

GUIDELINES FOR REGIONS

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION, 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 THSRA. Because THSRA is not structured exactly as the national organization, there are areas which are not specifically covered in the NHSRA Rule book or the THSRA Constitution. Additionally, the THSRA State Board of Directors, over a period of several years, 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 THSRA 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 THSRA State Constitution and By-Laws. Region officers and directors are especially encouraged to become familiar with this document. The THIRD AUTHORITY should be this set of Guidelines/ Rules.

REGIONAL ORGANIZATION:

1. Officers of each region shall consist of: President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer and 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 office shall be for one (1) year for all regional officers.
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 and the three State Directors **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. The Region Secretary/Treasurer shall collect, receive and disburse ALL funds. This includes any and all monies paid as jackpot or prizes at Region Rodeos.
10. The Region Secretary/Treasurer shall submit a yearly financial statement by August 31st to cover the period August 1st to July 31st of the previous "rodeo" year. Failure to submit said infor-

mation by the August 31st deadline shall result in the offending region being fined One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars. Within five (5) days of 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.

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 THSRA approved qualifying rodeos, students must have passing grades in at least 70% of the classes taken, or met the state activity requirement of the state they are members in. **ALL STUDENTS** will turn in grades to region secretaries 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 THSRA/Region rodeo entry forms must have certification of eligibility signed and dated by a school official as stated in the NHSRA Rule Book (Pg 28). All THSRA members, including ones in home school, must attend an academically accredited high school. And, in the case of members in a home school program, their work and tests must be returned to the accredited home school from which curriculum was purchased for grading, with an official computer generated report card or progress report being issued by the accredited home school.
2. **SECOND SEMESTER GRADES ONLY** will be considered for eligibility of contestants to participate in the THSRA 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.

REGION ENTRY BLANKS

1. Regions that are still using the ARTS system and paper entry forms are 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

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 THSRA member may compete in ANY REGION RODEO other than his/her own region for money, prizes and/or practice but will receive NO POINTS.

ACTIVITY SHEETS

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 sent to the THSRA website within ten (10) days following the approved event. Failure to submit 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 for contestants from that Region to compete in the State Finals Rodeo.

REQUIRED DONATIONS

1. It is **MANDATORY** for all THSRA 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 members region secretary by/or before **December 1st**. If a member fails to meet this requirements, he/she will not be allowed to enter any THSRA rodeo until this requirement is met. All of the first \$50.00 ads will be due at the state office by **December 31st**. For any 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 THSRA member, high school and junior high division, will be required to sell a minimum of fifteen (15) Ford Truck Raffle tickets. Each ticket cost \$10.00. For every five (5) tickets sold by the member, he/she will be able to put one (1) ticket in free. At least fifteen (15) raffle tickets must be sold, and money turned in to the Region Secretary by/or before **December 1st**. If a member fails to meet this requirement, they will not be allowed to enter any THSRA rodeo until this requirement is met. The raffle tickets are for a **F350 Crew Cab XL Dually 4X4 truck**. The drawing will be held during the THSRA Finals Rodeo. All of the members' first fifteen (15) Ford Raffle tickets will be due at the State Office by January 1st of the following year.
4. Each THSRA member, high school and junior high division, will be required to sell 1 (one) Bloomer Trailer Raffle ticket unless the region sets a requirement for more tickets to be sold. Each ticket sells for \$50.00 and each region will keep \$40.00 and \$10.00 will come to the State Office. These tickets and money for same must be due at the State Office by January 1st of the following year.

5. 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 THSRA 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 eight (8) 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 an online entry 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 **PRIOR TO APRIL 15th 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 rodeo.
6. Student members of each region shall elect two (2) student delegates to the State Finals Rodeo and shall elect the state student officers at the annual membership meeting.
7. All grievances will be handled under the rules and regulations of the Constitution and By-Laws.

TEAM ROPING

1. Points earned will belong to the contestant (Event and All-Around).
2. As voted on by the State Board of Directors, in order for a contestant's points to count in the team roping, he/she must rope with another member of the same region.
3. As voted on by the State Board of Directors, draw partners are not allowed for any reason. If a team roper is left without a partner, he/she can pick up someone to rope with as long as that person is not already entered in the team 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 and heelers from each region are the ropers that qualify for the State Finals Rodeo. Points coming into State Finals will be determined by how said headers and heelers partner up after the last region rodeo. The top 10 headers and top 10 heelers pair up to enter the state finals. The season points for the header and the season points for the heeler are added together to determine the region rankings for points. The entering teams are assigned region points for the state finals from 10 points down to 1 point.
5. After qualifying, if for any reason, his/her partner cannot attend the State Finals Rodeo, he/she may pick up the next highest points' header or heeler in the region year-end standings. If need be, he/she can continue down the standings until he/she finds a new partner for the State Finals Rodeo.
6. A member can only enter the team roping one time per region rodeo.
7. As voted on by the State Board of Directors, high school team roping will be a 2-loop contest on the region level as well as the State Finals Rodeo. Junior high team roping will remain a 3-loop contest on the region level. (July 2024)

GIRLS BREAKAWAY

The only legal catch in the Breakaway Roping will be a BELL COLLAR catch. No appendages may be in the loop including the tail head. Catches that are not bell collar will result in a no time. Only one loop allowed. The State Finals short go will also be a one loop contest. (July 2023)

REGION SLACK OPTIONS

Regions that choose to offer slack at the region level MUST use one of the approved slack options. Parameters are detailed in the following pages.

Regions can set their own fee to offer slack.

REGION SLACK FORMAT A

Approved by NHSRA Rules Committee in 2014

1. There MUST be one enough stock for the timed events so there is no competitive advantage to selecting the slack option.
2. Slack can only be offered for the Saturday rodeo to be run Sunday.
3. Saturday slack runs must be run Sunday before each event.
4. Regions can set their own fee to offer slack.

REGION SLACK FORMAT B

Approved by NHSRA Executive Committee in 2026

General Format

- Slack to be offered for both Saturday **and/or** Sunday rodeos to allow members the opportunity to still compete if they cannot attend on both days of the same weekend.
- Slack to be available for all rodeos during the season when two rodeos are held on different days of the same weekend.
- Regions may establish a slack fee per rodeo.
- Regions may choose to offer slack on "Saturday and Sunday" **OR** offer slack "only Saturday" **OR** "only Sunday".
- In team events, each partner must pay the slack fee.
- Contestants may choose either Saturday or Sunday slack, depending on their scheduling needs.
- **Event Availability**
 - All events to be eligible for slack.
 - Rough Stock events may be limited to Saturday or Sunday slack only due to stock and/or personnel availability.
 - Chute Dogging and Steer Wrestling may be limited to Saturday or Sunday slack only due to livestock and/or personnel requirements.
 - Event limitations will be determined by the region and stock contractor while maintaining fairness for all contestants.
- **Sunday Slack Option for Saturday Rodeo**
 - If a contestant chooses Sunday slack, their Saturday run will occur with any additional slack runs, right before the designated event begins during the Sunday rodeo **OR** Sunday morning before the Sunday rodeo begins.
 - The contestant will then compete in the Sunday rodeo as scheduled and drawn.
- **Saturday Slack Option for Sunday Rodeo**
 - If a contestant chooses Saturday slack, the contestant will compete in the Saturday rodeo as scheduled and drawn.
 - Their Sunday run will occur, with any additional slack runs, at the conclusion of the designated event during the Saturday rodeo **OR** after the completion of Saturday rodeo.
- **Back-to-Back Runs**
 - Contestants utilizing slack should understand they may be required to compete back-to-back.

- After completing their Saturday rodeo run and having elected the Sunday slack option, depending on where they were drawn for the Saturday rodeo and Sunday slack, they could immediately be required to compete again in a short amount of time.
- And after completing their Saturday slack run on Sunday, they could immediately draw near the top of the Sunday rodeo order and be required to compete again with little delay. This provision applies to all applicable events, including speed events.
- **Stock Requirements and Advance Planning**
 - To ensure compliance with livestock requirements and maintain fair competition, contestants wishing to utilize slack would do so when they enter a rodeo by selecting the slack option at that time, Sunday slack for a Saturday rodeo and Saturday slack for a Sunday rodeo. Following the entry deadline, the region will have an accurate count of the slack runs entered for each rodeo day.
 - For contestants electing to run their **Saturday rodeo during Sunday slack**, the stock drawn for the Saturday rodeo, for fairness, will first include the slack runs on Sunday before any re-runs are drawn (i.e. the contestants in slack will be drawn first, then the remaining contestants in the performance will be drawn) thereby pulling the specific stock from any re-run requirements/draws for the Saturday rodeo. The stock drawn for Sunday slack will not be used during the designated event on Saturday.
 - This process allows the region and stock contractor to appropriately plan any additional livestock needs to maintain adequate stock requirements and ensure there is no competitive advantage or disadvantage associated with selecting the slack option.