

OKLAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION



2025-2026 RODEO SEASON
HANDBOOK

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GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

This handbook compliments the National High School Rodeo Association ("NHSRA") Rules and Constitution handbook and the bylaws of the Oklahoma High School Rodeo Association (the "Association"). It is the responsibility of each member of the Association to know the rules and regulations of the NHSRA and the Association.

MEMBERSHIP

The Association has two divisions – the high school division known as "OHSRA" and the junior high division known as "OKJHSRA."

Membership in OHSRA is open to high school students (9th - 12th grade) who reside in Oklahoma or who live in other states and transfer into OHSRA per NHSRA rules.

Membership in OKJHSRA is open to junior high students (5th-8th grade) who reside in Oklahoma or who live in other states and transfer into the OKJHSRA per NHSRA rules.

Members may be home schooled, but must provide proof of participation in a state or nationally accredited program. Members not participating in a school or program accredited by the State or National Board of Education must demonstrate composite grade- level academic proficiency on a State Board or National Board of Education recognized achievement test. Before competing in the state finals, members who are home schooled using an unaccredited program, must show documentation that they have completed and passed an equivalency test for the grade they are enrolled in.

Members must provide proof of enrollment with their annual application for membership. Proof may be in the form of a letter on official letterhead, signed by an administrator for the

school. In order to participate at OHSRA or OKJHSRA State Finals, Members must provide proof at State Finals check-in, that they are passing four subjects, or if the Member is carrying less than four subjects, passing 70% of subjects to be eligible (Members who have graduated at mid-term must show proof of graduation). Official Transcripts or statements of passing grades on school letterhead will be accepted as proof of passing grades.

Members must complete all annual paper-work and participate in such fundraising activities required by the Association Board of Directors. A member who does not meet fundraising requirements by the deadline set by the Board will lose all points earned through the date of such deadline.

Membership forms and other required documentation will be available on the Association website – www.ohsra.com.

RODEO SEASON

The “Rodeo Season” of the Association shall begin each year on August 1 and conclude at the end of the NHSRA Finals the following year (typically in July).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

An annual meeting of Members shall be held at the first scheduled rodeo of each Rodeo Season for the OHSRA and OKJHSRA. At this annual meeting the parents or guardians of each Member shall elect the following adult directors (the “Adult Directors”): at least two (2) Adult Directors from each region of Oklahoma, plus four (4) “at large” directors (the regions being (i) southwest, (ii) southeast, (iii) northwest, and (iv) northeast - with the dividing line for each region being I-40 and I-35).

The Association’s Board of Directors (“Board”) is established by the Association Bylaws and consists of: (i) 9 adult officers who comprise the “Executive Board,” (ii) Adult Directors elected at the annual membership meeting of the

OKJHSRA, and (iii) Adult Directors elected at the annual membership meeting of the OHSRA.

An "Executive Board" consisting of a: (i) President, (ii) First Vice President, (iii) Vice President of Marketing, (iv) Board Secretary, (v) National Director, (vi) High School Division Arena Director, (vii) High School Division Assistant Arena Director, (viii) Junior High Division Arena Director, and (ix) Junior High Division Assistant Arena Director shall be the officers of the Association. Each member of the Executive Board (except the National Director) shall be elected by the Board at a Board Meeting held in conjunction with the OHSRA state finals rodeo, or such other time and place in the month of May or June as determined by the Board.

The Executive Board shall regularly meet, either in person or by conference call, and conduct the day to day affairs of the Association.

The full Board will hold three (3) regular meetings. The first meeting shall be held in July prior to the start of each Rodeo Season at a central location selected by the Executive Board. At this meeting, the Board shall make decisions regarding the upcoming Rodeo Season.

A second meeting of the Board shall be held in late January or early February of each Rodeo Season at a central location selected by the Executive Board. At this meeting, the Board shall make decisions regarding scheduling and year end prizes, awards scholarships and travel money.

A third meeting of the Board shall be held in conjunction with the OHSRA state finals rodeo, or such other time and place in the month of May or June as determined by the Board, for the election of the Executive Board, year end decisions and discussion for the following year.

Student officers for OHSRA and OKJHSRA for the upcoming season are elected at their respective state finals. These include the president, vice president, and secretary. Student

event directors are elected at the first fall rodeo. The duties of student directors include being in the arena when their event begins, and remaining in the arena until their event is completed. They will have a list of contestants with his/her stock draw numbers. They are to make sure the contestant is competing on the correct stock, has the proper equipment, etc. If a contestant has a question concerning his/her run, the contestant must go to the student director with the problem and Only the student director may talk to the judge, arena director or national director about the problem. In the event the student director is unable to fulfill his/her duties at a particular rodeo, the student director shall find another member to fill in.

DRESS CODE

Anyone inside the arena (contestants, directors, helpers and assistants) must wear western attire: Western hat, long sleeve, button-down shirt (must be wrist length sleeved shirt, with collar and cuffs), & cowboy type boots. No sweatshirts, T-shirts or pullover sweaters allowed as substitutes for western wear. If weather requires outerwear, this is permissible only if back number is visible while competing. Dress code applies while a contestant or director is in the following areas:

1. Arena or arena fences
2. Chute areas
3. Stock working area

Dress code is enforceable one hour before performance begins.

Shirt sleeves must be rolled down, except that rough stock contestants may roll up the shirt sleeve of their riding arm per NHSRA rules.

Back numbers will be assigned. The first number is furnished free of charge. Replacement numbers are \$5.00 each. Back numbers must be worn at all times during the rodeo weekend when a contestant is away from his/her personal trailer or motel room. Any contestant found without a back number

will be assessed a \$25.00 fine. A contestant competing without a back number will be disqualified.

All contestants must have shirttails tucked in at the start of their competition.

The contestant may be out of official dress around the trailer areas or in the stands during rodeos, but should maintain the standards of suitability and modesty. If at any time his/her attire is deemed to be inappropriate, he/she may be asked to change by any director or rodeo official. The first infraction of these dress code rules will result in a warning from an adult director, secretary, or student director. A second infraction may result in disqualification from that rodeo. Dress code applies to cutting horse or reined cow horse competitions.

Contestants are encouraged to take steps to keep their hats on during competition. Any contestant who loses their hat in competition (after crossing the plane of the arena) will be assessed a \$10 hat fine by the event director who will report the fine to the Rodeo Secretary. Hat fines must be paid to the Rodeo Secretary before competing in the next rodeo, state finals round, . Money collected from hat fines will be donated to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

CONDUCT

Any of the following may subject a contestant/member or a non- member to discipline, fines, penalties, disqualification or expulsion, as determined by the Board.

Contestant/Member Conduct

1. Actions, speech or conduct (including social media posts) that casts the contestant/member or the Association in a bad light or is otherwise detrimental to the best interests of the Association; or
2. Fighting, cheating, vandalism or illegal conduct; or
3. Threatening, bribing or coercing a rodeo official; or
4. Violating NHSRA rules; or
5. Being in possession of or having association with

alcoholic beverages, narcotics, or other illegal substances. The consumption of alcohol by contestants/members is prohibited.

Non-Member Conduct

1. Actions, speech or conduct (including social media posts) that casts the non-member or the Association in a bad light or is otherwise detrimental to the best interests of the Association; or
2. Fighting, cheating, vandalism or illegal conduct; or
3. Threatening, bribing or coercing a rodeo official; or
4. Violating NHSRA rules; or
5. Being in possession of or having association with alcohol (if under legal age), narcotics, or other illegal substances.

A “non-member” is any parent, sibling, friend or third-party who travels to or from an Association/NHSRA event with a contestant/member or attends an event with a contestant/ member.

“Associating with” means possessing, consuming or distributing a prohibited substance.

Contestants/Members and Non-Members should not threaten, harass or directly criticize the Association’s stock, Stock Contractors or office help. The Association enjoys a special relationship with contractors who do their very best for our Association. Negative interference in this relationship will be a Conduct infraction. If any contestant/member or Non-Member has a problem or complaint regarding stock, Stock Contractors or office help they should contact a member of the Executive Committee.

At the time of a Conduct infraction, the contestant/member will immediately be suspended. He/She will appear before the Executive Board at its next board meeting. At that time, the Executive Board will act upon the charge and take appropriate action within its discretion. Failure of the contestant/member

to appear and answer to the Executive Board will be an admission of guilt.

Disqualification will include loss of any money earned and/ or points won at the event where the disqualification occurs. This money and points will roll down to the next qualifying contestant until the money and points have been awarded. If a contestant is disqualified from a qualifying rodeo, that rodeo will not count when tabulating the year end points for the contestant.

The Executive Board will act on conduct violations by non- members.

APPEALS

If a contestant feels he/she has a legitimate complaint about his/ her run or ride, the contestant (and ONLY the contestant) should immediately go to the student director of that event and explain his/her reasoning. The student director shall take the complaint to the judge or arena director. Neither the contestant nor contestant's parent may confront the judge. The arena director, the national director, and the judge will come to a decision which will be final. If these three individuals cannot reach a decision, the judge's decision will be final.

RODEO ENTRY

With the exception of cutting and cow horse, there are two complete rodeos held during each regular season rodeo weekend. Contestants have the option of entering one or both rodeos.

For a copy of the Fee Breakdown, please see the rodeo secretary.

Except as otherwise posted by the Secretary for special events (i.e. Border Bash), a regular season rodeo must be pre-entered and pre-paid. Online entries will close 7 days prior to rodeo.

You MUST be a member of the NHSRA to enter the Border Bash Western Legacy Series Rodeo. Non-Members can NOT enter this rodeo.

1. Contestant must fill out online entry stating which rodeo he/ she wishes to enter in the contestant's folder. Contestant may enter as many rodeos as he/she wishes at one time by filling out individual online entry forms and writing a separate check for each rodeo. Except for state finals, checks will not be cashed until the Monday *after* the rodeo you are entering.
2. Contestants can enter late by contacting the rodeo secretary. Contestants entering late will incur a late fee of \$25.00 from Sunday a.m. until Tuesday at 9:00 p.m., the week of the rodeo. Late fees and entry fees must be paid to secretary prior to participation in event. Contestant may enter with a \$75.00 late fee AFTER TUESDAY AT 9:00 P.M. Contestants who enter after Tuesday at 9:00 PM will be given the worst draw positions.
3. Fees may be paid by check, cash, Venmo or money order in a timely manner as stated above. If a contestant has a returned check, payment (together with a \$25 return check fee) must be made to the rodeo secretary prior to participation in any future event. In the event of a second returned check, the contestant must make payment plus a \$25 fee prior to participation and will be placed on a "cash-only basis."
4. Contestants may withdraw from a rodeo without penalty prior to Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. preceding the rodeo.
5. If a contestant draws out after the position draw, he/she will forfeit entry fees unless he/she has a valid medical or vet release or visible injury. These releases must be sent to the secretary within seven days of the rodeo to be accepted. If release is received in a timely manner, jackpot money will be refunded. Contestant will still owe stock charge and office charge. If release is not received within seven days, all fees will be forfeited. Contestant will not be allowed to compete in any future rodeos until these entry fees have been paid. Other legitimate excuses will be dealt with on an individual basis by the Board.

6. If a contestant presents a valid medical release to draw out of rodeo, he/she must also present a release from doctor stating reinstatement to activity prior to participation in future events. During the regular season, the team roping or ribbon roping partner of a contestant who obtains a medical release may draw a partner (only applicable for points runs in Team Roping) to replace the medically released member. At a state finals, no draws are allowed, but the contestant may replace a medically released partner with another contestant who is entered at the finals but is not entered in the event.
7. If an individual has entered a rodeo, he/she must be ready to compete when their name is called to receive points, money and/or prizes. The only exception will be if a contestant has a pre-approved school conflict. A note describing the school event on school letterhead must be given to the rodeo secretary at least 7 days prior to the conflicting rodeo. The Executive Board will determine if a contestant can make his/her ride/run at the rodeo. Contestant must be at the arena before the last ride/run of the rodeo to participate in the conflicting rodeo.
8. If a contestant draws out of the rodeo because of arena conditions, etc., and the event is held, he/she will forfeit entry fees for that event.
9. A contestant will have a reasonable amount of time to enter the arena and begin his/her competition. This will be determined by the arena director and the judge.

Payout will be paid by the following placings:

- a. 1-3 entries, 1 place, 100%
- b. 4-7 entries, 2 place, 60/40%
- c. 8-11 entries, 3 places, 50/30/20%
- d. 12-15, 4 places, 40/30/20/10%
- e. 16-19, 5 places, 34/27/19/13/7%
- f. over 20, 6 places, 29/24/19/14/9/5%

A non-member may enter one regular season rodeo for one day for their lifetime. A non-member of OHSRA or OKJHSRA, who is a member of another NHSRA recognized

state may enter as many Association rodeos as they wish for jackpot purposes only. Any points earned by non-members will not count if he/she later decides to join. The non-member will receive any money he/she wins. If there is a question as to the non-member's eligibility, the prize money will be withheld until eligibility is determined. There is a \$12.00 insurance fee charged per rodeo for non-members of OHSRA or OKJHSRA who are not members of the NHSRA.

DRAW

The rodeo secretary will be responsible for drawing positions from a random list of the contestants. This will be done on Wednesday, prior to the rodeo and placed on the website (www.ohsra.com) by 9:00 pm.

Team Ropers who do not have a points run partner, may draw a partner for regular season rodeos (draws are not allowed for non-point runs or at state finals) from a list of volunteers already entered in the team roping. Drawn partners will not be required to pay entry fees unless they win a check; entry fees will be deducted from winnings before check is paid. Teams with a drawn partner will be placed at the top of the draw. Points won will only be awarded to the entered partner, drawn partner will not receive points.

All stock will be drawn by the judges at the rodeo. This will be an open draw, held 1½ hrs prior to performance, if time allows. The draw will be posted immediately, or 1 hr. prior to performance, whichever comes first.

In timed events, a pen of animals must be drawn all the way through before any animal may be drawn a second time. In the goat tying, all goats will be run an equal number of times. In the rough stock events, all stock will be drawn and posted at one time. In the event that some animals must be used twice, they will be marked with an "R" for reride and the contestant

drawing the “R” animal will automatically have him the second time he is bucked.

EVENTS

Goat Tying- All goats used at OHSRA/OKJHSRA rodeos will be prepared (tied multiple times) by the stock contractor prior to use. Accordingly, when goats are drawn for two consecutive runs at a rodeo or performance and the first contestant draws out, turns out or for another reason does not run, the prepared goat will not be tied before the second contestant's run.

Reined Cow Horse - All OHSRA schedules RCH event judges are required to have a scribe for all events

Team ropers are allowed to enter twice during regular season rodeos. One run will be designated by the team (except draw runs which will be designated by the entered contestant) as their official points run. A second run is allowed with a different partner (or a points team can switch ends) and compete for the jackpot (for High School the jackpot team must have a combined 12.5 point team or less based on USTRC approved point system for determining contestant numbers and combinations (i.e. recognition of elites). Because contestant numbers may change through the year, a 12.5 point team that has entered a rodeo may continue to compete for the balance of the applicable fall season or spring season even if the team's combines number is raised higher than a 12.5 after the team's first entry of the applicable season.) If a contestant does not have a USTRC approved number, the HS Arena Director will designate a number for the contestant. If a contestant who does not have a designated official points run enters with a contestant who has a designated official points run, the entry will be considered a non-points jackpot run.

RERIDES AND RERUNS

In the rough stock events, the stock contractor may designate animals for rerides. Any animal which is turned out automatically goes into the ride pen ahead of other rerides already drawn.

from any animal which is missed. If stock is not fresh, reruns will be drawn from the entire pen. Rerides or reruns will be taken at the time designated by the arena director. In the case where the same animal must be run again, the reruns must be taken before the animal may be competed on by another contestant. No rerides or reruns will be given to a contestant that falls off their horse.

MISDRAW

If there is a misdraw in the contestant draw, and it is discovered prior to stock being drawn for that rodeo performance, the positions for the impacted event(s) will be redrawn. If it is discovered after stock has been drawn for that rodeo performance, the contestant will be allowed to compete in the event but in the worst position (i.e. first in roping events, last in race events). It is each contestant's responsibility to check the website for their position draw prior to the rodeo, so that any errors can be dealt with beforehand.

Drag for both barrels & poles will be set on 5 at every rodeo, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Board. After official draw is posted at the rodeo, any draw outs or med/vet releases WILL BE COUNTED in the drag.

If there is a misdraw on the stock:

1. Animal drawn twice: The first contestant drawing the animal will receive that animal and the second contestant will receive the first rerun/ride animal.
2. Animal pulled after the draw: The stock will be redrawn from that position down. If the performance has already begun, the contestant will be given the first extra.

TIMERS

There will be two timers at each rodeo. These timers may not be replaced before the end of an event. Timers, judges and flagmen shall not officiate an event in which a member of their immediate family is competing, unless it is determined by the Executive Board that an exception to this rule is necessary and

fair. The official timer will record both times and the time for that contestant will be an average of the two times. If one of the timers fails to record a time, the one time will be used. If both timers fail to record a time, the contestant will receive a rerun on that same animal, providing he/she qualified for it in the field. Times will be recorded to the hundredths for all events timed with the stopwatch and thousandths for the events timed with the electric eye. If one timer feels that he/she has not recorded an accurate time, and there is a marked discrepancy in the two watches, that one time will be disregarded and the time taken from the one watch. Where the electric eye is used, that time will be the official time and the official time keeper will record the times from the stop watches for backup. If at any time the electric eye fails to work for one run, the backup times will be used for that run only and the electric eye times will stand for all other runs. In the case that the electric timer fails two times in any event, the backup times will be used for all runs in that event. If electric eye timer is used to start the time in any event, averaging will not be required.

Traditional rope barriers will be used in all roping events and set up under the supervision of the arena director and/or judge.

In the rough stock events, the score of the judges is final. The secretary will recheck all figures on the judge's sheets before any places are paid. If there are any discrepancies, she will check with the judges and the judges' decision will be final.

All times or scores announced by the announcer are unofficial until the secretary has compared her sheet to the arena director's sheets, the student director's sheets, and the judges' sheets. The official times and scores will be posted as soon as they are official.

POINTS

Points will be given in each event to the top 10 members placing in that event: 10 points for the first place down to 1 point for 10th. If there is a non-member placing in the top 10, his/her points will be disregarded and the points will roll down

to the next member. In team roping, a member who places with a drawn partner will receive that place's points; the points for the drawn partner will not count.

STATE FINALS

100% of the qualifying rodeos will be carried to the state finals. At the state finals, 10 points will be awarded for each of the two long go's, with each contestant receiving at least two runs or rides. These points will be added to year end totals & accumulative high point contestants (top 15) in each event will then proceed to the short go or championship round, which is also worth 10 points. Contestants must have placed in the top 10 at a minimum of one qualifying rodeo to compete in the short-go. Average money will be paid on the two long-go's, but finals average prizes and average points will be awarded on the two long-go's and the short go. The average points are worth 15 points which is awarded by dropping 1 ½ pts per place down to 10 places (1st place in avg. is worth 15 pts, 10th place is worth 1 ½ pts.). The contestant having the most points at the end of this procedure will be awarded the state championship and the National Team positions will be awarded to the top 4 qualifiers.

Contestants draw 1st round order for timed events EXCEPT for barrels/poles at state finals will be based on points coming into the state finals in descending order with the contestant with the least points going first and the contestant with the most points going last. Barrels and Poles will be the contestant coming in with the most points will go first and the least points last. 2nd round order will be reversed from 1st round order for all events. Top 15 in each event will compete in the Championship Round (short round) with order being 15th to 1st for ALL events

Extras drawn for the 1st round will remain extras in the 2nd round, unless used as necessary.

For the Championship Round, the livestock with the fastest times/highest scores from the 1st and 2nd rounds will be in the draw. In events where there are 15 finalists, then the top 18

livestock will be drawn. In events with less than 15 finalists, an appropriate number (as determined by the Executive Board) of livestock in excess of the finalist will be included in the draw.

The all-around cowboy and cowgirl will be determined on the number of points accumulated for the year in two or more events. Contestant must not only compete in two or more events, but must also have earned points in at least two events. Finals points will be added to year-end points. The all-around rookie cowboy and cowgirl will be determined by the same methods as the all-around except contestant must be first year competing member in NHSRA.

All around at regular season rodeos will be determined on the 10 point system, based on points accumulated in 2 or more events.

Shooting Competition – Depending on participation interest from year to year, the Executive Board may set rules for a shooting competition to determine qualifiers to shoot at Nationals. State Finals prizes will be limited to a champion buckle. National shooting qualifiers (who are not National Qualifiers in a rodeo event) will receive (i) two National team shirts (they may elect to purchase other shirts and a Nationals coat) and (ii) up to ½ travel money (if there are multiple shooting qualifiers who are not qualified in a rodeo event, 1 travel money will be split among the shooting qualifiers).

High School Queen Contest – A spring sign up deadline for the queen contest at the OHRSA state finals will be set by the board. If less than three contestants compete in the queen contest. The prize package may be adjusted by the Board. Queen contestants are answerable not only to the rulebook, but also to the queen coordinator and the Board of Directors. The queen coordinator is responsible for ensuring that the contestants fulfill all obligations on state and national levels as well as providing criteria for participation in queen contest and queen duties during state and national rodeo events. Failure or refusal to abide by these guidelines may result in disqualification.

Regular Season Slack Option/Rules

In an attempt to address conflicts that arise during the regular season, the Board of Directors has approved these procedures that allow contestants to designate certain Saturday or Sunday regular season be completed in a Sunday "slack." Slack designations are separate from and in addition to the school activity rule. In the event of any dispute over the application of these slack rules, the decision of the Executive Board shall govern the dispute.

- OHSRA and OKJHSRA members may designate certain Saturday or Sunday regular season rodeos for "slack." If Saturday slack is chosen, you will make your slack run before the respective event begins on Sunday. If Sunday slack is chosen, your slack run will be made at the end of the respective event on Saturday. All Saturday slack runs for a particular event must be completed before any Sunday rodeo competition runs begin for a particular event. All Sunday sack runs for a particular event will be run at the end of the event.
 - OHSRA Slack Designations are not available for the first regular season rodeo weekend Lazy E Fall Bash, the March 2026 Border Bash rodeo, or the 2025 OHSRA/OKJHSRA State Finals;
 - Slack is available this year for Saturday or Sunday rodeo. However, you may ONLY choose ONE either Saturday or Sunday for ALL your EVENTS.
 - Slack designations must be delivered to the Rodeo Secretary by the entry deadline for the designated rodeo (i.e. Seven (7) days prior to the rodeo). The only exception to this designation deadline is in the case of a funeral of a family member of the contestant (within two degrees of separation).
 - A \$150 slack fee is due for Slack Designation and will be applied to the Association General Fund. This slack fee must be paid prior to the member competing in slack.
 - Once submitted, a Slack Designation may not be withdrawn and the slack fee is non-

- refundable even if a member later draws out, meds out or vets out.
- A Slack Designation will apply to all of the designating member's entered events (i.e. If a contestant designates slack, if he/she designates Saturday Slack they will compete in all of their events on Sunday. If he/she designates Sunday Slack they will compete in all his/her events on Saturday).
 - In Team Roping and Ribbon Roping, the designating member is responsible for coordinating with his/her partner. The partner will not be responsible for a slack fee, unless the partner also makes a slack designation. (i.e. a partner who has not also made a slack designation must compete in all of his/her other events, including non-point team roping runs, on Saturday);
 - A member is limited to three (3) slack designations during the regular rodeo season;
 - Slack is not available for non-point (jackpot only) team roping runs. The designating member is responsible for coordinating with his non-point team roping partner.

STATE FINALS QUALIFICATIONS

Any member may enter any event at the state finals providing he/ she has entered that event in at least one qualifying rodeo and has fulfilled his/her fundraising and membership requirements. The exception to this is the high school queen contest. Any person who wishes to enter the queen contest need not have participated in a qualifying rodeo, but must pay entry fees for state finals as other contestants as well as fulfilling membership and fund raising obligations prior to participation in queen contest.

Any member who competes in state finals is eligible for awards, even if he/she does not have a qualified ride/run providing he/she would be in one of the top 15 positions. Contestant must have earned at least one point in at least one qualifying rodeo in order to be in the top 15 position and compete in the Championship Round of the State Finals.

Before competing in the state finals, OHSRA members who are home schooled using an Unaccredited program, must show documentation that they have completed and passed an equivalency test (see page 1 "Membership") for the grade they are enrolled in.

Year/End Prizes and Scholarships/Nationals

To qualify for year end jackets, prizes and scholarships, contestants must have entered the state finals and met all of the requirements to compete at state finals and have paid all fundraisers by the deadline established by the Executive Board for state final entries. A contestant with enough points or scores, using the accumulative point system, but because of injury cannot compete in the state finals, will maintain his/ her position through the short round and will receive points and awards for their final placing in the event. Contestant MUST have a medical release or visible injury.

Each year, the Board strives to raise funds for quality year-end awards, travel money for National Team members and senior scholarships. The amount of these awards, travel money and scholarships is dependent on funds raised each year and are not guaranteed. Members should not expect to receive a certain scholarship merely because they have participated in OHSRA rodeos in prior years. Scholarships awarded are not participation prizes but are awarded based on the Board discretion each year and based on available funds.

If less than three contestants, on average, compete in any given event throughout the year, the prize package for that event may be adjusted by the Board.

The Association is comprised of a high school division and a junior high division. Funds raised during the year by each division will be combined with the following order of priorities; First priority- year end prizes; Second priority- travel money and coats for nationals teams; Third priority- scholarships for high school seniors. National qualifiers are expected to wear team shirts (on designated days) at Nationals while competing to promote the

Association and its sponsors. If a contestant refuses to wear team shirts while competing, the contestant will be required to repay his/her travel money. If a National qualifier is disciplined by NHSRA during Nationals and, as a result, it not allowed to compete in an event at Nationals, the qualifier will refund his/her travel money to the Association.

In the event the Association is not allocated enough camping spots to accommodate all National qualifiers, camping spots will be allocated members of the executive board, adult directors and student directors (in that order) and the balance of spots will be drawn by other National qualifiers.

If a senior contestant has a medical release confirming that he or she cannot compete at state finals, the contestant is still eligible to receive year end prizes and senior scholarship as long as all other criteria are met and as determined by the Board. In such an event, the injured senior contestant is not required to enter the state finals.

ALL Scholarship applications MUST be turned in before you can pick up your back number at state finals. Any scholarship applications NOT received by this time will cause the member to be ineligible for scholarship monies. Earned scholarships must be claimed within 1 year following the award of the scholarship, otherwise the scholarship lapses.

2025-2026 RODEO SCHEDULE

FALL 2025

SEPT. 6-7	LAZY E - HS/JH
SEPT. 20-21	WOODWARD - HS/JH
OCT. 4-5	PAWHUSKA - HS/JH
OCT. 18-19	STIGLER - HS
NOV. 1-2	CHICKASHA - HS/JH
NOV. 8-9	DURANT - HS

SPRING 2026

MARCH 14-15	ARDMORE - HS/JH
MARCH 20-22	BORDER BASH @LAZY E - HS/JH
APRIL 4-5	CHICKASHA - HS/JH
APRIL 25-26	WEATHERFORD (HS)/THOMAS (JH)
MAY 14-17	JH STATE FINALS AT CHICKASHA
MAY 26-31	HS STATE FINALS AT CHICKASHA