

New Jersey High School Rodeo Association, Inc.

Member Information

2026-2027

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

Member Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must currently be attending school: K -5th grade (Tumbleweeds), This year the National High School Rodeo is including 5th 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. 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. The **\$175.00** membership/dues fee for (High School) PLUS the National fee that you pay to them, **\$175.00** membership/dues fee for (Junior High) PLUS the National fee that you pay to them or **\$150.00** 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 **10 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, YETI raffles/book, as well as other fund raisers throughout the year. If you secure a corporate sponsor, 10% over the \$300 will be awarded back to the member. All fund raising must be in by check-ins of finals weekend.

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 for JH/HS must be uploaded to your online profile on the National website.

Tumbleweeds Membership Application (Elementary School) NJ Application fee/dues \$150.00 scanned and emailed to NJSecretaryPam@outlook.com

___ **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 first year)**

___ **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, JH and HS pay on the National Website

General Information

Generally we have one performance per day and 2 in a weekend. When you call-in (enter on line from the link provided) 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 NJSHRA secretary prior to the day/meeting time.**

During the contestant meeting, contestants must be in dress code including back number and must remain in dress code throughout the rodeo, even when not competing. This will be enforced:

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 responsible for entry fees and will be billed by the association. If you must turn out due to illness or vet out, you must provide a doctor/vet note.** 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 (**must be tucked in**)
- Jeans
- Cowboy boots
- Back Number

NEW JERSEY HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2025-2026

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name: _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip
Code: _____ Home Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____ Email (to
be used for NJHSRA
communication: _____ Date of
Birth: _____ Age: _____ Name of School
Attending: _____
School Address: _____
County: _____

PARENT INFORMATION:

Names: _____ Address: (if
different from student) _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell
Phone: _____ Email
Address: _____ @ _____ Emergency
Contact Name: _____ Best Contact
Number: _____

AREAS OF INTEREST: Circle all that apply.

* Barrel Racing * Pole Bending * Breakaway Roping * Goat Tying
* Queen Contest * Tie-Down Roping * Team Roping * Saddle Bronc/Steer * Saddle
Bronc Riding * Bull Riding * Ribbon Roping (JH) * Steer Wrestling/Chute Dogging
(JH) * JH Boys Goat Tying * JH Boys Breakaway
* Tumbleweed Calf riding * Tumbleweed Boys/Girls * Barrel Racing, * Tumbleweed
Pole Bending, * Tumbleweed Goat Tying * Light Rifle Team * Tumbleweed
Breakaway Roping (All TW Events are Co-ed)

MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$175.00 - High School Membership \$175.00 - Junior High School
Membership **JH and HS pay on-line**
\$150.00 - Elementary School - Tumbleweeds

Member Signature

New Jersey High School Rodeo Association
Rules of Conduct and Contestant Responsibilities 2025/2026

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 prior to performance, during the member meeting, and during the entire 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: _____

New Jersey High School Rodeo Association Emergency Information Sheet 2025-2026

Contestants Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

List at least 3 Emergency names and contact telephone numbers.

Name Relationship to Contestant Cell Phone #

Medications and Allergies:

Helpful Medical History:

Is the contestant covered by a medical insurance policy?

_____ (If yes, please provide insurance information with copy
of insurance card, etc.)

Signature of parent _____

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Photo/Video Release Statement

I, _____, give my permission for my child
and their equine partner to be video recorded/photographed and his or her
video/photograph be used on educational bulletin boards, newsletters, social
media and websites including all advertisements for
NHSRA/NJHSRA/NJHSRA/NJJHSRA.

Contestant Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

NJHSRA Social Media Code of Conduct

Our Mission Statement:

- Promote the sport of rodeo and the highest type of conduct and sportsmanship and expose its positive image to the general public.
- Preserve the Western heritage.
- Offer the privilege of family bonding.
- Offer an opportunity of continuing education.
- Maintain the highest regard for the livestock.

Social Media has become an important and integral part of how we communicate, promote and market ourselves and NJHSRA. With this comes responsibility. There is a degree of perceived ambiguity as to what constitutes ethical behavior when participating in a personal way as a member of NJHSRA.

In addition to the previous code of conduct that members have signed, this social media code of conduct aims to provide guidance on your responsibility as a member of NJHSRA. Please Note: When you are in NJHSRA or NHSRA Attire (**even if it is just a buckle**) it is imperative that you adhere to these standards:

1. **Public vs Private:** Most social media platforms have privacy or group settings. Despite this it is difficult to guarantee that what you are sharing is fully private. Therefore, you should assume that anything you share can be read by anyone, anywhere at any time and remember the internet has a long memory.
2. **Exercise Good Judgement:** Basically, if you would not want your parents, grandparents, employer or the board of NJHSRA seeing your post then you should not share it! It is important to understand the impact that your post has on you personally as well as NJHSRA. NJHSRA in accordance with our parent organization NHSRA holds its members to a high code of conduct. This code should guide you in your decisions on what is appropriate to post on social media.
3. **Respectful:** **Never** post **malicious, misleading, or unfair content** about your **organization, competitors, or other stakeholders**. Do not post content that is **obscene, defamatory, threatening, or discriminatory to an individual, or the organization**. Do not post comments that you would not say directly to another person and consider how other people might react before you post.
4. **Responding to Posts:** Do not involve yourself in comments that are in response to someone challenging the sport of rodeo. For example, don't respond to a post

that would engage you in a dialogue from an animal rights activist who is challenging the treatment of livestock.

In accordance with this social media code of conduct all members (including adult members) have been given notice to the expectations outlined above. If you need to report/discuss a situation that has occurred, the student may go to any board member to guide you through the process of reporting. Concerns will then be directed to the **Student Advisory Committee** who will discuss the situation with the board.

Should a member of NJHSRA violate the intent of this social media code of conduct the following disciplinary actions will take place:

First Offense: \$50.00 Fine

Second Offense: \$100.00 Fine with loss of 1 performance. Student must be present at this performance and assist in the arena.

Third Offense: Student will be deemed ineligible for the remainder of the season and will not be able to participate in any rodeos for the remainder of the season.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

I _____ have read and am familiar with the rules pertaining to this amendment to the NJHSRA code of conduct and I agree to the conditions of this conduct and behavior policy agreement and assume responsibility for my actions.

Member's Signature

Date

I accept full responsibility for the conduct of my child/ward and agree to action by the Association described above should he/she fail to meet the policies and conditions contained in this code of conduct policy.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

