

**LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION**  
**GROUND RULES**  
**REVISED BY: JAMES HAGAN FEBRUARY/2024**

1. As per option in the NHSRA Rule Book the 30 second time limit will be used at all qualifying LHSRA rodeos and State Finals.
2. At all qualifying LHSRA rodeos Team Ropers will be allowed two (2) head loops and one (1) heel loop. Header or Heeler can use the second head loop. At the LHSRA finals three (3) loops will be allowed.
3. Goat must be changed after 3 consecutive runs. (Revised and passed 5/8/19.)
4. In addition to the rule by the National High School Rodeo Association, “no pigmy goats,” the LHSRA adopted a ground rule “no billy goats” can be used in the Goat Tying at any High School or Wrangler Division Qualifying or State Finals Rodeo. Billy goats are permissible at the national level. (Passed 9/10/09).
5. Judge or Arena Director must see that goats and calves are tied at least three (3) times each, on Friday and Saturday, at 3:00 p.m. so they will be conditioned for the Jr. High and High School LHSRA Rodeo. (Passed August 2023).
6. At all qualifying High School and Jr. High Rodeos a single stake will be used and will be located in the center of the arena 100 feet from the starting line. The goat will be changed after three (3) consecutive runs. (May 2019).
7. The arena must be raked after a maximum of five (5) printed entries in barrels and poles.
8. In barrel racing or pole bending at all LHSRA qualifying rodeos and State Finals. If ground conditions require that either event be stopped during any session (not rakes) because the ground is unsafe and could cause injury to either horse or contestant by falling, all contestants that have run in that session will have the option of running over “without” penalty or keep their original time. The decision to stop and re-work the ground because of unsafe conditions will be decided by the Arena Director and the two judges.
9. The alleyway is considered part of the arena and the dress code must be complied with both by contestant and helper.
10. All qualifying rodeos must use electric eyes and the electronic average timer.
11. A contestant must be called three (3) times by rodeo announcer before he/she is disqualified.
12. The arena will be raked at regular intervals for the safety of animal and rider.
13. Contestants must be in compliance with dress code and number on back one hour before performance, slack, cutting and rained cowhorse and remain in such manner until event is over at all qualifying rodeos and state finals.
14. At all LHSRA and Junior Division High School Rodeos and finals in barrel, poles and goats the following shall apply. When a contestant is given the first call to compete they shall begin their entry into the arena. If for any reason the horse hesitates, stops, turns, balks or does any thing to delay the entry the Judge shall start his stop watch and a contestant will have two (2) minutes to enter. At the end of one (1) minute the second call will be given to contestant. At the end of two (2) minutes the third call will be given and contestant will be disqualified. Entry into arena means crossing the plain of the gate into main arena. For the purpose of this rule the alley is not considered part of the arena.

15. At all LHSRA and Junior Division High School Rodeos and finals in ribbon roping, tie down, break-a-way, team roping and steer wrestling the following shall apply. When a contestant is called the first time, they shall begin their entry into the arena and box for competition. If for any reason any horse hesitates, stops, turns, balks or does any thing to delay the contestant (this applies to hazer also) from competing the Judge shall start his stop watch and inform the contestant he/she has two (2) minutes to compete. At the end of two minutes the contestant or team shall be disqualified from that event.
  
16. In addition to the rule on attire outlined in the NHSRA rule book the following will apply at all LHSRA Rodeos. If a High School and Junior Division Rodeo is held the same weekend it will be considered one (1) event and all members of LHSRA attending or contesting must be in full western attire at all times with number displayed on back. If a High School Rodeo is held as a single event Junior Division Members will not be required to comply to the LHSRA dress code and must not present their numbers as a means of free entry into the rodeo. If you choose to gain free admission you must be in full western attire and remain in such during the entire event. This applies to high school members who attend a Junior Division Rodeo that is held as a single event. When attending or contesting at the LHSRA Finals Rodeo both High School and Junior Division you must comply to the dress code as stated above. The finals will be considered one (1) event when they are held back to back. This ground rule will be enforced by any current board member of the LHSRA. If not in compliance as required immediate disqualification can occur or the non-compliance by said member can be brought to the Board of Directors for sanctions that the board deems appropriate for the infraction. (Added November 2011).
  
17. No Judge shall review or look at ANY VIDEO while judging any LHSRA High School or Jr. High Rodeo to assist him with any question or complaint by a contestant in reference to a call made by the Judge. Approaching a Judge or Arena Director with a request to review ANY VIDEO could result in a disqualification. A complaint or question by any contestant must be directed to the Arena Director.