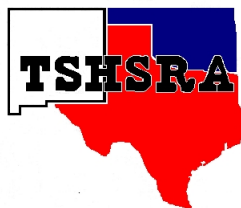


**TRI-STATE HIGH SCHOOL RODEO
ASSOCIATION, INC.**



**2008-2010 SUPPLEMENT
TO NHSRA RULEBOOK**

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

- 1) The name of the Association is and shall be the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association, Inc. also referred to as TSHSRA.
- 2) The purpose for which this association is formed is to provide and promote the competitive events of rodeo.
- 3) "Purpose: To promote the highest conduct and sportsmanship at all rodeos."

OFFICERS

- 1) The Student Officers of the TSHSRA shall be as follows: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, and Secretary/Historian. They shall be elected on a yearly basis by the membership.
- 2) The President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, and Secretary/Historian shall be nominated at a called meeting approximately 60 days before the Finals. Nominations shall be made from the floor. A minimum of three members may be nominated to fill the President, 1st Vice-President, and the 2nd Vice-President positions. The one receiving the most votes will be President, second highest number of votes will be 1st Vice-President and the

third largest number of votes will be 2nd Vice-President. Any number of members may be nominated to fill the position of Secretary/Historian. The one receiving the highest number of votes will be Secretary/Historian.

3) In case of a tie vote for any office, Seniority will prevail.

4) The President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President and Secretary/Historian shall have the usual duties of these offices with the exception of the duties that are delegated by the Board of Directors.

5) The Student Officers and membership will have one meeting during the TSHSRA Finals. The officers may call a meeting at any time during the year for the purpose of conducting business or making recommendations to the Board of Directors.

6) The Board of Directors shall be made up of nine elected persons. From those nine, three will be selected to represent Region 1 on the Texas High School Rodeo Association Board of Directors. TSHSRA directors will serve two year terms. ~~Three~~ **Five** will be elected one year and four will be elected the next year. They will be nominated by the TSHSRA membership at a called meeting during the spring semester, with the election and voting to be held soon thereafter.

Ballots will be mailed out to individual members and the results announced at a date set by the Board.

No person shall serve as a Director without having a member in TSHSRA.

7) It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Board of Directors to conduct and manage the business, property, and affairs of the TSHSRA. The Board of Directors may take any actions which it considers necessary to carry out the purposes of the TSHSRA and may enter into any contract or obligation in furtherance thereof.

8) The General Membership Meeting shall be open for observation to members and card holders in good standing. However, the Board of Directors may go into Executive Session at which time, members shall not be allowed to attend.

9) At the annual meeting or any called meeting, each club that is a member of TSHSRA shall have two voting delegates and will be allowed only two votes per club. Sponsors shall have no votes unless there is no member from their club present and then they have two votes.

An agenda for the meeting will be posted and only agenda items will be discussed. Members wishing to add a subject of discussion or a proposed rule change to the agenda must submit the item or items, in writing, to the Executive Secretary at least five days before the meeting.

The Board of Directors will review and approve the agenda before it is posted.

10) The Executive Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership and Directors meeting and mail to all sponsors. He/She shall be custodian for the safe keeping of all documents and records of the TSHSRA. The secretary will audit the results from each rodeo to determine the correct awarding of points. He/She shall make reports of her/his office and shall account for all moneys by itemized statements in detail to the Board of Directors and General Membership upon request of the Board. The Executive Secretary shall receive a salary as approved by the Board of Directors and shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Executive Secretary will not be the spouse of a member of the Board of Directors.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The TSHSRA shall be a non-profit organization in that no individual member shall receive any returns from it. Should the TSHSRA be dissolved at any time, all funds of the TSHSRA, after payment of debts, shall be given to some recognized charity as directed by the Board of Directors and no member would share in such funds.

SPONSORS

1) High School rodeo clubs shall have a sponsor. Each club shall be allowed 2 sponsors and designate

them as Sponsor and Co-Sponsor. The Sponsor and Co-Sponsor of each club will be elected by TSHSRA card carrying members.

2) All Sponsors and Co-Sponsors are expected to comply with all TSHSRA rules.

BY-LAWS

MEMBERSHIP

1) Membership shall be open to all high school students, grades 9 through 12 who are members of a high school rodeo club and are in good standing with TSHSRA. To be in good standing with TSHSRA, a member must be passing 4 school accredited subjects from an accredited high school. If not carrying 4 subjects, member must be passing all subjects. Proof of eligibility is the responsibility of the member and/or parents.

Grades are to be sent in when joining ~~by 4th rodeo of each semester and at end of each semester.~~ **and following each six or nine week grading period - whichever applies to the member's school district.** If not passing required number of subjects, members cannot rodeo for at least 3 rodeos. If passing at the end of the 3 rodeos, grades may be submitted and they can participate again. Those graduating with their class in May but getting out of classes early (mid-term or 2nd quarter) will be eligible to go

ahead and compete and go to the Finals. A membership application must be on file in TSHSRA before contestant is eligible to participate in any TSHSRA rodeo.

2) If the Association has a money raising project/s, each member must fulfill those obligations as set by the TSHSRA Board for that year. Each member will be notified by letter the conditions and requirements. Members who do not meet obligations by deadlines will not be allowed to be a contestant in a rodeo until obligations are met.

3) TSHSRA membership fee to be \$50.00. This includes a rule book.

4) Membership shall be allowed for a period of four years and member cannot be 19 before September 1st of that year.

5) All members of TSHSRA shall be issued a card.

6) Membership fee for TSHSRA clubs shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100). This amount is to be sent with the application for a Sponsor's card. Every club will host a minimum of one rodeo per year.

TSHSRA FINALS

1) The TSHSRA will put on a Finals Rodeo after the last TSHSRA rodeo is over.

2) The top fifteen contestants in each event through the year will be eligible to participate.

- 3) All-Around Cowboy and All-Around Cowgirl awards will be given.
- 4) For the Year-End Awards, Champions will receive an award and a buckle and Reserve Champion will receive a buckle.
- 5) Miss TSHSRA will be announced at the final performance of the Finals Rodeo.
- 6) There will be 3 goes- 3 head or 3 runs.
- 7) To be eligible for the All-Around award, a person must have entered and placed in at least two events during the year.
- 8) Points will be awarded for each go and for the top 10 winners in the average. No points will double. All points received at the Finals will be added to the total points for the year. The 10 point system will be used for each go and for the average.
- 9) The events for the Finals will be:
 - Bareback, Saddle Bronc & Bull Riding
 - Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Ribbon Roping
 - Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Goat Tying
 - Breakaway Roping, Team Roping
- 10) In the event one of the top 15 finalist draws out or is unable to compete, the next contestant in line shall move up and in case of a tie, all will be allowed to move up. The only accepted excuses for not competing in a scheduled Finals performance and getting stock or runs at another designated time will be a

school related function or graduation of an immediate family member.

11) Contestant will not draw the same animal twice.

12) Team Ropers at the finals cannot change ends once competition begins. To do so, is an automatic disqualification.

13) Members must secure a ~~two \$25 ads or donations (minimum of \$50)~~ **\$50 ad or donation** to be paid by a designated date before the end of the fall semester; this goes toward Finals expenses.

14) Each contestant qualifying for the Finals must sell 10 (ten) Adult tickets to the TSHSRA Finals.

15) Members must be present to accept their award/s at the banquet/awards presentation. Request for missing awards presentation to be presented in writing and can only be excused with Board approval.

16) Members attending awards presentation must be in dress code as required during rodeo participation.

SANCTIONED RODEOS

1) The TSHSRA provides its own rules for rodeo contestants which are approved for points in the Finals and all approved rodeos must adhere to these rules. Failure to comply with these rules will be cause for blacklisting said rodeo and host club for a period to be determined by the Board of Directors.

- 2) To have an approved TSHSRA Rodeo, you must have all approved TSHSRA events; those events that are listed for the Finals shall be the guide.
- 3) The Board of Directors must approve all dates for an approved TSHSRA Rodeo. The Board of Directors reserves the right to approve any rodeo for a civic or fraternal organization that they deem fit. When an approved rodeo is co-sponsored by another group, it shall so be stated.
- 4) TSHSRA rodeos shall be for members and non-members. Rules for non-members are as follows: May enter 1 rodeo per year as a non-member; will pay an additional \$5 office charge (total \$14). Non-members are eligible for payback money but will receive no points or awards at that rodeo. Non-members must submit a copy of official grades from a recent grading term with entry. Entry blank must be signed by at least one parent/guardian and be notarized. Non-members are to call the Tri-State office to find out which performance they will compete, as stated on entry form.
- 5) The management of all TSHSRA approved rodeos shall provide an ambulance and adequate first aid facilities or the equivalent where an ambulance is not available for all performances --- this also includes slack. If the ambulance has to leave for any reason, the rodeo competition must stop until it returns or is replaced by a second ambulance.

- 6) All approved TSHSRA Rodeos shall be one go-round until all performances are finished. There will be NO single performance rodeos. The highest scores and the fastest time for all events shall determine the winners.
- 7) There will be a \$9.00 office charge per contestant per rodeo paid to TSHSRA.
- 8) Clubs hosting rodeos have the option to add money, give saddles, buckles, etc.
- 9) Team Roping *STEERS*: Must have at least 1/3 as many steers as teams entered. No Bulls unless approved by Board. No Heifers unless all Heifers. No Steers and heifers mixed.
- 10) There cannot be back to back rodeos by 2 different clubs, unless approved by the Board.
- 11) Order of Events to be: BAREBACK, POLES, SADDLE BRONC, BREAKAWAY, CALF ROPING, BARRELS, RIBBON ROPING, GOAT TYING, BULL RIDING. If 2 sections of Bull Riding are required due to number of entries, the first section will be before the goat tying. Team Roping – To be held between performances, STEER WRESTLING WILL START 2ND PERFORMANCE.
- 12) Host rodeo clubs must give some type of All-Around Boy and All-Around Girl Award with a minimum of \$100 value per award. In the event of a tie for all around, the award will go to the contestant who earned points in the highest number of events.

If still tied, the award will go to the contestant with the most points earned in a single event. If still tied, the winner will be determined by a coin toss.

13) Members will pay a \$7 finals charge for each rodeo entered during the year; this goes toward Finals expenses.

14) If a rodeo wants to have ground rules, they must first be presented to the Board for approval. Ground rules must be submitted in writing not less than 2 weeks prior to date of rodeo. If agreed upon by the Board, the ground rules will be posted at the rodeo along with the draw.

15) When a club hosts two rodeos in the same weekend, an additional set of points will be awarded to the best combined scores/times for the two rodeos. Contestants must enter and compete both days to be eligible for the extra points.

16) When a club hosts two rodeos in the same weekend, no contestant may draw the same animal twice. If a new set of goats is not available the second day, the competition order will be reversed from the first day.

MONEY BACK RODEO

Entry fee shall be ~~\$32.00~~ **\$37.00** per rough stock event, ~~\$27.00~~ **\$32.00** per each steer, and calf roping event, and ~~\$25.00~~ **\$30.00** for each of the barrel, pole,

and goat tying events. ~~\$15.00~~ **\$20.00** of each entry shall be paid back in the event in which the entry was for. ~~\$8.00~~ **\$10.00** goes to the host Rodeo Club per contestant run in the barrels, poles, and goats, ~~\$15~~ **\$17.00** for each rough stock out, and ~~\$10~~ **\$12.00** for each roping and steer wrestling run per event. In case of a tie, the money shall be divided evenly. There will be 1 place paid for 1-5 contestants (100%); 2 places paid for 6-10 contestants (60%, 40%); 3 places paid for 11-15 contestants (50%, 30%, 20%); 4 places paid for 16-20 contestants (40%, 30%, 20%, 10%); 5 places paid for 21-25 contestants (30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%); 6 places paid for 26 or more contestants (29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, 5%). If only 1 place qualified in any event 100% will be paid back. Any place that is not qualified will be paid back in ground money.

1) A TSHSRA member may draw out of any rodeo up to 48 hours of the first performance and his money shall be refunded. After that time the only way that a TSHSRA member can draw out and get his money back is with a Doctor's release (or a Vet's release for barrel racers and pole benders only). The rodeo secretary must be notified of this decision 2 hours before the start of the final performance. The signed release must be in the hands of the rodeo secretary 7 days after the final performance. Failure to do this will result in loss of entry fee. There will be a

\$9.00 office charge and \$7 finals charge for each contestant draw-out.

2) All riding stock, re-rides, and timed-event stock shall be drawn for at least one (1) hour before the start of each performance. All cattle in the draw will be run one time before any cattle will be run twice. In a 2 or more performance rodeo there will be no pen setting for any event. Draws must be from the herd on each performance. All draws will be posted. Team Roping will be chute run.

3) Position shall be drawn for in each event, and shall not be changed. After the positions of the contestants are drawn for the rodeo, if contestant changes from one performance to another at contestant's request, they must be first in the event entered except Barrels and Poles in which they must be last. If rodeo secretary changes contestant for rodeos benefit, this does not apply.

4) Two qualified timers must keep time (same 2 at all performances). Times will be averaged.

5) To call off any rodeo performance, the head sponsor of hosting rodeo club and arena directors must make official decision and inform contestants.

MISCONDUCT - - BLACKLIST/ SUSPENSION

1) A member may be blacklisted for displaying poor sportsmanship, poor conduct, being in the arena while not participating in an event, drinking, being

disrespectful, cussing, or deliberately turning out stock.

2) Penalty for being blacklisted will be suspension of one or two rodeos and/or \$250 fine upon decision of Directors. Penalty for second offense will be suspension of session.

3) Misconduct, by word or deed, of any member, parent, or adult shall be considered by the Board of Directors. If deemed necessary, the person can be suspended and/or fined, as set and decided by the Board of Directors.

4) If a person is blacklisted, it will be posted openly by the Executive Secretary.

5) Any person displaying poor conduct, rowdiness, destruction of property, and leaving a bad impression on TSHSRA in motels, restaurants, or other public places during the entire week of the rodeo, in the host town, will be permanently suspended from the Association according to the Board of Directors decision.

6) Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, or harass the judges at anytime between the opening and closing dates of a rodeo, in or out of the arena, or talking with a judge or timer in any way while an event is in progress. Contestant will be disqualified and/or could be fined; parents to be fined a minimum of \$250. Contestants violating these regulations may be disqualified by the judges or arena director. Fines

must be paid before contestant can enter another rodeo.

7) Any member of the TSHSRA in repeat violation of rules shall be permanently suspended from the Association and will not be allowed to enter any approved TSHSRA rodeos.

8) Members of the Association shall govern themselves and each other.

TSHSRA GENERAL RULES

1) All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those related to the contests or events in which they enter. Failure to understand rules will not be accepted as an excuse.

2) Any time a rule is not covered by the NHSRA rulebook or TSHSRA supplement, or is unclear, PRCA rules will apply.

3) The TSHSRA assumes no responsibility for injury or damage to the person, property, or stock of any owner, contestant, or assistant. Each participant, by the act of entering, waives all right or claims against the TSHSRA, Stock Contractor, Sponsoring Club, Directors, Officers, or anyone associated with a rodeo from all liabilities in case of accident or injury that might be sustained to his/her

self or his/her property. A TSHSRA member must have on file a notarized minor's release.

4) Contestants must be on hand to answer call of arena director and must comply with all TSHSRA rules.

~~**5)** A five (5) second penalty will be assessed if a contestant enters the arena without their hat on their head, unless the hat rule has been waived. The box and alley way are considered part of the arena. (This is covered by the NHSRA rulebook.)~~

6) Decision to waive the hat rule to be made by Arena Director and at least 2 TSHSRA Directors.

7) No person shall be allowed in the arena during rodeo performance unless entered, or as an assistant. Anytime parents are in the arena, they are not allowed past the score line. Each contestant will be allowed 1 and only 1 assistant in the arena and 2 assistants behind the rough stock chutes when he or she is contesting. All contestants and their helpers must leave the arena immediately after completion of their run or ride. No one is allowed to sit on roping box fences during the rodeo performance.

8) Each TSHSRA member will ride for a TSHSRA club.

9) If a problem occurs or if at any approved rodeo, any situation arises which is not covered in the NHSRA rulebook or the TSHSRA supplement, the TSHSRA Directors decision will be final.

10) All approved TSHSRA rodeos must use approved Stock Contractors, Bucking Judges, Flag Judges, and Bull Fighters. To be approved by the Board of Directors, they must first join the TSHSRA and pay a fee of (1) Stock Contractors -- \$50, (2) Bullfighters -- \$25, (3) Judges -- \$25. A deadline shall be set by the Board of Directors each year for Stock Contractors, Bucking Judges, Flag Judges, and Bullfighters to join TSHSRA. If a club uses a Judge, Bullfighter, or Stock Contractor that has not paid TSHSRA dues, hosting club will be held responsible for these fees.

11) Stock Contractor to be responsible for qualified and capable bullfighters and pickup men. Pickup men should be experienced and cannot be a contestant entered in that rodeo. Stock Contractor must submit names of pickup men to TSHSRA Secretary.

12) Judges and bull fighters for each rodeo must come from the TSHSRA approved list. Clubs are responsible to have 2 bullfighters. Judges shall not officiate at a rodeo in which a member of their immediate family or household is contesting. Judges must have thorough knowledge of the NHSRA rulebook and the TSHSRA supplement. The rodeo secretary for host rodeo must submit a list containing the judges, 2 bullfighters and arena directors to the Executive Secretary at least 7 days prior to that rodeo for approval.

13) Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the rodeo grounds and it shall be the duty of each host rodeo to post signs to this effect. Failure to do so shall be subject to fine imposed by the Board of Directors.

14) Dogs are to be tied or on a leash at all times and to remain at the vehicle. No dogs in the stands.

15) Should any contestant fail to meet any financial obligation to any TSHSRA approved rodeo, the fact shall be reported to the Executive Secretary and the contestant shall be suspended from participation in any TSHSRA approved rodeo until obligation is met. In like manner any contestant who gives false information to an approved rodeo when entering regarding address, name or other pertinent fact, shall forfeit entry fees and any money or prizes that may have been won at the rodeo. Entry fee shall be fine to TSHSRA. In case where a TSHSRA member should be found guilty of this offense, his or her membership is suspended immediately and he or she will never be eligible for membership again and will be suspended from competing in all TSHSRA approved rodeos from that day forward. In case of any question the burden of proof is of the member. Any member who gives a bad check shall be fined \$25.00 for the first offense; \$100.00 for the second offense. No checks will be accepted after a second offense – only cash or money order.

16) Entries will open on all TSHSRA approved rodeos 12 days prior to the first performance. Entries

will close on all TSHSRA approved rodeos 7 days prior to the first performance. Entries must be to the Executive Secretary by that date. Any entries not received by the deadline will be assessed a \$25 late fine per envelope to be paid before competing. No late entries will be accepted after Tuesday of the week of the rodeo. Failure to comply will result in contestant being blacklisted. Alternative entry will be in effect at first rodeo. For first rodeo, entries will be drawn then performance times will alternate. Any contestant applying for alternate performance out of turn must do so when entering for that rodeo. Only school related activities will be considered for performance change. A request must be presented to the Executive Secretary on school stationary stating the date and school activity to be attended and signed by teacher.

17) If a rodeo does not have an assigned person to push calves and steers out of the chutes, each contestant can then select a Contestant in that rodeo - Parents cannot push stock.

18) Western saddle will be required by all contestants any and every time they are horseback in the arena before, during and after all performances of a TSHSRA rodeo.

~~**19)** It shall be the Judge's responsibility to see that contestant competes on the stock drawn for them. On drawn cattle, if Contestant runs wrong animal, they must have a qualified time on stock to get stock~~

~~back. Contestant will carry any penalties. This applies in all events. (This is covered by the NHSRA rulebook.)~~

20) Hazing of calves or steers beyond score line shall not be permitted unless so authorized by rodeo judges or arena director.

21) All cattle shall be run at least twice in the same arena in which they will be used prior to the first performance. All fresh tie-down calves shall be tied to the fence with a rope and tied at least three times each prior to the first performance.

22) All cattle must be run once before any cattle are run twice. Second performance contestants will draw from the same calves that went in the morning performance, unless there is a fresh calf for everyone. Any calves not used in the morning performance, but will be needed in the afternoon performance, will be run through and tied down also. Extras need to be tied down along with all no time calves after the morning performance at the other end of the arena. Extras will remain as extras, unless needed to replace sick or injured stock.

~~23) Cattle used for tie down calf roping may not be used in ribbon roping or breakaway roping, * unless approved by the Board.~~ **A set of calves cannot be used for a second event at the same rodeo unless there is one for everyone in the first event.**

- 24)** Timed event cattle must be numbered with a plastic ear tag in one ear.
- 25)** In the ribbon roping, only one rope will be carried and one loop allowed; EXCEPT at the Finals where 2 loops will be allowed. However, roper must rebuild second loop from the one rope carried.
- 26)** Protest Rule: To file a protest, contact arena director and voice protest. Protest on rule infractions only, not on judgment call. Write out protest and post \$50.00 cash bond by end of that performance. If protest is valid, the \$50.00 will be refunded. Decision will be made by the Board of Directors at a called meeting.
- 27)** Any rule violation the Board of Directors sees, the club and stock contractor will be fined. The amount will be determined by the Board. Any stock producer not in compliance will be fined \$250-\$500. One half of this fine will be paid by the host club.
- 28)** Contestants will not be allowed to ride double or lead another horse in the grand entry.
- 29)** No exhibition runs/outs during performances at rodeos.
- 30)** Any contestant who does not call for animal in a timely manner will be given notification by the judge that he/she has 30 seconds to call for animal or be disqualified. Interpretation of "timely manner" is at the discretion of the judge.

31) A drag in the calf roping will be fined \$25 instead of receiving a “no time.” A “no time” will be given if the drag is excessive or intentional over 6 feet.

32) The NHSRA rulebook will be the official rulebook of the TSHSRA. This TSHSRA supplement is revised August ~~2008~~ **2009** and supersedes any TSHSRA rule book.

RIBBON ROPING RULES

- 1) This event is open to boys only.
- 2) There will be one roper and one helper to each team, but only the roper will receive points.
- 3) All ribbon will be put on the calf's tail with a rubber band and should be as close as possible to the tail head. All ribbons will be cloth or material that is not slippery and at least 1/2 inch in width, and ten inches or more in length.
- 4) The roper must take the ribbon off the calf's tail and carry it across line on foot.
- 5) Timing line for ribbon roping will be a set distance of 80 feet, to be measured from end of roping chute. Line is to be marked well on both sides of the arena fence.
- 6) Calf must look through the loop; then catch-as-catch-can rules shall apply after loop has passed over the calf's head.

- 7) Part or all of the ribbon is acceptable.
- 8) The calf does not have to be on his feet when the ribbon is removed. Mugger does not have to have hand/s on calf when ribbon is removed nor does he have to have control of the calf.
- 9) The helper may only mug the calf while the roper removes the ribbon. He may not assist the roper in removing the ribbon in any other manner.
- 10) Mugger must stay with calf until arena help arrives.
- 11) The mugger must be a member of TSHSRA and a contestant in the rodeo.
- 12) If a field judge finds that a calf did not have a ribbon on its tail when the roper got to it, then he shall be entitled to rope the same calf (i.e. must take another run at the same calf.)
- 13) The field judge shall have a helper in the opposite end of the arena to check for ribbons etc.
- 14) Roper must hand ribbon to flag judge and not throw it on the ground.
- 15) The mugger can stand anywhere in the arena. The mugger may mug as many calves as he desires.
- 16) Length of score is determined by the arena conditions.
- 17) Weight Limit on stock: Minimum: 180 lbs.
Maximum: 235 lbs.

TEAM ROPING RULES

- 1) Each contestant will be allowed to carry one rope. Each team allowed two loops in all. At TSHSRA Finals, three loops will be allowed. If a team is to receive a re-run, that re-run will be taken at the end of that event.
- 2) Roper must dally to stop steer.
- 3) Times will be taken when steer is roped, both horses facing steer with horses' feet on the ground in line with ropes dallied and tight.
- 4) No cross-fires will be permitted.
- 5) Steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels.
- 6) If header accidentally jerks steer off his feet or steer trips or falls, header must not drag steer over eight (8) feet before steer regains his feet, or team will be disqualified. A ten second penalty will be added for a header intentionally jerking a steer down.
- 7) If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over other horn or head with his hands.
- 8) If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot or feet from loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the flag judge drops his flag, time will be counted. If the front foot is in the

loop when the header dallies, turns off and changes directions of the steer, it will be an automatic no time.

9) Contestant may enter twice. If a roper wants to head or heel both times, they must rope with a different partner. If the roper wants to rope 2 times with the same partner, they must rope up and back.

10) If the contestant places two times, both sets of points shall count toward the year-end awards **and the all around standings**. ~~Only the highest set of points shall count towards the all around standings even if contestant competed in heading and heeling.~~

11) If a contestant's partner does not show up; they can fill the open hole with someone who is already entered in that rodeo.

12) For the Finals rodeo, the top 15 headers and top 15 heelers will compete. If a member has points in both, they must designate one, as they can only enter one time. They can pick up a partner who has a least one point in that event; however his points will not count. There will be at least 15 different teams. (Maximum of 30 teams) At the Finals, each team will receive 1 run per performance and points will be equal to other events for both partners.

13) At the finals, teams cannot change ends once competition starts. To do so, is automatic disqualification.

- 14) Any questions as to catches in this contest will be decided by the judges and the arena director.
- 15) There will be only three legal head catches:
 - a) head or both horns
 - b) half head
 - c) around the neck.
- 16) If hondo passes over one horn and the loop over the other, the catch is illegal.
- 17) One hind foot receives a five-second fine.
- 18) If loop crosses itself in a head catch it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.
- 19) If a team draws up back to back, draw for position of that team again.
- 20) Length of score is to be determined by arena conditions.
- 21) Once a steer is loaded in the roping chute, it belongs to the team in the box. If steer escapes the chute, or the chute gate opens without the contestant signaling for gate to open, that steer will be brought back. Team must compete on same steer before beginning the next run on the cattle.
- 22) Judge who will be flagging the team roping shall call all contestants together immediately before the start of event and explain what he expects of each team before they will receive a flag for time.

PRODUCING TSHSRA APPROVED RODEOS

- 1) Several months before the rodeo date arrange for and line up: Stock Producer, Announcer, Judges, Gate Keeper, Rodeo Secretary, Bucking Chute Chairman, 2 Qualified Timers, Race Events Chairman, and Arena Director with rule book knowledge.
- 2) Decide on awards that will be given to All-Around and/or event winners and order if necessary.
- 3) Several days before first performance:
 - a) line up ambulance
 - b) gather rodeo supplies
 - c) everyone helping with rodeo should study rule-book - especially part about events they help with.
 - d) post 'No Alcoholic Beverages' signs at arena
 - e) check on ground conditions at arena and make needed preparations to have ground in as good a condition as possible by rodeo date.
 - f) line up tractor and needed equipment to prepare ground.
 - g) see that a sled, heavy panel, or humane means will be available in case stock is injured and should need to be removed from the arena.
- 4) Each club is responsible for securing the box pads and banner box from the rodeo held the week before theirs and to see that these are hung at the arena.
- 5) Each club is responsible for setting up the electric eye for their rodeo.

ARENA DIRECTOR

- 1) Study the rulebook thoroughly and have thorough knowledge of the NHSRA and TSHSRA rules.
- 2) Inform all helpers not to drink during the rodeo.
- 3) Be sure all event chairmen have their supplies and do their preparations.
- 4) Post No Alcoholic Beverages signs at the arena.
- 5) The purpose of the Arena Director is to assure that the rodeo is conducted in accordance with the NHSRA and TSHSRA rule book to the best interest of the contestant.
- 7) Judges will meet with the Arena Director before the rodeo and discuss their respective events, and judging procedure.
- 8) Arena conditions permitting, decide which gate in the alleyway will be closed for barrels and poles and considered part of the arena for enforcement of the hat rule.
- 9) Arena Director may have the arena dragged between events as he deems it necessary for safety reasons.

QUALIFIED TIMERS

All timers must be at all performances and slack. Clubs are encouraged to hire timers who do not have children competing in the rodeo.

RACE EVENTS CHAIRMAN

- 1) It is best to have an adult as event chairman with contestants and club members as helpers.
- 2) Mark places for barrels, poles and goat stake with permanent markers.
- 3) If arena conditions allow for a center alley with a gate closed down the alley, not at the arena fence, place a banner or sign on this gate for safety reasons.
- 4) Leave ample room for contestants to stop their horses when staking the barrel and pole pattern.
- 5) Be sure to study the rule book on each of these events.
- 6) Line up tractor driver, helpers to set up barrels and poles and to hold the goat.

ROPING BOX CHAIRMAN

- 1) Inspect roping box and get it ready if not to standards before first performance of rodeo.
- 2) Line up crew to untie calves during the rodeo when ropers complete their run.
- 3) No metal objects can be used on barrier neck rope.
- 4) All fresh cattle must be run and tied down.

5) Barrier judge must appoint someone to inspect breakaway string girl uses before she enters the arena.

6) Study rulebook on all roping events and steer wrestling.

BUCKING CHUTE CHAIRMAN

Line up crew to help work gates, unrig, etc. Be sure gates work properly.

GATE KEEPER

- 1) No Alcoholic Beverages allowed.
- 2) Maximum admission charge for Adults is \$4.
- 3) Maximum charge for programs is \$2.

SECRETARY

- 1) Print programs.
- 2) Judges books will be furnished by Executive Secretary -- plan to help with draw, write draw on sheets, post draw where contestants can see it. Stock shall be drawn before each performance with at least one judge and director present to witness draw. Two judges may be present if a director is not available.
- 3) Check judges books: After each performance, check the judges' books. Add all scores again to be

sure they are correct. If not correct, correct your official score. Judges scores are official.

4) Make sure clocks and stop watches are available.

MISS TRI-STATE ELECTION

1) To be eligible, candidates must have participated in 75% of the TSHSRA Rodeos during the current year.

2) If a girl previously wins Miss Tri-State, she will not be eligible to run again.

3) Each club may submit a candidate to represent them in the Miss Tri-State Court.

4) Ballots will be prepared by the Executive Secretary and voting will take place at check-in for the Tri-State Finals Rodeo.

5) Any current Tri-State member may vote.

6) Results will be announced before the last performance of the Tri-State Finals Rodeo.

7) If for any reason, Miss Tri-State becomes ineligible during her term, all prizes must be returned to Tri-State and the 1st Runner-Up will reign for the remainder of the term.