

T.H.S.R.A. REGION 2 BYLAWS/RULES

1. Dress code. All members shall follow the dress code set forth in the NHSRA rulebook. All members shall conduct themselves according to the rules set forth in the NHSRA rulebook.
2. Rodeo dates. The Executive Board of Directors each year will determine the number, time and location of rodeos and cuttings. The Executive Board will entertain suggestions from the Event & State Directors regarding rodeos.
3. Entry deadlines & Late Fees. All entry blanks must be mailed by Tuesday of the week before the rodeo the following Saturday. A post-dated check or money order must accompany the entry form. Students should call in on the designated call-in days, because it is their responsibility to check with the Secretary to see if the entry has been received. If a contestant's entry and fees have not been received by the Monday before the rodeo, the contestant will be charged a \$30.00 late fee per rodeo (\$60.00 per weekend) that will go into the general fund. Late fee must be paid before contestant is allowed to rodeo.
4. Office charges. There will be an office and award charge of \$18, a daily gate fee of \$5, per contestant, per entry blank, per rodeo in addition to the State Office Charge of \$2.
5. Entry fees. Entry fees will be \$40 for speed events, \$40 for goat tying; \$40 per man in team roping; \$40 for calf roping and breakaway; \$40 for steer wrestling, \$40 for cutting; and \$45 for rough stock events. \$25 will go to the jackpot, with the difference going for stock and run charges. This does not include the region finals.
6. Payback. Pay back will be one place for every five contestants with a maximum of six (6) places paid. Winner takes all the payback if there is only one qualified ride in each of the rough stock events. If no qualified rides in an event, then the entry fee, less the stock charge, is returned to the contestants.
7. Slack. Slack shall be run just prior to each event in the Sunday rodeo. Each member will be allowed one (1) free school slack per semester. A letter must accompany that request for a slack from the school (**on the official school letterhead**) stating that the contestant is participating in an official school function. Member may purchase any number of additional slacks for \$150, each. Each member is also allowed one (1) free slack (no excuses necessary) per year. In team roping the contestants' partner is considered using their slack, too, if team roping is their only event. If the partner participates in other events and does not use the "slack" for his/her other events, then the slack is only considered used only by the contestant asking for the slack, but the "team" may not use another slack without each paying their \$150. If no member draws a slack in an event on Sunday slack may be run in that event on Saturday. That slack run shall be run at the end of that event in the Saturday rodeo.
8. Sunday rodeos. All rodeos will begin at 10:00 A.M. The rodeo on Sunday shall not be allowed to begin later than that, unless there is a general meeting, the weather is bad, or permission is granted from the Executive Board. (If due to a city ordinance, some Sunday rodeos could begin at 12:00 Noon.)
9. Bad weather. In the case of bad weather, it will be up to the rodeo committee, event directors and the executive committee to make the determination whether to rodeo or not.

10. Chain of Command. All members and participants in a Region II rodeo must adhere to the proper chain of command. If a contestant/member has a problem or question, or is fouled in some way, then the student event director is consulted, then the adult event director is consulted, then on to the president and the arena director and executive committee if the need arises.
11. Complaint fee. Anyone voicing a complaint must pay a \$300 complaint fee. If the complaint is valid, then the person filing the complaint will get their money refunded. Otherwise, Region II gets the \$300. A complaint must be registered at the time of the occurrence and the proper chain of command must be followed. The Executive Board will make the ruling on the complaint after hearing from the event director and the complainer.
12. Draw-outs. Prior to an event starting, any member wanting to draw out of an event or the entire rodeo and receive their jackpot fee back, must have a doctor's release or vet release and must present it to the Secretary before the money can be refunded. Otherwise, the jackpot fee will be forfeited. A judge cannot give anyone permission to draw out of a rodeo, or to change his or her run from the performance to slack, or anything else pertaining to the draw order of run order. The member must talk with the event director and follow the chain of command.
13. Turnouts. Anyone who turns out of any event at a Region II rodeo will not get any fees back for that event, but will be allowed to perform the rest of their events in that rodeo, if he or she so chooses.
14. Cheating. If there is any cheating or attempting to cheat of any kind, the member/contestant will be disqualified for the remainder of the rodeo year. This will include all contestants and all events.
15. Forfeiture of awards. Anyone, who forfeits a title that he or she has won, will also forfeit any awards or benefits that they have received as well.
16. Time limit. Region II will govern the time limit allowed for the Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Breakaway Roping and Team Roping. The time limit shall be 30 seconds per run for those events.
17. Score. The stock contractor will not be allowed to determine the length of the score for the timed events. The event directors, judges or arena director should make this determination.
18. Drags. There will be a drag after every fifth (5th) barrel and pole run.
19. Goats. The goats will be changed after every second (2nd) run and drag will be determined by the event director.
20. **IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR A REGIONAL MAJOR AWARD.** A Region II member must compete in 75% of the Rodeos each Semester. The Contestant must receive a time/score each semester. There must be an average of 5 contestants in that event each semester.
21. Point System. Event standings are determined by the point system. First place will receive ten (10) points; second place will receive nine (9) points, all the way down to one (1) point for tenth (10th) place.
22. All-Around Point System. The All-Around point system cannot be altered in any way within the Region. The point system is set out in the NHSRA rulebook and must be used accordingly.
23. Meetings. General membership meetings and board meetings will be scheduled on an "as needed" basis and will be set by the executive committee which consists of the President, V. President, Secretary, Arena Director, each event director and the three state delegates.
24. Adult members. If parents want to have voting rights within the region, they must pay a \$10.50 adult membership fee. Of that money, the state receives \$5.50 and the region keeps \$5.00.

25. Directors. Nomination forms will be distributed during the spring. Only those members competing in an event will be allowed to nominate and vote for a director of that event. Example: Barrel racers will only be allowed to vote for barrel racing, calf ropers will only be allowed to vote for calf roping, etc. Graduating members will not be eligible to vote but may nominate.
26. Queen. The Region II Queen must be chosen no later than the last fall rodeo of the year.
27. Cutting. There will be one fall and one spring cutting with the finals cutting to be held in conjunction with the region finals.
28. Team Roping. Header gets one loop and heeler gets one loop with a 30 second time limit. During the Regional Finals, where it is an average Rodeo, you will be able to use three loops.
29. Region Scholarship. Seniors can submit a completed copy of the state or region scholarship application and submit by given deadline. If awarded a scholarship, recipient must attend full-time an accredited post secondary educational institution for one semester; provide proof of that on school letterhead or transcript, and be currently enrolled and provide proof of that on school letterhead or enrollment document, in another semester in order to receive that scholarship award.
30. Breakaway Roping. There will be one loop in the breakaway. There will be 30 second time limit- During the Regional finals, where it is an average rodeo, you will be allowed to use 2 loops, YOU MUST BE CARRYING the 2nd loop.
31. Hat Rule. Violation of the hat rule will result in a 10 second. Region 2 urges members to comply with the hat rule as they will be bound to it at the state and national level rodeos.
32. Tie Down Roping- There will be one loop in the Tie Down. There will be 30 second time limit- During the Regional finals, where it is an average rodeo, you will be allowed to use 2 loops, YOU MUST BE CARRYING the 2nd loop.
33. Executive Board- The Executive board will consist of the President, Vice President, Arena Director, Each Event Director and the three State Board Representatives.
34. Sportsmanship-A contestant will be disqualified from the Rodeo if conduct or speech of any kind is detrimental to the best interests of the National High School Rodeo Association or the sport of Rodeo while in Attendance- This includes unnecessary cruelty to livestock.

These are Region 2 rules only. Members are urged to read the national rule book in order to be in compliance at state and national rodeos.- Revised August 2011