

# Rule Changes Approved for 2008-2009

## AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1) Forward Motion – Remains the same.
- 2) Average Points at Multi-Go Round Rodeo – Add new paragraph 13a on Page 37 to read: “A contestant must compete in every go-round to qualify for the average.”
- 3) Checking for broken horn in chute dogging for Wrangler Division – Page 110, Event Rules, New Paragraph #3: It is the contestant’s responsibility to check for broken horns. Renumber the rest of the paragraphs.
- 4) Point System Paragraph 12, Page 37 – Remains the same.
- 5) Cutting Position Draw – changed last year but was not changed in all places in the rulebook. Add to Page 80, Event Rules, Paragraph 2: 14. In the Cutting event, working order positions within the pre-drawn performance of the second go-round will be randomly drawn.
- 6) Time line for drawing timed event stock and when to post. Remains the same.
- 7) Rerides - editing for Bull Riding, Paragraphs 15, Page 76 – Delete Paragraph 15 and renumber remaining paragraphs.

## Changes are in bold and underlined.

### *Approved High School Division Rule Changes:*

#### # 2 – Contestant Qualifications, Paragraph 1, Page 26

Change Paragraph to Read:

1. Students must be in good standing; not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school. Students must be under 20 at the first of the National High School Rodeo year (Aug. 1), and are or have been enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade the year just preceding the National Rodeo the contestant is entering as long as they (minimum requirements) have made passing grades in 4 subjects or if carrying less than 4 subjects student must have passing grades in all subjects, **ADD: or met the state activity requirement of the state they are members in,** even if they have graduated in the middle of the year or have attended school on half-days, they will be eligible to compete in National High School Rodeo through the National High School Finals Rodeo if he/she has not participated for more than 4 years. Each State/Province Association may adopt their state/province academic policy for grade or credit requirements. Any student attending schools, which apply to high school credits, is eligible if he/she meets all other requirements. Students attending a home school, private school, religious school or correspondence school are eligible for membership if the school is recognized and approved by the state/province board of education in the state/province the member is applying for membership. A graduate of High School is not eligible for membership of NHSRA after the completion of the National High School Finals Rodeo immediately following their graduating from High School.

### # 3 – Contestant Qualifications, Paragraph 1, Page 26

Change to Read:

1. Students must be in good standing; not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school. Students must be under 20 at the first of the National High School Rodeo year (Aug. 1), and are or have been enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade the year just preceding the National Rodeo the contestant is entering as long as they (minimum requirements) have made passing grades in 4 subjects or if carrying less than 4 subjects student must have passing grades in all subjects, even if they have graduated in the middle of the year or have attended school on half-days, they will be eligible to compete in National High School Rodeo through the National High School Finals Rodeo if he/she has not participated for more than 4 years. Each State/Province Association may adopt their state/province academic policy for grade or credit requirements. Any student attending schools, which apply to high school credits, is eligible if he/she meets all other requirements. Students attending a home school, private school, religious school or correspondence school are eligible for membership if the school is recognized and approved by the state/province board of education **ADD: or National Board of Education** in the state/province the member is applying for membership. **ADD: The contestant would need to show proof that the school they are attending is accredited and that they have met the grade requirements. If the school the student is attending is not accredited by the State or National Board of Education the student shall demonstrate composite grade-level academic proficiency on any State Board or National Board of education recognized achievement test or other mechanism as provided for in State or National Board of education rules. Additionally, a student shall be eligible if they achieve a minimum composite score or survey test score within the average or higher than average range as established by the test service utilized on any nationally-normed test. Demonstrated proficiency shall be used to determine eligibility for the current rodeo season.** A graduate of High School is not eligible for membership of NHSRA after the completion of the National High School Finals Rodeo immediately following their graduating from High School. **ADD: A contestant may finish the current rodeo year by showing a GED completion certificate. This certificate would note that the contestant has received a GED and would be considered graduated.**

### # 4 – Contestant Qualifications, Paragraph 1, Page 26

**New Paragraph 2, Renumber remaining Paragraphs**

**Amended to include all changes approved in the home school policy above as well.**

Change Paragraph 1 to Read:

1. Students **ADD: in the high school** division must be in good standing; not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school. Students must be under 20 at the first of the National High School Rodeo year (Aug. 1), and are or have been enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade the year just preceding the National Rodeo the contestant is entering as long as they (minimum requirements) have made passing grades in 4 subjects or if carrying less than 4 subjects student must have passing

grades in all subjects, even if they have graduated in the middle of the year or have attended school on half-days, they will be eligible to compete in National High School Rodeo through the National High School Finals Rodeo if he/she has not participated for more than 4 years. Each State/Province Association may adopt their state/province academic policy for grade or credit requirements. Any student attending schools, which apply to high school credits, is eligible if he/she meets all other requirements. Students attending a home school, private school, religious school or correspondence school are eligible for membership if the school is recognized and approved by the state/province board of education in the state/province the member is applying for membership. A graduate of High School is not eligible for membership of NHSRA after the completion of the National High School Finals Rodeo immediately following their graduating from High School.

New Paragraph 2:

**2. Students in the Wrangler Division must be in good standing; not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school. Students must be under 16 at the first of the National High School Rodeo year (Aug. 1), and are or have been enrolled in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade the year just preceding the Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo the contestant is entering as long as they (minimum requirements) have made passing grades in 4 subjects or if carrying less than 4 subjects student must have passing grades in all subjects, even if they have finished the 8th grade in the middle of the year or have attended school on half-days, they will be eligible to compete in the Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo if he/she has not participated for more than 3 years. Each State/Province Association may adopt their state/province academic policy for grade or credit requirements. Any student attending schools, which apply to junior high school credits, is eligible if he/she meets all other requirements. Students attending a home school, private school, religious school or correspondence school are eligible for membership if the school is recognized and approved by the state/province board of education in the state/province the member is applying for membership. A graduate of the 8th grade is not eligible for membership of NHSRA Wrangler Division after the completion of the Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo immediately following their graduating from 8th grade.**

#### **# 5 – Contestant Disqualifications, Paragraph 6 a (2), Page 31**

New Paragraph (2), Renumber Remaining Paragraphs:

a. CONDUCT:

**(2) Contestants will be disqualified for the use of any tobacco products while in the arena during any rodeo performance.**

#### **# 8 – Livestock Requirements, Goat Tying, New Paragraph 3, Page 49**

Add New Paragraph 3:

**3. If you are holding a single performance rodeo and the entire goat tying contestants are run at one time, you must have an extra goat in case one of the other goats gets injured.**

**# 9 – Animal Welfare, Paragraph 6, Page 56**

Add to end of Paragraph:

6. No animal shall be beaten, mutilated, or cruelly prodded. Standard cattle prods shall be used as little as possible. In the rough stock events, once an animal is in the chute, no cattle prods will be allowed except in the case of a bareback riding or saddle bronc horse that stalls and only with the agreement of the contestant, stock contractor and judge. Cattle prod will only be used when the horse turns head out of the chute and then it can only be used on the hip or shoulder area. Prods will not be used on bulls once they are in the chute **ADD: except to move bull from chute to chute.**

**# 10 – Equipment, II. Girl's Events, A. Barrel Racing, Paragraph 10, Page 61**

Change Paragraph to Read:

10. Both ends of barrels to be intact.

**CHANGE TO: 10. Barrels to be 55 U.S. gallon light steel drum with both ends intact.**

**# 11 – Tie Down Roping, II. General Rules, Paragraph 13, Page 64  
Breakaway Roping, II. General Rules, Paragraph 13, Page 92  
Team Roping, II. General Rules, Paragraph 13, Page 98**

**DELETE all 3 Paragraphs:**

**13. In Tie Down Roping a horse must clear the box before a loop is thrown.**

**13. In breakaway roping, a horse must clear the box before a loop is thrown.**

**13. In team roping, a horse must clear the box before a loop is thrown.**

**ADD New Paragraph 13 in each event:**

**13. A contestant must be on his horse and his horse must break the plane of the barrier with his draw breaking the plane of the score line before he is allowed to compete.**

**13. A contestant must be on her horse and her horse must break the plane of the barrier with her draw breaking the plane of the score line before she is allowed to compete.**

**13. A contestant must be on his/her horse and his/her horse must break the plane of the barrier with his/her draw breaking the plane of the score line before he/she is allowed to compete.**

**# 17 – Goat Tying, III. Event Rules, New Paragraphs 14 & 15, Page 96**

Add New Paragraph 14 & 15:

**14. If you are holding a single performance rodeo and the entire goat tying contestants are run at one time, you must have an extra goat in case one of the other goats gets injured.**

**15. If a goat is injured, the contestants involved with the injured goat will automatically be assigned the extra goat regardless of the possible difference in runs or ties on the goat.**

**Approved Wrangler Division Rule Changes:**

**# 23 – Ribbon Roping, I. Time Limit, Paragraph, Page 113**

**Change Paragraph to Read:**

There will be a thirty (30) second time limit **ADD: with a one minute time limit option at state/provincial finals rodeos.**

**APPROVED RULE CHANGES ADOPTED AS GROUND  
RULES FOR THE 2008 NHSFR AND/OR 2008 WJHFR:**

**5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17 & 23**