

# Texas High School Rodeo Association State Finals

## Code of Conduct Brief

The THSRA State Board of Directors would like to welcome you to the Texas High School Rodeo State finals and wish all the contestants GOOD LUCK throughout the week as they compete for a State Championship!

THSRA continues to strive to put on the best student rodeo competition in the world. To achieve this, THSRA must promote the highest type of conduct and sportsmanship at the State Finals by setting up standards to be met to reach this goal.

The following are areas of focus for the Texas High School Rodeo Association State Finals and will serve as a reminder for all Contestants and Parents:

- I. **Security** - THSRA will provide security for the State Finals. There will be additional security compared to past years.
- II. **Conduct** – Contestants and/or Parents that exhibit conduct of any kind that fails to comply with the requirements and standards for members contained in the Rules, By-laws and Constitution, this Code of Conduct, or Policy Statements of the Association as adopted by the National Board of Directors or National Executive Committee will be subject to disqualification.
- III. **Back Numbers** – Contestants will be given a back number and a RED WRISTBAND with their matching back number on the wristband at check in. **BOTH must be worn by the contestant at all times** and will be required to gain entry into the Taylor County Expo Center Telecom Arena. Contestants will not be allowed into the Telecom Arena without their back number AND wristband on.
- IV. **Dress Code**
  - a. Contestants, parents, adults, helpers, and assistants must wear western attire: western hat, long sleeved shirt (must be wrist length sleeved shirt, with collar and cuffs - No sweatshirts, T-shirts or pullover sweaters allowed), western boots, and western trousers at all times during a performance while in the following areas:
    - i. (a) All competition arenas (b) Chute areas. (c) Stock working areas.
    - ii. **Any contestant in any seating area, whether competing or not.**
    - iii. Shirt sleeves must be rolled down. The only exception to this rule will be in bareback riding and bull riding; a rider may roll up sleeves as necessary to eliminate either a hang up or to accommodate necessary wrapping and/or support for the elbow.
  - b. **All Contestants must have shirrtails tucked in at start of their competition. Violators of this rule will be disqualified upon the discretion of the judges or the arena director.**

V. **Alcohol**

- a. Contestants having any association with alcoholic beverages, vaping, marijuana products, tobacco products, and narcotic or other non-medicinal drugs while in attendance at any approved High School Rodeo, whether at a motel or on rodeo grounds or going to or from the rodeo or at any rodeo function is prohibited. Contestants will be disqualified for the use of those products.
- b. **Parents** that engage in serious misconduct associated with alcohol, narcotic or other non-medicinal drugs or acts which are detrimental to the reputation, principles and interests of the THSRA **will be disqualified along with their contestant(s) and will be escorted off premises immediately.**

VI. **Golf Carts**

- a. All Contestants and Parents must adhere to the rules and policies of Metro Golf Cars.
- b. Any contestant or individual racing, operating a golf cart in an unsafe manner or performing any act in violation of Metro Golf Cars rules and policies will result in a disqualification of all contestants involved.

VII. **Animal Welfare** – Contestants will be disqualified for mistreatment of contestant’s horse or rodeo stock.

VIII. **Criminal Penalty** - In addition to the above, Parents, Contestants, Family Members and Guests are subject to criminal arrest and conviction via Taylor County Law Enforcement at all times while on the premises of the Taylor County Exposition Center. An arrest for any offense subjects parents, contestants, and family members to immediate disqualification and expulsion from the grounds.

**This Brief is intended to serve as a reminder for all Contestants and Parents that the aforementioned rules and/or policies will be highlighted and enforced during the Texas High School Rodeo Association State Finals. Any and all rules and /or violations are subject to the Texas High School Rodeo Association Constitution and By-Laws and the National High School Rodeo Association Rules, By-Laws & Constitution.**