

New Jersey High School Rodeo Association, Inc.
Member Information
2022/2023

Dear Potential Member and Parents.

We are very glad you are considering joining the New Jersey High School Rodeo Association. We have several membership opportunities High School Division, Junior High Division, Elementary School (Tumbleweeds). Only Junior High and High School contestants can qualify for National Events. Below you will find a set of instructions and forms that need to be completed should you decide to join. JH and HS will upload these onto your profile on the National website. Tumbleweeds will mail the completed forms to the address below before the first rodeo.

NJHSRA
1060 Macopin Road
West Milford, New Jersey 07480

If you have any questions, please call our State Secretary, Pamela Stapp, at tstapp4@live.com 973-689-4760

Welcome,

NJHSRA Board of Directors

Member Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must currently be attending school: K -5th grade (Tumbleweeds). If you are in 5th grade, you have the option of participating in the Elementary Division or the Jr High Division. This option is totally up to you, but once you choose a division, you must stick with that decision.
5th-8th (Junior High),
9th-12th (High School or participating in an approved home school curriculum.)
A copy of the member's birth certificate is required with your application the **first year** you become a member.
2. Must maintain a passing grade in **70%** of your classes throughout the year. Please include the member's most recent report card with the application. Typically this would be the last report card of the previous grade/year. Current report cards are required in both the fall and spring.
3. **Tumbleweed Membership Fee: \$85.00**
Junior High and High School Membership Fee: New Jersey **\$60.00** plus the **National Fee.**
4. Must participate in **annual fundraisers**. Each family is required to raise a minimum of \$300. We will have organized fund raisers throughout the year. You can also choose to buy out of the fund raising, up front.
5. Student must participate **in at least 4 rodeos to be eligible to compete in Finals.**
6. Students must work in the arena during the rodeo for a minimum of **3 rodeos**. There will be sign-ups to help as event directors, goat holders, pole setters and barrel setters. Participation by each student will be recorded. Parents are also welcome to help in the arena (must be in full western attire)
7. **Student must have participated in an event 4 times during the rodeo season** in order to be eligible to compete in that event at finals.
8. Contestants must submit **dues** totaling **\$ 100.00** throughout the season for Junior High and High School students. The first installment of **\$50.00 is due December 1, 2022**. The second installment of **\$50.00 is due April 1, 2023**. Students are required to pay full dues, regardless of when they join. Contestants are considered not in good standing and will not be permitted to rodeo if their dues are not received on time. **You may pay this at the time of registration for the entire year.**

Paperwork to be submitted prior to first rodeo:

NHSRA Membership Application 2022-20223 (High School) – when completing the registration and fees section, you will **NOW pay** the National and the State registration on the National website.

You will also upload all your paperwork to your on-line profile. You DO NOT NEED TO MAIL THEM.

NJHSRA Membership Application 2022-2023 (Junior High School)- when completing the registration and fees section, you will pay the National and State registration fee to the National website.

You will also upload all your paperwork to your on-line profile. You DO NOT NEED TO MAIL THEM.

Tumbleweeds Membership Application 2022-2023 (Elementary School) NJ Application fee only \$85.00 **(ALL PAPERWORK TO BE MAILED TO STATE SECRETARY)**

NHSRA Minor Release Form (All Contestants)- signed by contestant and both parents – MUST BE NOTARIZED. *(Please note unless one parent is deceased or you have sole custody, both parents need to sign the notarized release and the application) All those signing, must appear before the notary and have your names on the release.*

NJ State Application (High School/Junior High, Tumbleweeds)

Copy of birth certificate (new members only)

Copy of most recent report card (last report card from previous year/grade)

Signed waiver of liability (National and NJ Participation Agreement)

Signed Rules of Conduct and Contestant Responsibility

Signed Social Media Contract

Emergency Contact Information Sheet

Photo/Video Release Statement

Fees Payable to NJ High School Rodeo Association

General Information

Generally we have one performance per day and 2 in a weekend. When you call-in or enter on-line, you will be entered in both performances unless you specify otherwise. Check-in times and other event information will be posted on the website and Facebook prior to Call-ins.

Every rodeo has a mandatory contestant meeting before the start of the rodeo-roll call will be taken if you miss this meeting you may not be permitted to compete. During check-in and the contestant meeting, **contestants must be in FULL dress code including back number and must remain in dress code until 1 hour after the performance.** All information regarding call-ins and performance detail and schedules will be posted to the Association website and Facebook.

Entry Fees

Entry fees are required for EACH rodeo and can be paid by PayPal (add \$3.00 fee for every \$125) njhsra16@gmail.com or by cash. Entry fees for all performances during the weekend must be paid during check-in prior to the start of the first performance. Entry fees will be posted on the event information sheet.

If we rodeo at events hosted by other states the entry fees may vary and will be set by the host state. **If you have called in and turn-out (no-show for performance) you are still liable for entry fees and will be billed by the association.** All turn out fees are to be paid before you will be allowed to rodeo again.

IF YOU MISS CALL INS, YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER.

Rodeo Dress Code

- **Western hat (helmet or hat can be worn to compete)**
- **Long sleeve western shirt**
- **Jeans**
- **Cowboy boots**
- **Back Number**

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Rules of Conduct and Contestant Responsibilities

I understand and will abide by the following rules of conduct and all rules in the National High School Rule Book at all High School Rodeos and help with the following responsibilities.

1. **I must be in rodeo attire one hour prior to performance, during the rodeo and one hour after rodeo.** Dress code includes hat, long sleeve shirt (buttoned and tucked in), back number, western boots and jeans. No clothing can be worn with another trademark that conflicts with the National Sponsors. I will be conscious of the fact that my attire any time I am on the rodeo grounds is a reflection of the association and therefore should be age-appropriate and in good condition.
2. **I must be on time for posted rodeo check in.** If an unforeseen circumstance will cause me to miss the posted check-in time it is my responsibility to notify the Rodeo Secretary and/or the National secretary and find another contestant to check in and pay my fees prior to close of check-in or I will not be able to compete.
3. **I understand that profanity of any kind is NOT permitted on the rodeo grounds.** I must always display team support and good sportsmanship. Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to other contestants, or the sport of rodeo and this association while in attendance or traveling to and from a rodeo may result in disciplinary action.
4. **I may not use or have any association with alcohol, tobacco, or illegal substances while on the rodeo grounds or while representing NJHSRA in any capacity. (Use of any of these substances will result in disqualification)** Rowdy behavior, quarrelling or fighting on the rodeo grounds at any time will result in disciplinary action which may include disqualification.
5. **I will not discipline my horse in the arena or on rodeo grounds nor abuse any stock in any way.** Training my horse should take place at home and not in front of spectators. If my horse is injured in any way I will seek appropriate veterinary care and will notify the Rodeo Secretary/National Secretary, if I cannot compete.
6. I understand that I will help pick up trash after the rodeo and am responsible for the overall condition of the area around my trailer and camping site.
7. **I will be on the rodeo grounds a minimum of 1 hour prior to the rodeo and will help put up banners and/or help take them down, or any other arena duties defined. I understand it is mandatory to attend all student meetings at the rodeo. There will be student meetings at every rodeo. If I am not in attendance at the meetings I understand that I will receive a warning for the first missed meeting and face possible disqualification from one rodeo performance for a second missed meeting or second offence.**
8. **I will be responsible about call-ins.** I will have needed information (stalls, campsites etc) needed and call in on the appropriate date and time for each rodeo I am performing in. I understand that if I miss the posted call-in times I will not be able to compete in that performance.
9. **I will be responsible for any and all fees.** If I am unable to attend a rodeo which I have called in for, I will contact the rodeo secretary as soon as possible. **I will be responsible**

for entry fees unless otherwise excused due to injury of my horse or myself. In case of injury or sickness I will provide within 24 hours a signed excuse from a doctor or veterinarian.

10. I understand that payback money will be available only after the rodeo is complete.
11. **I understand that parent and guardian misconduct will not be tolerated** and may result in the same penalties as if I did it myself, as per NHSRA Rulebook at the discretion of the board of directors.
12. **I understand that it is mine and my parent's responsibility to read the NHSRA Rulebook and NJHSRA bi-laws** and be aware of what is required of me as a member of NJHSRA and the National High School Rodeo Association.

Please keep this for your records and hand in the signed document below.

Student Name: _____

Rules of Conduct and Contestant Responsibilities: Signature Page

Initial next to the acknowledgment clauses below and sign/print as indicated below:

_____ I understand the above rules apply in addition to the rules outlined in the National Rules, Bylaws and Constitution under the Contestant Disqualifications section. I understand that disciplinary action may include fines, censure, probation, removal, suspension, or permanent expulsion.

_____ **I understand the above and acknowledge that the first time abusing any of the above rules or rules outlined in the National Rules, Bylaws and /Constitution will result in a warning and second offense may result in the removal of any and all points or other appropriate disciplinary action at the discretion of the National Director and the Board of the New Jersey High School Rodeo Association.**

Member Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____