

## NEBRASKA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL RODEO DIVISION RULES-

### GENERAL RULES:

1. Dress Code: From the time the rodeo starts until the rodeo is over, all contestants on the rodeo grounds must be in rodeo attire. (Refer to the National High School Rodeo rule book.) Contestants will be fined \$25 for each violation. Fines must be paid before the next rodeo or the contestant will not be able to compete. This means no caps or shirt tails out and number always worn.
2. If a member of the NJHSRA is caught by an officer of the law, or a director of the NJHSRA in possession of drugs, alcohol, or in the act of destruction of property at an NJHSRA rodeo or function, the fine is suspension of the next four (4) rodeos. Turn-outs and fees will be implied.
3. Contestants' current grades, with school certification, must accompany the membership form and will be required at the start of the spring season and conclusion of the school year, prior to State Finals.
4. Contestants will be issued a back number that will be used for the rodeo year. Back numbers will be worn at all qualifying rodeos and are to be worn on the contestants back. Failure to wear back numbers whether competing or around the area, could result in disqualification.
5. A contestant must compete at the State Finals Rodeo to be eligible for the National Finals Rodeo, regardless of the points earned throughout the season. Contestants can only enter in events at State Finals that they have entered in at a regular season rodeo. Top 4 point earners per event will qualify for Nationals.
6. A contestant who accepts a position on the National Finals Rodeo Team will be expected to perform in all qualified go-rounds of the National Finals Rodeo.
7. Contestants cannot be moved up a section after positions are drawn unless it is a trade out. Trade outs will be allowed at the rodeo secretary's discretion.
8. Fundraiser: 1) All members are required to sell \$100 worth of raffle tickets (20 tickets at \$5 EACH) AND 2) All members are required to get at minimum a \$50 sponsorship/ad donation (see website for form).
9. You must be a Nebraska Jr High Rodeo Association member to participate in any rodeos.

### FINES:

- All fines will be paid to the Nebraska Jr High School Division Secretary, unless she is unavailable, then to the practice rodeo secretary. The State Secretary will put fifty percent (50%) of the turn out fines in the student fund and the other fifty percent (50%) goes to the said rodeo committee.
- Turn-out fines must be paid within five (5) days or the contestant will be ineligible until the fines are paid.
- If turn-out fines are not paid before the next rodeo entered, the contestant must draw out or will be considered another turn out for the rodeo and each rodeo thereafter, until the fines are paid.

### ENTRIES:

1. Qualifying rodeo entries are to be sent in to the qualifying rodeo secretary with checks made out to that specific rodeo. A check or money order covering entry fees must accompany all rodeo entry forms.
2. Entry fees will be seventeen dollars (\$17) per event with two dollars (\$2) going to the state student fund and \$15 going to the host rodeo committee. Points will be given from 1st to 10th place. 1st=10 points.

3. Each entry sheet will be accepted as is when received by the rodeo secretary. If a contestant marks the wrong event, he/she must turn out of that event and pay the fine. If a town is having more than one rodeo, an entry form and fees for each rodeo must be received.

#### **TURN OUTS:**

- If you need to turn out of an event before the positions are drawn and have contacted the rodeo secretary, all of your fees will be refunded (except with Team Roping, see those rules)

#### **NON NOTIFIED TURN OUT:**

- After positions are drawn, a turn out will result in a \$10 fine, per event and in rough stock events the stock charge will be added to the fine

#### **NOTIFIED TURN OUTS:**

- If turning out to due to VET or MEDICAL release, the rodeo secretary must be notified 24 hours in advance of the start time of the rodeo. Fees will be refunded and no fine will be imposed. Please send official letterhead, signed, dated and events drawn out of within 5 days of the rodeo or no fees will be refunded.

#### **VISUAL INJURIES:**

- A contestant may turn out due to a visible injury or illness that occurred the day of the rodeo, provided the judge has ruled this to be the situation. A judge's visual release is only good for that day's rodeo. The turn out fines would be waived in this situation, however, the entry fees would not be returned.

#### **EVENT RULES:**

##### **Team Roping & Ribbon Roping:**

- If the TEAM turns out before positions are drawn, fees will be refunded to both contestants. IF one contestant turns out before the positions are drawn, the contestant turning out is responsible for his/her fees. If the contestant turns out after positions are drawn, he/she is responsible for his/her fees plus a \$10 turnout fine. His/Her partner can find a replacement if that replacement is entered in said rodeo but not in the team roping or ribbon roping event, and has a parental signature on the membership application for that event.
- If a contestant VET or MEDICAL releases out, his/her partner can find a replacement if that replacement is entered in said rodeo, but not in the team roping or ribbon roping and has a parental signature on the membership application. His/Her new partner is responsible for the fee.
- When a new partner is selected this must be done before stock is drawn for the section they are in. Except when the absent partner medical releases with a VISUAL INJURY.

#### **TIMED EVENTS:**

- All timed events will have a 30 second time limit. The Rodeo Committee can allow up to 60 seconds for team roping.

#### **STATE FINALS:**

1. There will be 2 go rounds.
2. Contestants can only enter events at State Finals that they have entered during a regular season rodeo
3. In order to qualify for the National Finals, members must compete in the state finals rodeo and be ready to commit to attending the National Finals
4. Year end champions/National Qualifiers will be determined by the top point earner. Points from ALL rodeos will be carried into the State Finals.
5. Contestant numbers must be worn at all times during the state finals.

6. All turn-out fines must be paid before competing in the state finals rodeo.
7. Any member who has competed in 1 regular season rodeo may enter the State Finals