

CONTESTANT GROUND RULES NMJHRA 2021-2022

1. In your packet you will find an information form that lists all the information in the packet. Both, contestants and parent must sign the form, stating you have received and read and understand the rules.
2. Academic Eligibility
 - A. Student shall have a 2.0 grade point average with no F's, based on a 4.0 grading scale, or its equivalent, for the semester grading period immediately preceding participation. For students not eligible at the semester, the next six- or nine-week grading period can be used to regain eligibility. Grades earned during a summer session must be placed on a student's transcript by the school registrar prior to the first day of the Fall semester for the course to be utilized for eligibility purposes.
 - B. All class work counted for eligibility must be acceptable for graduation.
 - C. The GPA is based on a 4.0 scale with an allowance for consideration of honor points.
 - D. A Student must be enrolled in at least 51% of the member school's regular class schedule in courses that will be counted towards his/her graduation and in regular attendance during the current as well as the previous semester.
 - E. An eligibility form and report card with the school stamp must be submitted to the secretary at the completion of each semester. If a contestant's academic eligibility is in question, the signatures and grades will be verified with the contestant's school. NMHSRA is not responsible for any omissions or errors, made by a contestant's school regarding grade and conduct forms signed by the school.
 - F. Anyone caught providing false documents to NMHSRA will be expelled from the Association, as per NHSRA rulebook.
 - G. A signed report card will be required at check-in at state finals.
3. Your membership form, **last report card** (copy), the NMJHRA Eligibility form and medical release must be **postmarked 14 days prior to the rodeo you** are competing in or you will not be allowed to compete. These forms must contain the school stamp and/or the school notary.
4. Entry forms must be postmarked 10 days prior to the rodeo you are entering in to avoid late fees. A \$50.00 dollar late fee per rodeo will be assessed after that. You will have until 7:00 PM Wednesday prior to rodeo to enter. You can call and enter anytime up until the Wednesday deadline, but a call in entry will be assessed the late fee. Call backs are always the Wednesday before the rodeo. It is your responsibility to call and/or check the web site to see if you are entered. This must be done before the Wednesday deadline. Positively no late entries will be accepted after 7:00 PM Wednesday night
5. Attendance is required at State Finals Mandatory Contestants meeting.

6. At any rodeo, you must compete in the performance and section drawn for you.

7. **It is your responsibility to check the Web Site or call during callbacks to make sure the Secretary has received your entry.** On the web site under Entries Received you will find your name listed with the events you entered. If there are no events marked, your entry has not been received or posted by the secretary. You will need to contact the secretary before entries close; or **you will not be allowed to compete at the rodeo.** Be sure you contact the secretary if you are unsure about the status of your entries.

8. If you draw out of any rodeo after 7:00pm on call back day you will be required to pay the administration fee, run fee, and stock charge. You will only be refunded your actual entry fees and awards fee. Once your entry is in the secretary's hands you are considered entered. If you draw out before 7:00pm on call back day you will only forfeit the administration fee. You will forfeit the administration for any type of draw out.

9. All entry money must arrive with your entry form or you will be charged a \$50.00 late fee per day.

10. At the all regular season rodeos and State Finals Rodeo, contestants will pay all fees with **money order, cashier's check, or personal check.**

11. If you have disagreement with a ruling in your event, you are to go to the student event director first, then the adult event director. Under no circumstances are you or your parent to approach the judge, stock contractor or any other rodeo official, as per page 31 in NHSRA rulebook.

12. The entry secretary and rodeo officials are employees of the board, not a member of the board. Any harassing, or derogatory comments made to officials will be considered an infraction of the conduct rules in the NHSRA rulebook, and dealt with accordingly.

13. Order of events at a rodeo can be changed if needed at the discretion of the board of directors. It is your responsibility to be on time and ready when you are called.

14. Horses shall not be worked around official pattern with or without barrels or poles. Barrels and poles shall be set not less than fifteen (15) feet off markers. Barrels or poles used for practice must be removed from arena and restored to original location. Once the ground has been worked for a performance or slack, no practicing will be permitted.

15. Contestants participating in the Barrels and Poles events must enter the arena upon call by the announcer. If the contestant does not enter the arena immediately, the 45 second rule will be applied. Forty-five (45) seconds after the first call, a second call will be announced followed by a third call. If the contestant has not entered the arena after the third call, the contestant will receive a no time for the event.

16. For the 2021-2022 season, contestants will take 100% of their regular season accumulated points in each event into the State Finals Rodeo.

17. All contestants competing at the 2022 New Mexico Junior High State Finals will comply with all mandatory check in policies. These policies (ex. check-in, meetings) will be posted on the website. Failure to meet scheduled check-in times will result in disqualification. Appeals for disqualification will heard on an individual basis with the board of directors. In case of an emergency, you must contact Kelsy Abel at 575.390.3305 or Jamey Shiver at 505.249.1514. If no call is received, you will be disqualified.

18. Any contestant who qualifies for the NJHSRA National Finals Rodeo **MUST** attend the awards presentation and the national qualifier meeting. **Parents will need to be present at this meeting.** All fees pertaining to NJHSFR competition will need to be paid in full before your national entry is complete. Inability to follow these conditions will constitute you being replaced with the 5th place contestant. It is mandatory except in the case of an emergency situation, which would be determined by the discretion of the executive board.

19. A contestant may only enter OPEN in the team roping and ribbon roping for a total of 4 rodeos, which is equivalent to 2 weekends. After the 4 rodeos/2 weekends, the contestant must find a partner or not enter the event. If you enter the team roping or ribbon roping open you must pay an additional stock fee of \$13.00 for each event.

20. In the event that a contestant is found by the board to have violated Contestant Disqualification, Rule 6a.1., prohibiting the consumption of alcohol by the contestant, or by the association with alcohol in connection with a contestant who has consumed alcohol in violation of Contestant Disqualification, Rule 6a.1., then the contestant shall be disqualified from the next rodeo which starts after the board makes its finding that a violation has occurred. In the event that a contestant is found by the board to have violated Contestant Disqualification, Rule 6a.1, during a rodeo season after having already been disqualified for one day, the board may vote to impose a more harsh punishment for the subsequent violation. In the event the disqualified contestant is entered in the team roping or ribbon roping, then the disqualified contestant's team roping or ribbon roping partner may select another team roping or ribbon roping partner from among the rodeo contestants not already entered in the team roping or ribbon roping, or may have a partner drawn as a helper from those contestants already entered in the team roping or ribbon roping. If the disqualified contestant's team roping or ribbon roping partner wishes to select a new partner, the new partner must be designated to the rodeo secretary prior to the start of the rodeo. The designated partner will be eligible for pay back, point, and prizes for that run. In the event that a helper is drawn, the helper is not eligible for points and prizes for that run, but is eligible for payback for that run.

21. Weekend average buckles will be determined by average time or score, not points.

22. Helmets with a facemask are mandatory in the bull riding, steer bareback, and steer saddle bronc.

23. The breakaway flag must be a solid colored flag – no printing.

24. In Tie-Down Roping and Ribbon Roping, a contestant will receive a 5 second penalty for the run if the contestant brings the animal over backwards (between 10 and 2 on a standard clock) with the animal landing on his back or head with all four feet in the air.

25. Five or more contestants must be entered and compete at 60% of the season rodeos before a year-end saddle will awarded in that event.

26. All shooters must wear ear and eye protection at all shooting events.