSORSHIP:

- If funds are available at year end District 8 will sponsor our State and National Finals qualifiers. This will be in the form of money given to each qualifier per event to reimburse for travel, entry fees, etc.
- The amount of funds available will be determined by a board decision.
- Funds will be given only after Rodeo Secretary verifies each member is in good standing, verifies paid entries in State Finals event and that each contestant has fulfilled all their work crew obligations at State Finals.
- These checks will be mailed within one week after the conclusion of the State Finals event.
- Contestants are only eligible for travel money if they have competed in HALF PLUS ONE of the eligible rodeos per event.

JACKPOTTING:

- Each District 8 High School and Junior High Rodeo will pay jackpot money back to the average winners.
- The jackpot payout amount will be based on the total number of entries per rodeo, with a maximum of five places paid.

FUNDRAISER PARTICIPATION:

- It is a condition of CHSRA, District 8 membership that each contestant participates in all district fundraising efforts.
- Each member will be required to perform a minimum amount of fundraising.

2023-2024 Season scheduled district fundraising projects:

- a. **District Cash Payout Raffle Each High School member is obligated to sell a minimum of \$200.00 of tickets or pay a buyout amount of \$200.00 and Junior High Member is required to sell minimum of \$200.00 of tickets or buyout amount of \$200.00. Tickets will be available at the first rodeo and are due at the November Rodeo.**
- b. District 8 Fundraiser - We will try to have two fundraisers. Each member is obligated to help with at least one of these events.
- c. **STATE FUND RAISING REQUIREMENT – Each member is obligated to sell tickets for the CHSRA State Fund. This is a CHSRA State requirement and all proceeds go to California State Fund for Finals, Scholarships, etc. Must be sold and turned into the designated person by the January deadline (usually the January CHSRA D #8 Rodeo).**
- e. State Finals & Challenge of Champions team members must participate in the silent auction scholarship fundraisers.

SPONSORSHIPS:

- **It is a condition of CHSRA, District 8 membership that each contestant be responsible for acquiring a minimum \$250.00 for High School and \$250.00 for Jr. High sponsorship due on or before check-in at the January rodeo.**
- Sponsorship pledge forms will be provided by the Rodeo Secretary.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- The Election Chairperson will be an unbiased and not affiliated individual.
- The Election Chairperson will be provided an accurate membership list of High School, Jr. High and Associate Members as of March 1st.
- Nominations will be held during March, via email.
- Elections will be held during the month of April, via email.
- Ballots will be returned to the Election Chairperson by designated date.
- Election results will be verified at the final meeting of the Board of Directors held during the District 8 finals rodeo, and will be duly announced.

MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING:

- A member is considered in good standing if he/she has no outstanding debt to NHSRA/CHSRA, has minimum grade & conduct requirements, has fulfilled work crew, sponsorship and fundraising obligations and has not been disqualified from CHSRA rodeo for any reason.
- A contestant in bad standing is ineligible for awards and participation in all subsequent rodeos until all issues are rectified or resolved.

AWARDS FUND:

- Each year the funds available for Scholarships and Year End Awards will be determined by the success of our fundraising and sponsorship efforts, participation in each event and profitability of each rodeo.
- The number of awards is determined by the contestants entered at the first half of the rodeos, 1 award for every 4 contestants entered. In all events no matter how many contestants 1st and 2nd place will receive awards and then the formula will be used to determine 3rd place on down.
- It is our goal to pay out to our members in the form of Awards, Scholarships and CHSRA State & Nationals Finals Sponsorships all monies profited each year.

QUEEN CONTEST:

- The district Queen Contest will be held in the spring of each rodeo season usually with the April or May Rodeo.
- Current seniors may not enter this event.
- The newly elected Queen will represent District 8 at CHSRA State Finals and in the following rodeo season starting in September.
- The awards for the Queen Contest will be determined the same as the other year end awards based on funds available and participation in the event.
- The Queen's Crown is to be handed down from the reigning Queen to the newly crowned Queen at the final rodeo of the season unless there is a sponsor specifically for the Queen crown. In this case, it may be retained by the reigning Queen.
- Refer to California State High School Rodeo Policy and National High School Rodeo Association Rulebook for additional information.

DISTRICT VEST:

- When we compete outside our district as a team it is mandatory that each contestant wear a blue District 8 vest at all times.
- These vests are custom made and embroidered. They are ordered through the District Vest/Jacket committee person and must be paid for by the individual contestant.

DISTRICT JACKETS:

- District 8 Rodeo letter jackets are optional and are ordered through the District Vest/Jacket committee person.

District State Officers, the President, adult state rep and student state reps will be required to attend all state board meetings. Expenses for gas and hotel stay will be reimbursed by receipts submitted. Officers are encouraged to carpool whenever possible. Officers are also responsible for making their own reservations and notifying the State Secretary if they are not attending the Saturday lunch. The Districts are required to pay for any 'no-show' lunches that are caused by their district officers.

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