

# New Jersey High School Rodeo Association, Inc.

## Member Information

### 2023-2024

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. We have an awesome year planned. Below you will find a set of instructions and forms that need to be completed should you decide to join. Please mail the completed forms to the address below before the first rodeo you plan to participate in.

NJHSRA  
1060 Macopin Road  
West Milford, New Jersey 07480

If you have any questions, please call our State Secretary, Pamela Stapp, 973-689-4760 or email: [NJsecretaryPam@outlook.com](mailto:NJsecretaryPam@outlook.com)

#### **Member Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Must currently be attending school: K -5<sup>th</sup> grade (Tumbleweeds), This year the National High School Rodeo is including 5<sup>th</sup> grade in their Jr High Program. **You have the option** of competing as a Tumbleweed or Competing as in Junior High. This option is totally up to you, but once you choose a division, you must stick with that decision. 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> (Junior High), 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> (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. The **\$160.00** membership/dues fee for (High School) PLUS the National fee that you pay to them, **\$160.00** membership/dues fee for (Junior High) PLUS the National fee that you pay to them or **\$135.00** for (Elementary) must be submitted with the completed application,
4. Students must participate in at least **4 rodeos to be eligible to compete in Finals**, plus must have competed in the event 4 times in order to compete in that event for finals.
5. Students must earn 6 service hours throughout the season but helping in and around the arena during rodeos. There will be a sign-up sheet for every rodeo to choose your event.
6. **Fund Raising:** Each family will be responsible for raising \$300 for the year. This can be done by selling raffle tickets: Rifle raffles: \$100/book, RAM raffles \$200/book, as well as other fund raisers throughout the year.

**Paperwork to be submitted prior to first rodeo:**

**NHSRA Membership Application (High School and Junior High)** All registration and dues will be paid on line. All forms need to be signed and notarized by both parents, unless deceased or one parent has sole legal custody.

All National and NJ Paperwork must be uploaded to your online profile on the National website.

**Tumbleweeds Membership Application (Elementary School)** NJ Application fee/dues \$135.00

**NHSRA Minor Release Form (All Contestants)**- signed by contestant and both parents – MUST BE NOTARIZED.

**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 for Tumbleweed Division**

### **General Information**

Generally we have one performance per day and 2 in a weekend. When you call-in (TEXT) 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. If you have to miss you must contact NJSRA secretary prior to the day/meeting time.**

**During check-in and the contestant meeting, contestants must be in dress code including back number and must remain in dress code until 1 hour after the performance. This will be enforced this season:**

All information regarding call-ins and performance details 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) njhsra16@gmail.com or by cash or check. 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**

## New Jersey High School Rodeo Association 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 prior to check in, during 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 check-in secretary and to 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 no profanity of any kind is 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.** Rowdy behavior, quarrelling or fighting on the rodeo grounds at any time will result in disciplinary action.
- 5. I will not discipline my horse in the arena 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 Event Secretary if I cannot compete.
- 6. I will 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 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 meeting.**

**8. I will be responsible about call-in. 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.

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 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 Executive Board of the New Jersey High School Rodeo Association.

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_