

# BC HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

## Provincial Rules and Guidelines

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### 1. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Student Memberships must be purchased 48 hours prior to entry call in date for the first rodeo the student wishes to enter.
- b. Members living in either Region must decide/declare at the beginning of the year where they want to rodeo and must stay within that region for the remainder of the year.
- c. Memberships will not be accepted on Call in Night.
- d. Student members must also be members of National High School Rodeo Association.
- e. All membership forms including required notarized documents and report cards verifying education status must be on file for a member to be in good standing.
- f. Associate Memberships must be purchased 30 days prior to an Annual General Meeting for the Associate member to have voting privileges.
- g. Any parents wishing to have a vote with the Association must also be Associate Members.
- h. Memberships forms are available on the website at [www.bchsra.org](http://www.bchsra.org)

### 2. EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND REPORT CARD SUBMISSION

1. Students in the high school division must be in good standing; not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school. Students must be under 20 at the first of the National High School Rodeo year (Aug. 1), and are or have been enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade the year just preceding the National Rodeo the contestant is entering as long as they (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 or have attended school on half-days, they will be eligible to compete in National High School Rodeo through the National High School Finals Rodeo if he/she has not participated for more than 4 years. Each State/Province Association may adopt their state/province academic policy for grade or credit requirements. Any student attending schools, which apply to high school credits, is eligible if he/she meets all other requirements. Students attending a home school, private school, religious school or correspondence school are eligible for membership if the school is recognized and approved by the state/province board of education or National Board of Education in the state/province the member is applying for membership. The contestant would need to show proof that the school they are attending is accredited and that they have met the grade requirements. If the school the student is attending is not accredited by the State or National Board of Education the student shall demonstrate composite grade- level academic proficiency on any State Board or National Board of education recognized achievement test or other mechanism as provided for in State or National Board of education rules. Additionally, a student shall be eligible if they achieve a minimum composite score or survey test score within the

average or higher than average range as established by the test service utilized on any nationally-normed test. Demonstrated proficiency shall be used to determine eligibility for the current rodeo season. A graduate of High School is not eligible for membership of NHSRA after the completion of the National High School Finals Rodeo immediately following their graduating from High School. A contestant may finish the current rodeo year by showing a GED completion certificate. This certificate would note that the contestant has received a GED and would be considered graduated.

2. Students in the Junior High Division must be in good standing; not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school. Students must be under 16 at the first of the National High School Rodeo year (Aug. 1), and are or have been enrolled in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade the year just preceding the National Junior High Finals Rodeo the contestant is entering as long as they (minimum requirements) have made passing grades in at least 70% of the classes taken, even if they have finished the 8th grade in the middle of the year or have attended school on half-days, they will be eligible to compete in the National Junior High Finals Rodeo if he/she has not participated for more than 3 years. Each State/Province Association may adopt their state/province academic policy for grade or credit requirements. Any student attending schools, which apply to junior high school credits, is eligible if he/she meets all other requirements. Students attending a home school, private school, religious school or correspondence school are eligible for membership if the school is recognized and approved by the state/province board of education in the state/province the member is applying for membership. A graduate of the 8th grade is not eligible for membership of NHSRA Junior High Division after the completion of the National Junior High Finals Rodeo immediately following their graduating from 8th grade.

*(Excerpt from NHSRA Rule Book page 27 & 28)*

a. **EARLY GRADUATION PROTOCOL**

Member can continue to compete for the remainder of the current rodeo season, up to and including any finals rodeos he/she qualifies for. The member needs to submit their last report card as they normally would, (which they should get in February sometime) at the next report card submission date (usually scheduled for March 15 and or May 15). Then, as long as we have a letter saying the member has completed all their high school requirements, we no longer need the teacher signatures on rodeo entry forms. Our National Director, will then sign forms for them each weekend for the remainder of the rodeo season.

b. **REPORT CARDS SUBMISSION**

If member is unable to submit report card on or before required due date, they must notify Report Card Director in advance in writing to make arrangements for report card submission. This may occur during holidays or emergencies. If the case were school district reporting period, such as semesters and terms do not match the BCHSRA reporting period, the most recent report card should be submitted.

### **3. DISQUALIFICATIONS, INELEGIBLE AND SUPENSIONS**

- a. Members owing outstanding fees to BCHSRA or sanctioned Rodeo Committee will not be eligible to enter a rodeo until all outstanding fees have been paid.
- b. NSF fees will be \$30 and members will be on a cash only basis. Committee secretaries will be notified who is a “cash only” member”.
- c. Ineligible list of the BC Rodeo Association and other associations as determined by the Board of Directors may be considered when determining if members are in good standing with the BCHSRA.
- d. The NHSRA Rules and Regulations will be used for all rule infractions.
- e. If a student arrives at the rodeo without completed entry forms they will only be eligible to compete at that rodeo with the signature of the designated representative of the Board of Directors.
- f. A form explaining the guidelines and repercussions of this will be signed at the rodeo by the competitor and the Board Representative and the competitor will have until Thursday following the rodeo in question to produce the proper forms with all required signatures to the Secretary of BC High School Rodeo.
- g. Failure to submit all entry forms with all required signatures will result in loss of all points earned at the rodeo in question.
- h. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- i. BCHSRA has a “No Tolerance” stand on rowdyism, quarrelling or fighting. Please see page 32 of the NHSRA Rule Book for reference to disqualification and conduct.

For the 2010/2011 season the Board Representatives are:  
South Region - Fritz Maier (or Sandy Chevallier in Fritz’s absence)  
North Region – Ed Gardner

### **4. RODEO COMMITTEE GUIDELINES**

#### **Rodeo Approval**

- a. Rodeo approval forms for the spring rodeo season must be received by the Association Secretary by 30 days prior to the requested date to secure a date on the spring schedule.
- b. Rodeo approval forms for the fall rodeo season must be received by the Association secretary by 30 days prior to the requested date to secure a date on the fall schedule.

#### **Rodeo Insurance**

- a. Rodeo committee must show proof of \$2,000,000 liability insurance to the Association Secretary 2 weeks prior to the call-in entry date for that rodeo. BCHSRA must be named on the insurance certificate.

#### **First Aid**

- a. Rodeo committees must supply adequate first aid including.

b. Minimum Requirements for committees

Standard First Aid (current within 2 Years)

CPR-C current within 1 Year and must supply appropriate equipment

Ambulance On call if they are not able to attend.

Minimum of 2 First Responders on rodeo grounds at all times.

Must show Rodeo Committee your current certificates.

Volunteers are classified as First Responders, and generally are covered by the Good Samaritan act; however they still need to be covered by the hosting clubs insurance

**Rodeo Stock**

a. Stock and Stock Contractors must be listed on the rodeo approval form with all contact information.

b. Committees must state if Junior Bulls or Junior Steers will be used at their rodeos.

**Personnel**

a. Every effort should be made to find suitable and knowledgeable judges.

b. All rodeo personnel must be in full western attire if working in the rodeo arena.

**Prize Money and Prizes**

a. Rodeo Committee should make every effort to have suitable prizes or prize money for competitors.

b. First year rodeo committees may request leniency.

**Facility**

a. If an alley way is used to accommodate the required 75' stopping distance, for barrels and poles, it must have a closed end gate. It then becomes part of the arena and all run-in rules including forward motion and hat fines apply.

**Timing:**

c. In consideration and animal welfare it is highly recommended there be a 30 sec time limit in all timed events (HS and WD)

d. Timed events using hand timers (TD, SW, TR, GT, BAR) will be scored to the 1/10<sup>th</sup> second. Timed events using electronic timers (BA, PB) will be scored to the 1/100<sup>th</sup> second.

e. No practicing on Barrel or Pole Bending pattern once marked.

f. Timers should be made aware to record the times even when a competitor is flagged out, then write the "No Time" in after the time is recorded.

**Queen Event**

a. It is highly recommended for rodeo committees to host the Queen events at their regional rodeos in an effort to increase the quality and quantity of the Provincial Team.

b. Committee must supply 3 Queen Event judges. Two judges one alternate judge to be used incase of a tie.

c. One entry in the Queen Event will constitute an event.

d. The Queen Event should be offered at least one day of each rodeo weekend and all association turn-out, conduct and competition rules apply.

- e. All judges score sheets will be supplied by the BCHSRA Queen Director and a BCHSRA Queen Representative will be available to help committees host a successful event.

### **Cutting**

- a. It is highly recommended for rodeo committees to host the Boys and Girls Cutting events at their regional rodeos in an effort to increase the quality and quantity of the Provincial Team.
- b. High School Rodeo cutting events may be held separately from the rodeo locations.

### **Posting Results**

- a. Every effort should be made to post results in an easily visible place for viewing by competitors and media as soon as possible after each event is completed.

### **One Rodeo Split Over 2 Days Option**

- a. Committees may choose the option to host one rodeo over 2 days.

### **Slack Performances**

- a. A rodeo committee may only offer a slack performance or set ups to accommodate competitors who are graduating and require changes do to grad functions.

### **Local entries**

- a. A Local, non-member competitor will be eligible to enter all days of their hometown rodeo. (If the rodeo is 2 days or 3 days etc. they may enter all competition days). The Local Entry will pay non-member fees for each and every day they enter. A Local non-member may only choose one rodeo weekend per rodeo season to declare as their local hometown rodeo. Points earned while competing as a “Local” non-member are not transferable upon purchase of a membership.

## **5. ENTERING RODEOS**

- a. Only contestants with pre-purchased memberships may enter on the designated call-in date.
- b. Only contestants with all required education reports cards on file with the association may enter a rodeo.
- c. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- d. Call-in dates and times will be posted on the association website and listed in the Rodeo Connections newspaper.
- e. Students are responsible to print rodeo entry forms from website and have all signatures in place prior to arriving at the rodeo office to pay fees.
- f. School Principle or designated school representative, as well as parent or guardian, must sign forms prior to the rodeo.

g. If a student arrives at the rodeo without completed entry forms they will only be eligible to compete at that rodeo with the signature of the designated representative of the Board of Directors.

**See Section 2: DISQUALIFICATIONS**

## **6. VET AND MEDICAL RELEASE**

- a. All required vet or medical release forms must be received by the association secretary, by the Thursday following the rodeo in question.
- b. If TR partner turns out or is a no show, then the remaining team roper is not eligible to compete. If the TR partner Medical or Vet Releases out, then the remaining partner may pick up a new partner that is not entered in the TR.

## **7. GRAND ENTRY**

- a. The Grand Entry will be held at the beginning of each rodeo performance to showcase the sponsors and to show appreciation for their involvement in our sport and association.
- b. The grand entry coordinator will post a list at the rodeo office for the competitors who are required to take part in the grand entry. This list will be made up of the first and last competitors in each event, at each rodeo.
- c. If a competitor on the list is unable to take part in the grand entry, it is that competitor's responsibility to find a replacement for themselves' and notify the grand entry coordinator and/or the announcer with their replacement information.

## **8. QUEEN EVENT**

### **Hosting**

- a. It is highly recommended for rodeo committees to offer the Queen events at their regional rodeos in an effort to increase the quality and quantity of the Provincial Team.
- b. Committee must supply 3 Queen Event judges. Two judges one alternate judge to be used in case of a tie.
- c. One entry in the Queen Event will constitute an event.
- d. The Queen Event should be offered at least one day of each rodeo weekend and all association turn-out, conduct and competition rules apply.
- e. All judges score sheets will be supplied by the BCHSRA Queen Director and a BCHSRA Queen Representative will be available to help committees host a successful event.
- f. Guidelines, including speech topics, horsemanship patterns and dress code are to be posted on the BCHSRA website each year.

### **Eligibility**

- a. The Queen Event is open to any female member in good standing in grades 9-11.
- b. The points earned in the Queen Event will not count toward the All Around Cowgirl division as it is not open to members in grade 12.

- c. Any eligible member may enter the BC High School Rodeo Queen contest held at the BC High School Rodeo Association whether or not they have competed and earned points in the event throughout the season.
- d. All Queen Event competitors earning points throughout the regular season will carry the same percentage of points into the finals as all other events carrying points in each year.

### **Judging**

- a. At regional rodeos contestants will be judged in the following categories: Modeling (25 points); Personality (25 points); Appearance (25 points); Two-Minute Speech (50 points); Impromptu Speech (25 points); Horsemanship (25).
- b. At the Provincial Finals contestants will be judged in the following categories: Modeling (25 points); Personality (25 points); Appearance (25 points); Two-Minute Speech (50 points); Impromptu Speech (25 points); Horsemanship (25 points for each of two rounds); and Personal Interview (50 points).

### **Horsemanship Patterns**

- a. Horsemanship patterns are determined by the National High School Rodeo Association Rules and Regulations Handbook.

### **Queen Awards**

- a. The Queen Event competitor earning the **MOST** combined regular season and BC Finals points in all judged divisions will be named **BC High School Rodeo Queen**.
- b. The Queen Event competitor earning the **SECOND** most combined regular season and BC Finals point in all judged divisions will be named **BC High School Rodeo Princess**.
- c. The Queen Committee will determine all other Queen Event awards each year based on event enrollment and sponsorship involvement. Awards determined by total high scores may include: Horsemanship Award, Public Speaking Award, Modeling Award, and Appearance Award.
- d. The Queen Committee may also choose to offer a Miss Congeniality Award each year based on event enrollment and sponsorship involvement. The Miss Congeniality Award will be voted by all Queen Event competitors at the BC High School Rodeo Finals. This will be a secret ballot style voting process.
- e. If for some reason, the BC High School Rodeo Queen cannot fulfill her duties, then the BC High School Rodeo Princess will take her place.
- f. Season Leaders in the North and South will be named North Ambassador or South Ambassador and may act as BCHSRA representatives within their region as determined by the enrollment and sponsorship involvement.

### **Representation of BC High School Rodeo Association**

- a. The BC High School Rodeo Queen will represent the BCHSRA and the Province of British Columbia from finals to finals each year, including, but not limited to:
  - Competing for National High School Rodeo Queen,
  - Attending promotional events on behalf of BCHSRA

- b. The BC High School Rodeo Princess will represent the BCHSRA and the Province of British Columbia from finals to finals each year, including, but not limited to:
- Competing for Silver State High School Rodeo Queen (optional)
  - Attending promotional events on behalf of BCHSRA

### **Photos and Biographies**

- a. Competitors entering the BC High School Rodeo Queen competition at the BC Finals Rodeo should have photos and biographies ready in the case they win the title of BC High School Rodeo Queen or Princess as there are submission deadlines directly after our provincial finals for submitting photos and biographies for the National High School Rodeo Finals Queen competition and the Silver State Rodeo Queen competition.
- b. Please check the National High School Rodeo and the Silver State International Rodeo websites in advance for photo requirements.

### **9. CUTTING EVENT**

- a. Cutting Rules and guidelines can be found in the National High School Rodeo Association Rules and Regulations Handbook. The cutting horse event will use NCHA rules when not in conflict with NHSRA rules. See page 81 of NHSRA rules for more information.
- b. It is highly recommended that rodeo committees host the Boys and Girls Cutting events at their regional rodeos in an effort to increase the quality and quantity of the Provincial Team. .
- c. Points earned in the Cutting Event count towards the Boys and Girls All Around Standings as per NHSRA Rule book.
- d. The NHSRA Rule Book states a score of 60 will not receive points.

### **10. REGIONS**

- a. There will be two regions. The South Region and the North Region.
- b. Quesnel and north will be the North Region.
- c. South of Quesnel will be the South Region.
- d. Members living in either Region can decide/declare at the beginning of the year where they want to rodeo and must stay there for the remainder of the year.
- e. Co Approvals with the North and South Regions will only be approved for rodeos within approx. 160 kms North or South of Quesnel.
- f. The top 12 contestants in each event from each region will qualify for the Provincial Finals.
- g. Top 15 from each region to enter the finals and roll-ups will only be allowed from the top 15 in that region.

### **11. AWARDS**

#### **High School Rodeo Season Leader**

- a. Season Leader Awards will be given to the competitor who earns the highest number of points in each of the events offered in each the North Region and South

Region. Awards will be determined by the awards committee each season. Season Leader awards do not include points earned at the Provincial Finals.

b. Event award categories are as follows:

- Saddle Bronc
- Bareback
- Bull Riding
- Tie Down Roping
- Steer Wrestling
- Team Roping – Header
- Team Roping - Heeler
- Boys Cutting
- Girls Cutting
- Barrel Racing
- Pole Bending
- Goat Tying
- Breakaway Roping
- Queen Event
- Boys All Around
- Girls All Around

### **Finals Year End Champion Awards**

Finals Champion Awards will be given to the competitor who earns the highest number of points in each of the events, including the points they bring into the finals, plus points earned during the finals. Awards will be determined by the awards committee each season based on the awards budget, fundraising and sponsorship involvement each year.

### **ROOKIE Awards**

Rookie awards will go to the highest placing rookie boy and girl at the end of the finals in the Junior High and High School categories.

### **SPECIAL Awards**

- a. Nick Kalick Memorial Award – Sportsmanship Award – presented to a student member and voted on by the student members
- b. Peggy McLeod Memorial Award – Director Award – Presented to a director and voted on by the student members
- c. Frankie Kerr Memorial Award – Two student members will be awarded - Presented to a boy and girl who have contributed the most to the association. This is chosen by the Scholarship Foundation.
- d. Wes DeRose Memorial Award –
- e. Mona Elliott Memorial Award - Rodeo Mom of the Year Award – New award honoring Mona. This award is voted on by the student members.

### **Horse of the Year Awards**

- a. Voting cards will be made available in finals packages. Finals qualifiers are eligible to vote for the best horse in their event.

- b. If a tie occurs, the tie will be decided by points earned at finals on the tied horses. If still a tie, then a coin toss will determine the winner.
- c. Event qualifiers can vote for any horse in their event. Owners can vote for their own horse if they believe it is the best horse.
- d. Awards will be determined each year based on interest in the program and sponsorship.

## **12. ALL STAR TEAM**

See NHSRA website for the criteria used to choose the Cinch Jeans All Star Team.

## **13. SCHOLARSHIPS**

- a. BCHSRA will award BC Finals Champions with an award scholarships in the amount of \$250 each for each event at the Provincial Finals.
- b. The BCHSRA Scholarship Foundation has other scholarships available each year. Grade 12 students are encouraged to apply for these each spring.

## **14. BC FINALS QUALIFICATIONS**

- a. The top twelve competitors in EACH the North Region and South Region in each event will be eligible to enter the BC High School and Junior High Rodeo Finals.
- b. The top 15 competitors in each region will enter. In the case that a top 12 competitors in a region cannot attend the BC High School Finals Rodeo, then the Region will roll-up from their top 15 positions to make up their top 12.
- c. To qualify you must place in the top 12 in an event in your region, have your Mandatory BCHSRA Raffle Ticket fund raiser paid for and must be a member in good standing.

## **15. BC HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION FINALS FORMAT**

- a. Members must enter and compete at the provincial HS and JR finals to be eligible for awards and to be part of the BC Teams going to National and Canadian Finals.
- b. The BC Finals will be a 3 Go-Round Rodeo.
- c. All Around points coming into the finals will be awarded with the same points format as all other events. Top twelve in the All Around standings will bring points into finals.
- d. Each Finals competitor will be awarded points coming into the BC Finals based on how they placed in the season leader standings as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	– 120 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	- 115 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	– 110 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	– 105points
5 <sup>th</sup>	– 100 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	– 95 points

7 <sup>th</sup>	-	90 points
8 <sup>th</sup>	-	85 points
9 <sup>th</sup>	-	80 points
10 <sup>th</sup>	-	75 points
11 <sup>th</sup>	-	70 points
12 <sup>th</sup>	-	65 points

These will be combined with the points the competitor earns during the three go-rounds at the BC Finals to determine the BC Champions in each event. Go round and Average points are awarded as follows:

**GO ROUND POINTS (Awarded points per go round)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	-	30 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	27 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	24 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	-	21 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	-	18 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	-	15 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	-	12 points
8 <sup>th</sup>	-	9 points
9 <sup>th</sup>	-	6 points
10 <sup>th</sup>	-	3 points

**AVERAGE POINTS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	-	40 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	36 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	32 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	-	28 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	-	24 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	-	20 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	-	16 points
8 <sup>th</sup>	-	12 points
9 <sup>th</sup>	-	8 points
10 <sup>th</sup>	-	4 points

**16. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RODEO and NATIONAL JUNIOR FINALS**

- a. Members must enter and compete at the provincial HS and JR finals to be eligible for awards and to be part of the BC Teams going to National and Canadian Finals.
- b. The competitors finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> position at the BC High School Rodeo Finals in each event is eligible to represent the Province of British Columbia on the BC High School Rodeo Team at the National High School Rodeo Finals each year.
- c. If the 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> placed competitors are opting not to attend, the 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> place competitors may roll-up into a BC Team position.

d. The newly crowned BC High School Rodeo Queen will represent the Province of British Columbia on the BC High School Rodeo Team at the National High School Rodeo Finals each year. The BC Team must include a queen.

### **17. SILVER STATE INTERNATIONAL RODEO**

a. The competitors finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> position at the BC High School Rodeo Finals in each event are eligible to represent the Province of British Columbia on the BC High School Rodeo Team at the Silver State International High School Rodeo, in Winnemucca, Nevada each year.

b. If the 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> placed competitors are opting not to attend, the 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> place competitors may roll-up into a BC Team position, but no more than 6 competitors per event per team are allowed to represent the province.

c. If a competitor has qualified for the Silver State International Rodeo in one or more events, they may pickup one extra event. See Silver State International Rodeo website for more information: [www.ssir.us](http://www.ssir.us)

d. The newly crowned BC High School Rodeo Princess is eligible to represent the Province of British Columbia on the BC High School Rodeo Team at the Silver State International High School Rodeo, in Fallon, Nevada each year.

### **18. CANADIAN HIGH SCHOOL RODEO FINALS**

f. The competitors finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> position at the BC High School Rodeo Finals in each event are eligible to represent the Province of British Columbia on the BC High School Rodeo Team at the Canadian High School Rodeo Finals each year.

g. If the 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> placed competitors are opting not to attend, the 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> place competitors may roll-up into a BC Team position.

h. The newly crowned BC High School Rodeo Queen will represent the Province of British Columbia on the BC High School Rodeo Team at the Canadian High School Rodeo Finals each year.

All rules of the British Columbia High School Rodeo Association are governed first by the NHSRA Rule Book. Any conflicts from these guidelines will revert to the NHSRA Rule book for clarification.