

NEBRASKA JR. HIGH SCHOOL RODEO DIVISION RULES-2011-2012

GENERAL RULES:

1. Dress Code: From the time the rodeo starts until the rodeo is over, all contestants on the rodeo grounds must be in rodeo attire. (refer to the National High School Rodeo rule book.) Contestants will be fined \$25 for each violation. Fines must be paid before the next rodeo or the contestant will not be able to compete. Fines will be put into the "Student Fund." This means no caps or shirt tails out.
2. If a member of the NJHSRA is caught by an officer of the law, or a director of the NHSRA in position of drugs, alcohol, or in the act of destruction of property at an NJHSRA rodeo or function, the fine is suspension of the next four(4) rodeos. Turn-outs and fees will be implied.
3. A contestants current grades, with school certification, must accompany the membership form. Current grades will need to be submitted prior to the start of the spring season, and at the conclusion of the school year. Grades must be received before the state finals. Renewing members would not need to submit grades with their fall membership forms, if they sent them at the conclusion of the past school year.
4. Contestants will be issued a back number that will be used for the rodeo year. Back numbers will be worn at all qualifying rodeos and are to be worn on the contestants back. Failure to wear back numbers whether competing or around the area, could result in disqualification.
5. A contestant who accepts a position on the National Finals Rodeo Team will be expected to perform in all qualified go-rounds of the National Finals Rodeo.
6. A contestant must compete at the State Finals Rodeo to be eligible for the National Finals Rodeo, regardless of the points earned throughout the season. Top 4 point earners per event will qualify for Nationals.
7. Dress code, as stated in the National High School Rule Book, must be followed.
8. Contestants cannot be moved up a section after positions are drawn unless it is a trade out. Trade outs will be allowed at the rodeo secretary's discretion.
9. Fund Raiser for 2011-2012: 1) All members will be **expected** to sell \$20 worth of raffle tickets for a \$250 beef bundle. 2) All members are **required** to get a mandatory \$50 donation. The idea is for the member to go out and work for someone to seek a donation or you may simply get a donation.

FINES:

1. All fines will be paid to the Nebraska Jr High School Division Secretary, unless she is unavailable, then to the practice rodeo secretary. The State Secretary will put fifty percent (50%) of the turn out fines in the student fund and the other fifty percent (50%) goes to the said rodeo committee.
2. Turn-out fines must be paid within five(5) days or the contestant will be ineligible until the fines are paid.
3. If turn-out fines are not paid before the next rodeo entered, the contestant must draw out or will be considered another turn out for the rodeo and each rodeo thereafter, until the fines are paid.

ENTRIES:

1. Qualifying rodeo entries are to be sent in to the qualifying rodeo secretary with checks made out to that specific rodeo. A check or money order covering entry fees must accompany all rodeo entry forms.
2. Entry fees will be twelve dollars (\$12) per even with two dollars (\$2) going to the state student fund and \$10 going to the host rodeo committee. Points will be given from 1st to 10th place. 1st=10 points.
3. Each entry sheet will be accepted as is when received by the rodeo secretary. If a contestant marks the wrong event, he/she must turn out of that event and pay the fine.
4. If a town is having more than one rodeo, an entry form and fees for each rodeo must be received.

TURN OUTS:

If you need to turn out of an event before the positions are drawn and have contacted the rodeo secretary, all of your fees will be refunded. (Except Team Roping, see team Roping rules.)

NON-NOTIFIED TURN OUTS:

After positions are drawn, a turn out will result in a \$10 fine, per event and in rough stock events the stock charge will be added to the fine.

NOTIFIED TURN OUTS:

If turning out due to VET or MEDICAL release, the rodeo secretary must be notified 24 hours in advance of the start time of the rodeo. Fees will be refunded and no fine will be imposed. Please send official letterhead, signed dated and events drawn out of within 5 days of the rodeo or no fees will be refunded.

VISUAL INJURIES:

A contestant may turn out due to a visible injury or illness that occurred the day of the rodeo, provided the judge has ruled this to be the situation. A judge's visual release is only good for that day's rodeo. The turn out fines would be waived in this situation, however the entry fees would not be returned.

EVENT RULES:

TEAM ROPING AND RIBBON ROPING:

IF the TEAM turns out before positions are drawn, fees will be refunded to both contestants. IF one contestant turns out before positions are drawn, the contestant turning out is responsible for his/her fees.

If the contestant turns out after positions are drawn, he/she is responsible for his/her fee plus a \$10 turn out fine. His/her partner can find a replacement if that replacement is entered in said rodeo but not in the team roping or ribbon roping event, and has a parental signature on the membership application for that event.

If a contestant VET or MEDICAL releases out, his/her partner can find a replacement if that replacement is entered in said rodeo, but not in the team roping or ribbon roping and has a parental signature on the membership application. His/her new partner is responsible for the fee.

When a new partner is selected this must be done before stock is drawn from the section they are in. Except when the absent partner medical releases with a VISUAL INJURY.

TIMED EVENTS:

All timed events except ribbon roping and team roping have a forty-five (45) second time limit. Ribbon Roping-30 second time limit. Team Roping-60 second time limit.

STATE FINALS:

1. The NE Junior High School Rodeo State Finals for 2012 will be held May 24-25, 2012. There will be 2 go rounds and an average. Points will be 10 per round and 10 for the average.
2. In order to qualify for the National Finals, members must compete in the state finals rodeo and be ready to commit to attending the National Finals in Gallup, NM, July 2012.
3. Year end champions/National Qualifiers will be determined by the top point earner. Points from all rodeos will be carried into the State Finals.
4. Contestants numbers must be worn at all times during the state finals.
5. All turn-out fines must be paid before competing in the state finals rodeo.
6. Any member who has competed in 1 regular season rodeo may enter the State Finals.
7. To compete at state finals all members must bring an item for the National Basket contest or \$5.00.