



CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION AND CALIFORNIA JUNIOR HIGH RODEO DIVISION DISTRICT 9

1) CHECK IN: Contestants must check in with the Rodeo Secretary in accordance with the time given on the Rodeo Entry Form, unless prior arrangements have been made with the rodeo secretary. The contestant will receive their back number, safety pins (if needed), and a day sheet after checking in and noting their membership number. If a contestant owes money or needs a signature completed, he/she will not receive a number until all deficiencies are corrected. If a contestant does not have a back number, they cannot participate in the Rodeo. **ONCE A MEMBERSHIP CARD IS ACQUIRED THE CONTESTANT MUST BE PREPARED TO SHOW IT AT ALL FUTURE RODEOS.**

2) REPORT CARD REQUIREMENT: It is the contestant's responsibility to make sure the Membership Secretary receives a copy of your **MOST CURRENT REPORT CARD** or school issued progress report as soon as the grading period ends. A copy of member's report card **MUST** be on file with the Membership Secretary by the time of rodeo check-in or the member will **NOT** be able to rodeo and will forfeit all current entries. Contestants must have a 2.0 GPA or a "C" average in a minimum of 4 subjects or if carrying less than 4 subjects has passing grades in all subjects as of the latest grading period and meets all conduct requirements to be allowed to compete. Grading Period: Quarter, Semester, or "progress reports" that are generated with **ALL** current grades and provided to **ALL** students and covers at least 5 weeks. No "walk around" grades accepted!

Students must be in good standing; not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school.

The school must sign all Rodeo entries verifying the contestant's GPA and conduct. If the contestant withholds a report card from the Secretary it will be considered a disqualifying infraction and he/she will not be able to Rodeo until it is received. **It is a State Policy that any member falsifying a report card or entry form or cheating or attempting to cheat shall be suspended for the balance of the Rodeo Season.**

3) NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECKS: Returned checks must be cleared in the form of a money order or cash, plus a \$20.00 bank charge. Contestants will not be eligible to enter the next Rodeo until all obligations are fulfilled. District Secretary is to

notify State Secretary of any outstanding debts due after the final rodeo. Memberships will not be issued until all District and/or State obligations are satisfied. District Secretary may require money order or cash for all payments if checks are returned more than once.

4) THE DRAW: The livestock draw will be made when a Judge, the Arena Directors, and the Rodeo Secretary are present. A contestant cannot ride the same animal in two goes (as pertains to rough stock) in successions, except as a re-ride animal. The draw is posted as soon as it is drawn and verified. The draw is usually posted near the Rodeo office. Be sure to check your draw and make sure the correct stock is in the chute before you call for your animal or set your rigging. Also be sure to check your position draw.

5) HELPERS: It is mandatory that all helpers are current members or associate members for insurance purposes. This includes hazers, pushers, turn back riders and any other helpers. All helpers are subject to the Penalty Clause stated under the Judges section and must adhere to all District, State, and National Rules. Anybody inside the arena, chute areas, or stock working areas at any time must be an associate member. The person pushing the cattle in the timed events cannot leave the mouth of the box until the animal has crossed the score line. Penalty for failure to abide by this rule will be a 10 second penalty on the given animal. Infraction to be determined by the barrier line Judge.

6) PARENT WORK CREW: It is a condition of membership that an adult parent/guardian or representative be required to work at a minimum of two (2) rodeos per season. There are tasks and duties that do not require rodeo attire as they are not inside the arena. Parents must inquire with announcer's booth to see where they can be of help. Western Attire is mandatory for parents, adults and helpers work crew when volunteering in the Arena, Chute Area, and Stock Working Areas (Stripping Chute, Alleys, etc.) In addition, those who qualify and compete in Challenge of the Champions and State Finals will be required to either participate themselves or have an adult parent/guardian or representative participate in the District 9 work crew assignments as needed. Failure to meet this requirement will deem the contestant involved in bad standing with the District, which must be cleared by the board before the member participates in subsequent rodeos. **The work crew list will be checked to ensure everyone participates.**

7) STUDENT WORK CREW: DO NOT TAKE THIS LIGHTLY. The work crew list will be posted at Check In and/or in your day sheet packets. It is **MANDTORY** that all students sign up for work crew. Be sure to check your work crew for the Rodeo. **EVERY CONTESTANT WILL HAVE A WORK CREW AT EVERY RODEO.** You must check in with the adult event director **PRIOR** to the beginning of the event you are to work. If you cannot work, it is your obligation and responsibility to find someone that will work for you. Parents can fill in for the contestant but this will not count

towards the Parent Work Crew. If you do not show for your work crew or make arrangements you will be subject to disciplinary action. Such disciplinary action may include disqualification, trash duty after the rodeo, or double assignments for the next two (2) rodeos. If you do not comply with the mandatory student work crew you will be deemed a student not in good standing and will be ineligible to enter another rodeo until good standing is reestablished and MUST be cleared by the board before the member participates in subsequent rodeos.

8) MANDATORY GROUND RULES MEETINGS: A meeting may be held at each Rodeo, time permitting, at the discretion of the directors. The meeting will be at a designated area at a predetermined time. **All parents are encouraged to attend. All contestants are required to attend the ground rules meeting held prior to the beginning of a Rodeo—no horses. Roll call will be taken** at the beginning of the meeting. If a contestant is not present, he or she will be issued one (1) warning. Failure to be present at the following rodeo will result in “bad standing” status. This means it must be cleared by the board before the member is eligible to participate in subsequent rodeos. Only members are allowed to vote at meetings.

9) FIRST GO OF THE RODEO: Be ready to go/compete when your name is announced. Be sure to check when your event is to be run and when you are up in that event. Any changes will be posted at Check- In and will be announced at a mandatory ground rules meeting. If you have a conflict, such as last out in one event and first in the next, notify the Arena Director prior to the start of the rodeo.

SECOND GO OF THE RODEO: Event order will remain the same as the first go of the rodeo. Contestant order will be reversed.

10) HUMANE TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK: Contestants will be disqualified for any mistreatment of stock or his/her horse.

11) GRAND ENTRY: Grand entries will be preformed at all District Rodeos. All contestant members must participate either on horseback or foot. Student Officers, Directors and Queen will lead the Grand Entry.

12) POINTS: Points will be awarded for 1st-10th place in each go-round and the average.

13) SAFETY VIDEO: All members must view the current safety video before he/she can compete. The video is available on the Dynamite 9 website. The District Secretary or an officer must verify that you have viewed the Safety Video.

14) NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ARE PERMITTED AT HIGH SCHOOL RODEO PERFORMANCES. BOTH YOUTH AND ADULTS ARE SUBJECT TO THIS RULE. FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE NO ALCOHOL/DRUG RULE MAY LEAD TO THE DISQUALIFICATION OF A CONTESTANT. TOBACCO USE BY CONTESTANTS IS ALSO NOT PERMITTED. Any member who violates this rule must appear before the executive committee, which will determine appropriate action to take against the member. Action could involve suspension and the requirement to sit out multiple rodeos.

15) DRESS CODE: Contestants **MUST** wear western attire consisting of: A long sleeved shirt (button or snap) with a collar, cuffs and a front that opens completely; western jeans, western (riding type) boots, and a western hat. Sleeves must be rolled down and the shirt tucked into the pants at all phases of the Rodeo. The only exception to this rule will be for bareback and bull riding contestants. During those events the rider may roll up sleeves as to not pass the elbow on the riding arm only. A jacket may be worn while competing as long as the front opens completely and the contestant number is visible on the back. Failure to be in attire that meets the dress code while competing may result in disqualification for the go and will result in a no time/score for that go. **THE DRESS CODE IS IN EFFECT AT ALL TIMES DURING A PERFORMANCE. THIS INCLUDES THE ARENA, CHUTE AREA, STOCK WORKING AREAS (STRIPPING CHUTE, ALLEYS, ETC) AND THE GRANDSTANDS.**

Contestants must wear their number on their back at all times during a performance. The number must also be visible on the back of any protective vest worn during competition. The number must be visible when competing or the contestant may be disqualified and will receive no time/score for that go.

16) ARENA DIRECTOR: The Arena Director oversees every event during the rodeo. Most commonly he/she is in charge of the arena set up. He/she is a troubleshooter. He/she is available in the arena and on grounds to answer questions.

17) EVENT DIRECTOR & APPEALS: The Student Event Director and alternate will be elected by the student members prior to the first rodeo. The Student Event Director must thoroughly know the rules of his/her event. They are responsible for viewing every contestant and making rulings in the event of a question. If a Student Event Director needs to leave to prepare or compete in that event, he/she must have a designated member stand in while out of the arena. He/she will be in the arena during the event (except while competing or preparing to compete). Only contestants will be allowed to register complaints. **NO COMPLAINTS OR PROTESTS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED FROM ANYONE OTHER THAN THE CONTESTANT THEMSELVES.** The complaint must be registered **IMMEDIATELY** with the Student Event Director and always prior to the start of the next event. Contestants must go to the Student Event

Director first. A contestant **IS NOT ALLOWED TO DIRECTLY QUESTION THE JUDGE**. The Student Event Director will take the complaint to the Adult Director and the Arena Director who will take the complaint to the Judge, if necessary. The contestant **MUST** work through their event director.

18) JUDGE: The decision of any judge will be final and no protest by any contestant will be permitted, except first through the Student Event Director. Under no circumstances will a video be used to change a Judge's decision. Any contestant or parent attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, harass or coerce any Rodeo Official at any time will be disqualified from the rodeo and may be banned for the entire season.

19) SET UPS: Contestants may request a set up to avoid a conflict with a High School/Junior Division activity. Only certain activities qualify. You must be a valid member of a school team; contest or activity. The activity must occur on a Rodeo date. (CHSRA Policy- approved 8/22/92) Please check with the President or Rodeo Secretary to see if you can be approved for a set up. The Rodeo Secretary will provide you with a set up form. The form must be signed by the School Athletic Director (for team sports functions) or by the Principal or Counselor (for a test or other school related functions). This completed and signed form **MUST** accompany Rodeo entries. The Rodeo Secretary will contact you with approval (or denial) and times for your set up. Set ups are for Saturday. Sunday set ups will be accepted if there are no Saturday set-ups. Set ups will be run prior to the start of the 2nd go round of that event. Stock and positions will be drawn for set ups just the same as for other contestants. If you feel you may need a set up, please begin the process early on, there may not be time to complete your request otherwise.

20) DISTRICT FINALS SPONSORSHIP: If funds are available at year end District 9 will sponsor our State and National Finals Qualifiers. This will be in the form of money given to each qualifier for travel, entry fees, etc... The amount of funds available will be determined by a Board decision. Funds will be given only after Rodeo Secretary verifies that each member is in good standing, verifies paid entries in State Finals event and that each contestant and parent have fulfilled all their work crew obligations at State Finals. These checks will be mailed within one week after the conclusion of the State Finals event.

21) FUNDRAISER PARTICIPATION: It is a condition of CHSRA District 9 membership that each contestant participates in all district fundraising efforts. Each member will be required to perform a minimum amount of fundraising.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT: High school members of District 9 must show a \$200.00 level of commitment. Junior high school members must show a \$100 level of commitment. This commitment is in addition to your membership fees. Typically this commitment is met through sales of banners and program advertisements. These efforts

pay for district-level scholarships and year-end awards. Members will be given additional information explaining this responsibility. **Commitment money is due by November 30th or contestant will not be in good standing with the board and NOT BE ALLOWED TO RODEO.**

22) MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING: A member is considered in good standing if he/she has no outstanding debt to NHSRA/CHSRA/CJHRD, has minimum grade and conduct requirements, has fulfilled work crew, sponsorship and fundraising obligations and has not been disqualified from CHSRA/CJHRD for any reason.

23) MEMBER IN BAD STANDING: A contestant in bad standing is not eligible to participate in any high school rodeo sponsored event at district, state, or national level until the district board has cleared the contestant from the bad standing status. A contestant in bad standing is ineligible for awards and participation in all subsequent rodeos until all issues are rectified or resolved.

24) AWARD FUND: Each year the funds available for Scholarships and Year End Awards will be determined by the success of our fundraising and sponsorship efforts, participation, membership, and profit of each rodeo. The amount awarded and depth of placing's awarded will be determined by Board decision. It is our goal to pay out to our members in the form of Awards, Scholarships, and CHSRA/CJHRD State and National Finals Sponsorships. To be eligible for year-end awards and/or contestant support, each member must have competed in 50 percent plus one of the points-sanctioned rodeos in that event. The member must also have completed sponsorship requirements within the timeline and met all other participation requirements to remain in good standing. Contestants who do not fulfill these obligations will not be eligible for year-end awards or be eligible to represent the district at other NHSRA rodeos (Challenge, State, Silver State, Nationals). If a 1st Place tie occurs for awards, District 9 will defer to State Policy for handling this situation. A contestant must be in full western attire to receive any awards at any awards presentation.

25) QUEEN CONTEST: The District Queen Contest will be held in the spring of each Rodeo season usually with the April Rodeo. Current seniors may not enter this event. The newly elected Queen will represent District 9 at CHSRA State Finals and in the following Rodeo season starting in September. The awards for the Queen Contest will be determined the same as the other year end awards based on funds available and participation in the event. The Queen's Crown is to be handed down from the reigning Queen to the newly crowned Queen at the final rodeo of the season unless there is a sponsor specifically for the Queen Crown. In this case, it may be retained by the reigning Queen. Refer to CHSRA Policy and NHSRA Rulebook for additional information.

26) STATE REPRESENTATIVES: State representatives who miss two (2) state meetings will be recommended for replacement. If replaced, the student representative forfeits the right to take credit on any scholarship application for this position.

27) JACK POTTING: Jackpot fees will be included with every entry. These fees will not exceed \$10.00 dollars (\$5.00 per event) Jack Potting will be determined on a year to year basis by the board. Jackpot winnings will be paid out at the following rodeo at check in. The last rodeo of the year the winnings will be paid out at the yearend banquet.

28) RAIN DATES: The District 9 board will attempt to give 24 hours' notice when a rodeo is cancelled due to rain. When there is inclement weather it is the student's responsibility to contact a district board member to find out if the rodeo has been cancelled. No entry fees or travel expenses will be reimbursed regardless of the circumstances.

29) SPONSORSHIP THANK YOU POLICY: Since we rely on donations and profits to fund our year end awards and scholarships, it is extremely important to give proper credit to those who support District 9. It is the responsibility of our students or parents to make sure that each sponsor receives the proper thank you. This practice will keep continuous support for our district. This policy will be applied as follows:

\$25.00 to \$299.00 a letter should be delivered with the CHSRA District 9 tax I.D. number, and a thank you for their contribution

\$300.00 to \$999.00 a small plaque with a thank you letter with the CHSRA District 9 tax I.D. number. Should be hand delivered if possible.

\$1000.00 or more. A large plaque with a thank you letter with the CHSRA District 9 tax I.D. number. Should be hand delivered if possible.

Plaques will be available at the yearend awards banquet. Letters will be available from Dynamite 9 website.

30) Sponsorship Length. When a sponsor donates money they are paying for a full year of District 9 rodeo advertising. With that being said if they donate in the middle of the year then their advertisement will be run into the following year to complete a full year of District 9 rodeo advertisement for our sponsor.