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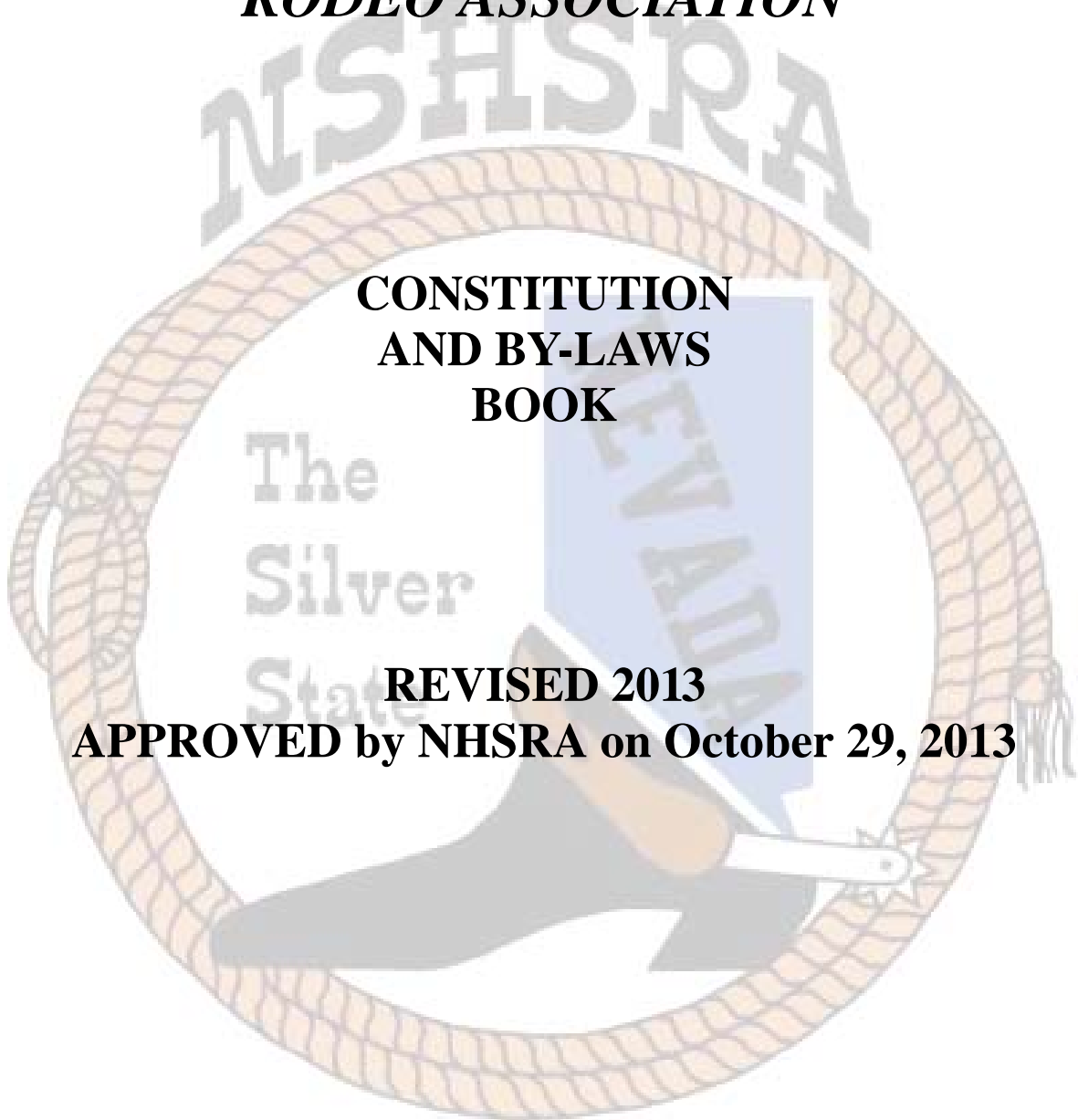
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**ARTICLE I**  
**PURPOSE AND AIMS**

In addition to the purposes and aims set forth by the National High School Rodeo Association (“NHSRA”), the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association (“NSHSRA”) will:

1. Assist in the organization of rodeo clubs in the individual communities of the state;
2. Set the yearly schedule of qualifying rodeos for High School and Jr. High
3. Decide where the Nevada State High School Rodeo Finals and Jr. High Finals will be held; and
4. Produce the annual Nevada State High School and Jr. High Rodeo finals in cooperation with a host committee(s)

The NSHSRA Constitution and By-Laws will pertain to all members in grades 6-12, in the High School and Jr. High division of the NSHSRA. The National High School Rodeo Association Rule Book of the current year will govern all events. Any rules or regulations adopted by the NSHSRA that directly conflicts with the NHSRA are unenforceable to the extent of the conflict.

**ARTICLE II**  
**MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS**

For clarity, cities, towns or affiliated bodies that are members shall be called "Member Associations" hereafter in the constitution and by-laws.

1. Cities, towns or affiliated bodies may be recognized as Member Associations and issued a charter upon approval of their articles of incorporation or constitution and by-laws, by a majority vote of the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association (“NSHSRA”) Board of Directors. The NSHSRA will only approve one Member Association from any city, town or affiliated body as a Member Association. All Members of the Member Association must also be Members of the NSHSRA in either the High School or Jr. High School division.

2. The NSHSRA Board of Directors may place a Member Association on disciplinary probation on sufficient evidence that the Member Association is marring the good name of high school rodeo by dishonesty at approved state high school rodeos, by other similar and equally undesirable acts or by failure to comply with these by-laws or by failure to comply with the National High School Rodeo Association (“NHSRA”) or NSHSRA governing documents and rules (“Rules”). The Executive Board will convene as soon as possible to consider cases which may require a Member Association be placed on disciplinary probation. A Member Association on disciplinary probation shall not be entitled to vote on any matter before the NSHSRA Board of Directors.

3. The NSHSRA Board of Directors may revoke the charter and membership of a Member Association at any properly noticed meeting and upon a showing that the Member Association is marring the good name of high school rodeo by dishonesty at approved state high school rodeos, by other similar and equally undesirable acts or by failure to comply with the Rules.

4. A Member Association whose charter has been revoked or fails to maintain its status as a Member Association may have its charter reinstated upon a majority vote of the NSHSRA Directors. A reinstated Member Association will be on disciplinary probation for two (2) years.

5. A Member Association that has had its articles reinstated or seated two (2) new Directors, or a new Member Association whose charter has been approved by the NSHSRA Directors shall be on probation for two (2) years and shall not be eligible to host the State Finals Rodeo while on probation.

6. Any Member Association on probation will submit a \$150.00 deposit to the NSHSRA thirty (30) days in advance of its rodeo to cover the legitimate expenses incurred by the NSHSRA Directors or Officers the President appoints to assist with and monitor the rodeo sponsored by the probationary Member Association. The total expenses will be paid by the Member Association. In the event a balance remains after payment of all legitimate expenses, the balance shall be refunded to the Member Association.

7. Any Member Association on disciplinary probation will submit a \$500.00 deposit to the NSHSRA thirty (30) days in advance of its rodeo to cover legitimate expenses incurred by the NSHSRA Directors or Officers the President appoints to participate in the planning, stock draw and organization of the rodeo, and to monitor rodeos sponsored by the probationary Member Association. In the event a balance remains after payment of all legitimate expenses, the balance shall be refunded to the Member Association.

8. A Member Association may resign as a member of the State Association by a letter to the NSHSRA Board of Directors. Upon review of the reasons stated in the letter, the NSHSRA Board of Directors may accept the resignation but Member Association dues will not be refunded.

9. Any Member Association filing any suit or action against the NSHSRA, its affiliates or sanctioning body shall lose its rights as a Member Association until reinstated by a vote of the Board of Directors. The Member Association shall be responsible for the costs and attorney's fees the NSHSRA incurred in defense of the suit or action upon a finding in favor of the NSHSRA on any claim. As a condition to reinstatement, the Member Association shall reimburse the NSHSRA all attorneys' fees and costs in defense of the action. Any suit brought against the NSHSRA or its Officers, and/or Directors shall only be proper in Clark County, Nevada.

10. The NSHSRA Board of Directors shall set the Member Association annual dues at the fall meeting prior to the first approved qualifying rodeo. Each Member Association shall pay the dues to the NSHSRA Secretary before the first qualifying rodeo. A Member Association failing to pay its dues shall have its charter revoked and lose all Member Association rights. The Charter may be reinstated upon payment within thirty (30) days from the original due date plus a \$50.00 fine. The Directors for any Member Association who has failed to pay its dues shall not have any right to vote until the dues plus any accrued fine are paid.

### **ARTICLE III NATIONAL DIRECTOR**

1. The National Director from Nevada will be nominated by and from the Board of Directors and the term of the National Director will be in accordance with the NHSRA rules.

2. The National Director will attend meetings of the NHSRA and the NSHSRA shall reimburse the National Director's legitimate expenses.

3. The Jr. High National Director from Nevada will be appointed in accordance with the NSHSRA rules.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**STATE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

1. **OFFICERS:** The NSHSRA Officers shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer elected by secret ballot as follows:

a. **The President** shall be elected at the fall meeting each year and must be a Director of a Member Association at the time of the election. The President's term shall be for a period of one (1) year. Any Director who has held the office of President may not serve more than three (3) terms.

b. **The Vice President** shall be elected at the fall meeting each year and must be a Director of a Member Association at the time of the election. The Vice President's terms shall be for a period of one (1) year. Any Director who has held the office of Vice President may not serve more than three (3) terms.

c. **Secretary:** The Board of Directors shall elect a Secretary to serve at the pleasure of the NSHSRA. The Board of Directors shall review, approve and/or modify the Secretary's salary annually at the Fall Meeting. The Secretary shall have a vote on the Board of Directors. By a two thirds vote (2/3) and for any reason, the Executive Board may remove the Secretary from office and appoint a temporary secretary to fill the position until the fall meeting when a new Secretary must be elected by the Board of Directors. Upon a Motion by the Board of Directors and a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a meeting noticed according to these Rules, the Secretary may be removed from office and a new Secretary elected.

d. **Treasurer:** The Board of Directors shall elect a Treasurer to serve at the pleasure of the NSHSRA. The Board of Directors shall review, approve and/or modify Treasurer's salary annually at the Fall Meeting. The Treasurer shall have a vote on the Board of Directors. By a two thirds (2/3) vote and for any reason, the Executive Board may remove the Treasurer from office and appoint a temporary treasurer to fill the position until the fall meeting when a new Treasurer must be elected by the Board of Directors. Upon a Motion by a Directors and a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors at a meeting noticed according to these Rules, the Treasurer may be removed from office for any reason and a new Treasurer elected.

2. **DUTIES OF OFFICERS:** The NSHSRA Officers shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers, together with such duties as shall be prescribed by the NSHSRA and NHSRA Rules as follows:

a. The President shall be the chairman of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Board and an ex-officio member of all committees except the committee on nominations.

b. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the Vice President shall serve as President until the next annual elections are held.

c. The Secretary shall perform the duties in the work description at the time the position was accepted and shall accept, confirm and record all activities related to (a) the NSHSRA/NHSRA Membership and (b) Member Associations and each Member and Member Association's compliance the NSHSRA and NHSRA Rules. The Secretary shall be the rodeo secretary of the State Finals Rodeo and shall collect all entries, entry fees, and other related charges and fees, and conduct the State Finals Rodeo according to NSHSRA and NHSR Rules.



d. The Treasurer shall perform the duties detailed in the work description at the time the position was accepted, be responsible for collecting and dispersing all monies owed to the NSHSRA for and at the State Finals Rodeos, and shall be responsible filing all necessary forms and documents to comply with the Internal Revenue Service statutes, rules and regulations.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. There shall be a Board of Directors of the Association that shall consist of two (2) State Directors from each Member Association, the National Director, the President, the Vice-President, the immediate Past President, all the Student Officers and the Queen.

2. Each Member Association will submit the names of two (2) nominees for State Directors to the Secretary twenty (20) days prior to the meeting held in conjunction with the State Finals Rodeo. In the event no nominations are received, the Nominating Committee shall select two (2) individuals from said Member Association. Additional nominations for director may be made from the floor by duly seated Directors. Directors will be seated immediately upon State Board of Director's approval of the nomination(s).

3. To nominate a new Director or reseat an existing Director, a letter of verification, signed by at least three (3) student officers of the Member Association must be submitted to the Secretary. The State Board of Directors shall have the final decision to seat a Director.

4. A nominee for Director must be present at the State Board of Directors meeting to be seated to a term as State Director.

5. A Director will serve a term of three (3) years unless the Director is fulfilling the unexpired term of the previous Director. A Director seated to replace a Director who has been removed or has resigned during the term, shall serve the unexpired term of the Director being replaced and then must be reseeded or replaced according to paragraphs 1-3 herein.

6. The term of the Directors for Member Associations seating two (2) new Directors (as in the case of a new club) shall be staggered. The Member Association's letter of verification shall designate the Director to serve a two (2) year term and the Director to serve a three (3) year term. The Director serving the two (2) year term must be reappointed or replaced at the expiration of the staggered two (2) year term. At the end of the staggered term, the term shall be for three (3) years. The Director serving the three (3) year term shall serve according to these Rules.

7. Regardless of the month appointed, a Director's seat shall be appointed or reappointed at the High School State Finals Meeting not more than three (3) years from the date any Director was originally seated

8. No two members of the same family may serve as Directors for a Member Association at the same time unless the Executive Board finds special circumstances exist to release a Member Association from this provision.

9. Only the NSHSRA Board of Directors can remove Director before the term expires upon a showing that the removal would be in the best interest of the NSHSRA or when the Director has missed more than two (2) consecutive NSHSRA meetings. Member Associations may not remove State Directors from office.

10. In the absence of one or both Directors, an alternate Director may be seated at the start of each NSHSRA with the right to vote at that meeting only. If both State Directors from a Member Association are absent, the NSHSRA will only seat one (1) alternate with voting privileges.

11. Any Member Association not represented by two (2) Directors or one (1) Director and an alternate at two (2) consecutive NSHSRA meetings shall lose all voting rights and be inactive until the Member Association is reinstated as active by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

12. All four (4) Student Officers and the Queen shall be seated on the Board of Directors with a right to vote. In the absence of a student officer, an alternate student may be seated at the start of the meeting with voting privileges at that meeting only.

13. No Member Association shall have more than three (3) votes on the Board of Directors or on the Executive Board. Student officers and Officers are exempt from this rule.

### **DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. The NSHSRA State Board of Directors shall:
  - a. Transact the general business of the NSHSRA;
  - b. Establish administrative policies governing the affairs of the NSHSRA's growth and development;
  - c. Act upon applications for NSHSRA Membership;
  - d. Have the power to fill all vacancies on the Board of Directors; and
  - e. Provide for the proper care of the NSHSRA materials, equipment and funds.
2. All Directors will check in with the President or the President's appointed representative before the NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo.
3. Directors will assume all duties the State Board of Directors assigns.

### **MEETINGS OF THE STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. Two (2) meetings of the State Board of Directors will be held each year as follows:
  - a. a regular meeting shall be held in conjunction with the State Finals Rodeo.
  - b. a regular meeting ("Fall Meeting") shall be held following the National Finals Rodeo and preceding the first qualifying rodeo of the new rodeo year. The Board of Directors shall set the date and location at the meeting held in conjunction with the State Finals Rodeo.
2. Notice of the regular meetings of the NSHSRA shall be given by the Secretary at least thirty (30) days, and not more than sixty (60) days, prior to the meeting date. A Notice of any amendments to the by-laws or rule changes, proposed by the Rules Committee, the Executive Board or any Member Association shall be included in the notice of the meeting.
3. The President may call a Special meetings of the Board of Directors on ten (10) days' notice to each Director by personal service, mail email fax, or telephone and shall designate the time and place of such meeting as specified in the notice.

4. The order of business will be set at the beginning of the meeting and will include, but not be limited to:
  - a. Call to order;
  - b. Roll call, seating of delegates;
  - c. Minutes of previous meetings;
  - d. Report of other officers;
  - e. Report of student officers;
  - f. National Director's report;
  - g. Committee reports;
  - h. Old business;
  - i. New business;
  - j. Good of the Association; and
  - k. Adjournment.
5. The meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order.
6. A majority of the State Directors shall constitute a quorum.

#### **ARTICLE VI** **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

1. There shall be an Executive Board of the NSHSRA composed of the President, Vice President, the National Director, the Past President, the Student President, a Director nominated by the Member Association hosting the State Finals Rodeo and approved by the State Board of Directors at the fall meeting, and the Junior Division National Director or if the Junior High National Director declines the appointment then a Junior High Representative appointed by the President and one (1) Director from each region of the State-- North, Central and South.
2. The Secretary shall attend Executive Board meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.
3. The three (3) regional Executive Board Members will be elected by and from the Board of Directors.
4. The President shall appoint an alternate Executive Board Member from each of the three (3) regions to insure a quorum at Executive Board meetings. The alternates will not have a vote if the regular elected Executive Board Member is present.
5. The President may select one (1) or more alternates to participate and vote at an Executive Board meeting wherein non-student Executive Board Member(s) is (are) unable to attend and participate.
6. In the absence of the Student President, the Student Vice-President shall attend the Executive Board meeting with the right to vote.
7. The Past President shall serve on the Executive Board until the President ceases to serve. A Past President who is not a Director will retain voting privileges on the Board of Directors for the duration of his term as immediate Past President.
8. The State of Nevada shall consist of three (3) regions that may be changed or modified as necessary, for the purpose of defining qualifying rodeo regions and Executive Board representation:
  - a. The North Region shall consist of the White Pine County, Wells, Battle Mountain, Lovelock, Eureka, Elko and Winnemucca Member Associations.
  - b. The Central Region shall consist of the Carson City, Douglas County, Washoe County, Fallon, Yerington, Fernley and Spanish Springs Member Associations.
  - c. The Southern region shall be composed of the Moapa, Las Vegas, Virgin Valley, Alamo, Boulder City, Lincoln County, Sandy Valley and Pahrump Member Associations.



## **DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

1. The Executive Board shall have the power of the State Board of Directors to transact all business between the state meetings. Minutes from the Executive Board meetings will be sent to all Directors. Under no circumstances can the Executive Board overturn or inhibit a rule or by-law the Board of Directors adopted or approved.
2. The Executive Board shall have the power to temporarily fill any vacancies that occur on the Board of Directors or the Executive Board.
3. The Executive Board shall serve as the Rules Committee and shall make the final decision on rules interpretation at the state level.
4. The Executive Board shall serve as the Inspection Committee for the State Finals Rodeo.
5. The Executive Board shall serve as a grievance committee to hear complaints, questions or problems that may arise during the course of a qualifying rodeo.
6. The Executive Board shall have the power to take any and all action necessary to enforce the NSHSRA By- Laws and Rules and the NHSRA Constitution, By-Laws and Rules regarding discipline and grievances except to the extent specifically reserved to the NHSRA.
7. If a quorum of the Executive Board does not exist to serve as a Grievance Committee, then the Grievance Committee shall consist of the Executive Board Members present plus a Director or Directors from the host Member Association.

## **MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The President may call meetings of the Executive Board when deemed necessary and by notifying Executive Board Members in advance of the meeting.

## **QUORUM**

A 2/3 majority of the Executive Board Members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE VII** **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Standing committee members shall be appointed by the President at the fall meeting and shall answer to the full Board of Directors.

1. **Nomination Committee.** This committee shall submit a slate of nominees for the offices of the State Association at the regular meeting held in conjunction with the State Finals Rodeo. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the fall meeting before elections are held.
2. **Budget and Guidelines Committee.** This committee shall be composed of the Executive Board Members, the State Directors from the current year's State Finals Rodeo host club; and other State Directors the President may appoint. The Budget and Guidelines Committee will set guidelines for the management of the State Finals Rodeo. Such policies will include budget, personnel and conduct policies.

3. **Prize Specifications Committee.** This committee shall submit recommendations for awards for the State Finals Rodeo as follows:

Bid specifications will be submitted to the Budget and Guidelines Committee for approval. Bids that meet the specifications will be accepted from companies and individuals. Prizes and awards contracts are to be valid for one year only. The final selection of awards will be made by the Board of Directors or the Executive Board.

4. **Rules Committee.** This committee shall be composed of the members of the Executive Board. It will review the rule book annually and shall accept and act upon proposed rule changes and new rules. Changes to the by-laws and rules shall be submitted to the State Board of Directors thirty (30) days prior to a scheduled meeting and must be approved by two thirds (2/3) vote of the State Board of Directors.

5. **Scholarship Committee.** This committee will decide on the number and dollar amount of scholarships to be awarded each year and will review applications and select the recipients.

6. **Points Committee.** This committee shall be composed of the State Secretary and two other people, who need not be members of the State Board of Directors, appointed by the President. The Points Committee will keep accurate and up to-date records of point standings and will post the standings at all qualifying rodeos and at the State Finals Rodeo.

7. **Queen Contest Committee.** This committee shall be composed of a Queen Chairman, elected by the State Board of Directors; a local Queen Coordinator, appointed by the State Directors of the State Finals Rodeo host club, and such other people who may be appointed by the Queen Coordinator.

a. This committee will make recommendations on the conduct, officials and awards for the State Finals Queen Contest.

b. Decisions of the Queen Contest Committee must be approved by the State Board of Directors or the Executive Board.

8. **Grand Entry Committee.** The Grand Entry committee will be appointed by the President. This committee will observe grand entries at all qualifying rodeos and will be responsible for assisting with and monitoring the Nevada team's participation in grand entries at the National High School Finals Rodeo.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **NSHSRA MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership in the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association is open to any student who is or has been enrolled in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade, in the state of Nevada and who is in good standing and not under current suspension or expelled from any school district. Students must be under 20 years of age at the start of the high school rodeo year

a. Any applicant who is a Member, former member or prospective member who sued (or whose brother, sister, father, mother, household member or legal guardian ever sued) the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association, the NSHSRA, or any of its affiliates and/or predecessors in interest shall not be granted Membership unless the NSHSRA Executive Board finds that allowing the applicant Membership is in the best interest of the Association and only upon the terms and conditions the Executive Board approves upon its sole and absolute discretion in writing.

b. Any applicant for NSHSRA Membership who has previously circumvented the residency, academic and/or conduct standards detailed in the NHSRA Rules and NSHSRA Rules (including the eligibility requirements) shall not be allowed membership status unless the executive board approves the application upon its sole and absolute discretion in writing.

c. The Executive Board's failure to act upon a Membership Application before a prospective Member competes in a qualifying Rodeo is not a waiver that the Applicant satisfied all the Membership criteria or is not subject to an exception to Membership.

2. Applications for Membership in the NSHSRA and NHSRA along with release forms and Membership dues and insurance payments and family education rights and privacy act (FERPA) release signed by the member's parents or legal guardian shall be received by the Secretary before the deadline to enter the qualifying rodeo identified in the Applicant's first an entry blank.

3. To be eligible to participate in a rodeo, a Member must:

a. Provide the eligibility committee a true and correct copy of the Member's Second Semester Report Card, transcript, or sealed eligibility form to be completed on a specific date and submitted to the eligibility committee from the member's school on or before the Nevada state rodeo finals. Type of report and date due will be determined by the NSHSRA and communicated to contestants prior to state finals.

b. Members not participating at the previous NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo must submit high school transcripts (reviewed by the eligibility committee) to the State Secretary along with the Application for Membership. The member may choose to provide a copy of their birth certificate at the time of application or must show a copy of the birth certificate upon checking in at the first rodeo to the state secretary.

c. Provide the eligibility committee with a true and correct copy of the previous year's second semester report card or transcript before the first qualifying rodeo after January 1 of that Rodeo year.

d. Provide each qualifying rodeo secretary an entry blank signed by the Principal, or Designee showing the conduct standards as adopted by the member's school have been satisfied. The member must be considered academically eligible at the time an entry blank is signed by the principal or designee. If the member is academically ineligible, the member will not be allowed to compete in the rodeo for which the entry blank is signed. The principal or designee shall not sign an entry blank more than three (3) weeks prior to the entry closing for that qualifying rodeo

e. For Members attending a school or educational program without a Principal or Principal's designee available to sign an Entry Blank for NSHSRA eligibility, the President and two (2) Designees the President appoints ("Eligibility Committee"), who must be familiar with the NSHSRA eligibility requirements, may sign the Member's Entry Blanks provided the Member provides the Eligibility Committee:

1. Sufficient written evidence the Member's school or educational program will not verify the Member's NSHSRA eligibility by signing Entry Blanks;

2. A copy of the Notice of Intent to Home school filed with the Nevada Department of Education, if applicable;

3. Any other document the Eligibility Committee may reasonably request to verify the Member's NSHSRA eligibility including but not limited to proof of satisfactory progress ; and

4. Members must be physically attending a school offering courses that satisfy high school graduation requirements for Nevada, to be eligible to participate in high school rodeo.

5. A Member may join a Member Association in an area other than the Member's residence if the Member makes application to the Executive Board and the Application is approved in writing, which cannot be unreasonably withheld.

6. Members who are not attending a public or private school four to five days a week are considered a home school NSHSRA member.

a. Members who are home schooled must prove by a preponderance of evidence that he/she passed the equivalent of 2 units of credit and maintain a 2.0 GPA to be academically eligible to participate in Nevada state high school rodeos.

7. The eligibility committee will post on the state's website eligibility checks for all home-schooled members for signing of entry blanks.

a. Home-schooled members must submit required information three weeks prior to the first scheduled rodeo of the season, and continue with the three (3) week eligibility checks through state finals.

8. Home-schooled student members must submit for eligibility the following:

- a. list of current enrolled classes;
- b. percentage of progress in each enrolled class.
- c. name and date on progress report, report card, or transcript that is specified to submit at the time of eligibility check.
- d. any other documents the eligibility committee may reasonably request to verify the member's eligibility.

9. Home-schooled members failing to comply with providing requested documents by the specified eligibility check date will be:

- a. disqualified from participating in the next Nevada state high school rodeo.
- b. disqualified from participating in Nevada state high school rodeos for the remainder of the rodeo season if they fail to comply with three eligibility checks as required.

10. Members of NSHSRA may not falsify a report card, transcript, eligibility form, or entry blank. A member who cheats or attempts to cheat will be suspended for the balance of the rodeo season.

11. A student member must meet the following minimum criteria to be considered academically eligible for Nevada state high school rodeo association competition:

- a. A student member must be enrolled in two units of credit and be in regular attendance at a high school for each semester the student member participates, unless the student member graduates mid school year from school.



b. A student member must pass a minimum of two units of credit the previous semester. Student members failing to do this will be ineligible for one semester unless they are passing two units at the nine-week grading period, at which time they will be placed on weekly probation. If at any time during the probationary period the student receives a failing grade, he/she will become ineligible for the remainder of the semester without further recourse.

12. School districts and/or the eligibility committee will continually monitor the academic progress of their members. Members:

a. must maintain a passing academic grade in all courses during the rodeo season. Progress must be checked a minimum of once every three weeks. Refer to the “f” rule.

b. must maintain a 2.0 GPA in academics during his/her previous semester. This average must be based on a 4.0 grading system. Student members failing to do this will be ineligible until grades are checked at the next nine week period.

c. who plan to graduate early may file an application to the executive board and the application must be approved in writing by the executive board to continue to rodeo once graduated.

d. course work outside of regular high school, including but not limited to, vocational, night, college and magnet school programs will count towards eligibility requirements.

13. “F” rule:

a. members who are involved in rodeos or activities related to Nevada state high school rodeo association must maintain passing grades in academics during the semester grading period. The “f” rule only applies during the three week progress checks.

b. a three week check will be maintained by student members’ school and the eligibility committee will maintain home-school student members three week check.

c. if a member receives a failing grade even if their cumulative GPA is above a 2.0 in academics at the three-week check the student member may not have the upcoming entry signed by his/her principal or eligibility committee.

d. members declared ineligible after probationary status will be checked weekly until they become eligible. When a member is declared eligible, he/she will be checked again at the regular three week checking point.

e. a member who remains ineligible during an entire three week grade check period is not entitled to another probationary period.

f. a member who drops out at any time during a semester is ineligible.

14. 2.0 minimum GPA

a. a member must have maintained a minimum 2.0 grade point average (GPA) in academics during the previous semester using a 4.0 grading system.

b. a member who fails to attain a 2.0 GPA in academics the previous semester will be declared ineligible for the first nine-week grading period.



c. a member who is below a 2.0 GPA at the end of a semester and remains below a 2.0 GPA at a nine-week progress check remains ineligible the remainder of the semester.

d. a member must have passed two units of credit and accumulated a GPA of 2.0 even if there is an incomplete grade.

e. if a member repeats a class during summer school, grades will be computed as per the regulations of the specific school district. The summer school grade may be used as it best benefits the student in the previous or current semester. Grades may be used one time for this purpose.

f. a member receiving an incomplete grade at the end of each semester has three weeks to make up the grade. The teacher or eligibility committee may decide upon a specified amount of time before accepting make-up work for an incomplete within the three-week period. After the three-week period, a permanent grade is issued which will then be used to compute the final grade. The student must be given a permanent grade after the three-week period. An incomplete grade will not be computed in the GPA for eligibility until the student has received the permanent grade.

#### 15. General

a. members are responsible for acquiring information needed to participate in activities or rodeos with Nevada state high school rodeo association, including but not limited to, Nevada state high school rodeo association by laws, national rules, attending mandatory meetings, reading posted information on website, emails and phone messages.

b. the Nevada high school rodeo finals entry blank will not require a principal or designee's signature. This will allow a student to be eligible to enter state. The eligibility checks will be done on or before check in by viewing report card, transcript or eligibility form. The documents required will be posted on the entry form.

c. a sealed document must remain sealed when handed over to the eligibility committee.

d. if the situation arises that involves a mistake by a teacher or the eligibility committee, the student member will regain his/her eligibility immediately. The principal or the eligibility committee will make this decision.

e. members whose school do not recognize rodeo as a sport must submit to the eligibility committee and be approved by the executive board to use the eligibility committee to sign entries. Those student members must submit a dated progress report, report card or transcripts that are required at the time of the scheduled eligibility check.

f. for clarification, or any questions that arise, the eligibility committee, executive board or your director will assist you with the interpretation.

16. Any Member or Member's parent(s) or legal guardian who files suit or commences an action against the NSHSRA, its affiliates, sanctioning body or officers and/or Directors shall lose its rights as a NSHSRA Member. The Member shall be responsible to pay the costs and attorney's fees of the NSHSRA incurred in defense of the suit or action upon a finding in favor of the NSHSRA on any claim. Venue for any such action is proper only in Clark County, Nevada.

## **NON-MEMBER PARTICIPATION**

1. Non-members may participate in one rodeo per year without joining the NSHSRA and NHSRA provided the non-member:
  - a. submits Twelve Dollars (\$12) and an executed Release to the State Secretary;
  - b. a completed Entry Blank with “NON-MEMBER” indicated prominently on the form;
  - c. provides proof of NSHSRA eligibility as required by Members; and
  - d. The state Secretary receives the check, entry, release not less than two weeks prior to the qualifying rodeo being entered to guarantee eligibility.
2. Non-members may receive prizes but may not receive points.
3. A Member team roping partner of a non-member will not earn any points while competing with a non-member.
4. If a non-member decides to join the NSHSRA and NHSRA after competing as a non-member, all membership and insurance fees shall be paid and the \$12 paid will not apply toward the Membership obligations.

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

1. An annual meeting of the Members of the Association will be held in conjunction with the State Finals Rodeo to elect Student Officers for the coming year.
2. Additional general Membership meetings may be called by the Student President with the approval of the Board of Directors or the Executive Board.
3. All NSHSRA Members, in good standing, shall have voting privileges.

## **ARTICLE IX** **STUDENT STATE OFFICERS**

1. A Student President, Vice-President, Secretary and Public Relations Director shall be elected at the NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo Board of Directors Meeting.
2. Prospective Student Officers must declare their candidacy with their NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo Entry Blank. Nominations will not be accepted at the annual meeting.
3. All Student Officers and the Queen shall be seated at meetings of the Board of Directors and shall each have a vote.
4. The Student President shall be a member of the NSHSRA Executive Board. In the absence of the Student President, the Student Vice-President may serve as his/her substitute on the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE X**  
**STUDENT EVENT DIRECTORS**

Student Event Directors shall be elected or appointed for each event preceding each qualifying rodeo and the State Finals Rodeo. Event directors must be elected by or appointed from contestants entered in that event. The duties of student event directors are:

- a. Know and understand the rules of the event they are serving as director for;
- b. Closely observe all phases of the event when it is in progress;
- c. Note in writing on the Event Directors sheets any penalties or disqualifications given to the contestant during their run.
- d. Serve as the liaison between contestants and officials in cases where a question, problem or complaint arises.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**CONTRACTS/FINANCES**

1. The Executive Board must approve all contracts and may authorize any officer or agent of the NSHSRA to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the NSHSRA.
2. All checks will require two signatures, except checks used to pay the day to day office expenses, such as office supplies, telephone, postage, national dues, national insurance, etc.
3. Any and all legitimate expenses for the Secretary or Treasurer, made at the expense of the NSHSRA, must be approved by the Board of Directors or the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**QUALIFYING RODEOS**

Qualifying Rodeos shall be conducted annually under the rules and regulations set forth in the NHSRA and NSHSRA Rule Books. The Board of Directors must approve the number of Qualifying Rodeos and their respective dates at the Fall Meeting. The Board of Directors must approve all double header or average rodeos.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**STATE FINALS RODEO**

A State Finals Rodeo for both High School and Jr. High shall be conducted annually under the same rules and regulations as set forth in the NHSRA and the NSHSRA Rule Books.

**ARTICLE XIV**  
**AMENDMENTS**

These by-laws will be reviewed annually and may be amended by a **2/3** majority vote of the **Board of Directors** at any meeting provided:

- a. a quorum is present; and
- b. the proposed amendments and additions are provided to the NSHSRA Board of Directors along with the meeting notice thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

**ARTICLE XV**  
**GENERAL RULES**

1. Each qualifying rodeo host committee will appoint its own Safety Inspector.
2. Rodeo secretaries will be required to fax or email a copy of the "Top 10" in each event at their rodeo to the State Secretary and to all point secretaries on the first Monday following their rodeo. Time-keepers/ timers' sheets and judges' sheets will also be faxed or emailed to the State Secretary on the first Monday following a qualifying rodeo, and will be mailed to the other two point secretaries within one week after the rodeo. Failure to do so will result in a \$50 fine to their club.
3. The number of qualifying rodeos that can be held in Nevada each year will be reviewed annually.
4. Restroom facilities must be provided at all sites hosting qualifying rodeos and at the State Finals Rodeo.
5. NSHSRA qualifying rodeos will not be held in conjunction with another event or rodeo, without permission from the host committee.
6. A State Assessment will be collected from each qualifying rodeo to be used to pay for awards at the State Finals Rodeo. The amount of the assessment will be reviewed annually.
7. Photographers and other concessions and commercial enterprises must obtain permission from that qualifying rodeo's host committee to take pictures, exhibit, and display or sell their wares or products at each rodeo.
8. If buckles are awarded to first place in one event, buckles must be given to first place in all events.
9. Not more than two (2) Member Associations' cuttings may be held at any one qualifying rodeo. Boy's Cutting and Girl's Cutting will be treated as two separate events.
10. There will be a \$25 fine assessed for all bad checks. The fine will be paid to the Member Association holding the bad check and:
  - a. any Member who issues a bad check will be put on a Cash, Money Order or Cashier's Check only basis; and
  - b. a Member will not be allowed to rodeo until all fees and fines owed to the NSHSRA and host Member Association have been paid and the State Secretary has been notified;
11. Directors will be required to submit an activity sheet to the State Secretary; and
12. Any grievance at any Qualifying Rodeo or the State Finals Rodeo must be submitted to rodeo Secretary in writing that specifically details the grievance and cites the NSHSRA or NHSRA Rule(s) that govern the grievance and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00. If the grievance committee finds against the aggrieved Member, then the \$50.00 shall be deposited in the NSHSRA Crisis Fund. If the grievance is supported by the facts and the applicable NSHSRA or NHSRA Rule, the appropriate remedial action shall be taken if available and the deposit returned to the Member.

**ARTICLE XVI**  
**STATE FINALS RODEO**

1. **Eligibility:** To be eligible to participate in any event at the State Finals Rodeo:
  - a. a Member must have participated in that event in at least three (3) qualifying rodeos; and
  - b. a queen contestant must enter at least one other rodeo event at the State Finals Rodeo and must have participated in at least three (3) qualifying rodeos in that event.
2. **Conduct:** The NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo shall:
  - a. consists of two (2) full go-rounds and a top fifteen (15) final in all events except cutting;
  - b. cutting finalists will be decided by the cutting director and the State Board of Directors and announced prior to the start of the State Finals Rodeo;
  - c. use electric timers in barrel racing and pole bending;
  - d. be cosponsored by the NSHSRA and a host Member Association not on probation;
  - e. be drawn for and change goats after every contestant in every go-round.
3. **RODEO SITE AND MISCELLANEOUS STATE FINALS RODEO RULES:**
  - a. The NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo shall:
    - 1) Rotate among Member Associations, not on probation, according to a list revised and published annually by the Board of Directors. A Member Association declining or otherwise ineligible to host the NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo shall be moved to the bottom of the list if the Member Association is unable or unwilling to host the NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo when selected according to the rotating list;
    - 2) Be approved by the Board of Directors shall approve the site and date of the selected Member Association's NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo
    - 3) Require two (2) arenas located side by side directly in front of the main grandstand with a central sound system; and
    - 4) Provide a Secretary, Treasurer and two (2) point's keepers and adequate office space.
  - b. The Treasurer shall provide financial statement of the NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo to all Directors and Officers at, or before the Fall Meeting.
  - c. Any grievance at any Qualifying Rodeo or the State Finals Rodeo must be submitted to rodeo Secretary in writing that specifically details the grievance and cites the NSHSRA or NHSRA Rule(s) that govern the grievance and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00. If the grievance committee finds against the aggrieved Member, then the \$50.00 shall be deposited in the NSHSRA Crisis Fund. If the grievance is supported by the facts and the applicable NSHSRA or NHSRA Rule, the appropriate remedial action shall be taken if available and the deposit returned to the Member.



## **AWARDS**

1. Awards will be provided by the State Association.
2. Scholarships must be redeemed by the start of the school year, one year after graduation from high school. The Board of Directors will consider special requests for exemption from this rule.
3. National Qualifiers must participate in at least three activities while attending the High School National Finals Rodeo to be eligible to receive funds from the State Association. Activities would include but are not limited to: The Nevada Team picnic (mandatory), the volleyball tournament, flag bearer for grand entry, student event director, attend any part of the Queen contest, or any other activities approved by the National Director. In addition it is mandatory for any team member who wins an award during the National Finals Rodeo, to attend the awards ceremony. Any exceptions would have to be approved by the National Director. Any team member not fulfilling this obligation will forfeit their State travel funds. Forfeited money will go into the scholarship fund.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF NSHSRA AND HOST MEMBER ASSOCIATION**

1. Hosting Member Associations will be responsible for local advertising and local promotion, equipment and personnel for maintenance of the grounds, water truck, tractor with attachments for working the arena, ambulance, concession stands, dances and admission gate personnel.
2. All officials, including flaggers, judges, chute bosses, timers, timekeepers, office personnel, goat holders, catch pen personnel, stock contractor, bull fighters, queen judges and others will be selected by the Executive Board or the State Board of Directors.

## **FINANCES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. Fifty percent (50%) of the net profit from the NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo will be remitted to the Member Association cosponsoring the rodeo.
2. National finals qualifiers' jackets and SSIR qualifiers' awards will be given as prizes and will be charged as an expense to the State Finals Rodeo.

## **POINT SYSTEM**

1. Points will be awarded to 10th place at qualifying rodeos. First place will receive 10 points; Second place, nine points; third place, eight points; and so on down to one point for 10th place.
2. Ten more points will be offered at the State Finals Rodeo than the maximum number that can be brought in.
3. The number of rodeos, from which points can be accumulated, will be decided annually by the Board of Directors and will be approximately one-third of the total number of qualifying rodeos.
4. At the conclusion of the first two (2) go-rounds of the State Finals Rodeo, points earned in those two (2) go-rounds will be added to the accumulated points brought in to determine who will compete in the final go-around.
  - a. Those that have the most combined accumulated points, plus points earned in the first two (2) go-rounds at the state finals rodeo, will compete in the final go-around in every event.

5. The contestants with the highest number of accumulated points, plus points earned in all three (3) go-rounds at the State Finals Rodeo, will qualify for the National Finals Rodeo.

a. The top four overall in each event and ties, plus the queen, will qualify to compete in the National Finals Rodeo.

6. The All-Around Cowgirl and the All-Around Cowboy of the Year, and the champion team will be decided using the above point system.

7. The Girl Rookie and the Boy Rookie of the year will be the first-year girl and the first-year boy who earned the most points, based on the above point system, regardless of the grade they are in at school.

8. The Queen contest will count toward team points in the following manner: 40 points will go to the Queen's team; 30 points will go to the first attendant's team; 20 points will go to the second attendant's team; and 10 Points will go to the third attendant's team.

9. In order for accumulated points to count towards all-rounds, rookies, or team champion titles, a contestant must enter those events at the State Finals Rodeo.

10. Points will not be awarded to anyone who is not a member in good standing. In such cases, and in cases of disqualification, contestants will not be moved up in point standings.

11. Points not earned will not be awarded, and will become dead points.

ACCEPTANCE OF BY-LAWS:

I certify that the foregoing By-Laws of Nevada High School Rodeo Association, consisting of (20) pages were adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2013.

Bert Paris  
President

Faye Rivera  
Secretary

(AMENDED AUGUST, 2013.)

**NOTES:**



**This version of the Nevada state high school by-laws was reviewed and voted on by the board of directors at the august 3, 2013 fall meeting. For clarity, all changes (other than typographical errors) are highlighted in yellow. New language that was approved is in all capital letters and language to be stricken has been stricken through for ease of reading. The final version of this will be approximately 20 pages in length and once the changes are approved, a new index will need to be prepared to correspond with the page each article falls under.**