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BYLAWS OF THE NEVADA STATE HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I PURPOSE AND AIMS

Section 1. 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:

- a. Assist in the organization of rodeo clubs in the individual communities of the state;
- b. Set the yearly schedule of qualifying rodeos.
- c. Decide where the Nevada State High School Rodeo Finals and Jr. High Finals will be held; and
- d. Produce the annual Nevada State High School and Jr. High Rodeo finals;

Section 2. The NSHSRA Constitution and By-Laws will pertain to all members in the High School and Jr. High division of the NSHSRA. The NHSRA 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.

Section 3. The NSHSRA is organized for charitable and educational purposes, to promote and keep our Western Heritage alive in Nevada, to promote closer relationships among the people interested in this activity and the organizations they represent, TO PROMOTE THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS and to increase interest in the sport of rodeo by the youth of the state of Nevada.

Section 4. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers or other persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of Sections 1, 2 and 3 above. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the participation in or intervening in, including the publishing or distribution of statement(s), on any campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions in these Bylaws, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried out.

- a. By a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law); or
- b. By a corporation contribution(s) to which are deductible under Sections 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Section 5. In the event of dissolution of this non-profit corporation, any assets belonging to the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association Inc., after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, the corporation will dispose of assets of the corporation inclusively for the purposes of the corporation and in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operation exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the board of this corporation shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of the County in which the principal office of the corporation has been located, as said Court shall determine to an organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Section 1. The purpose of the following conflict of interest policy and procedure is to protect the tax exemption of the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association (hereinafter "NSHSRA") when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement and to prevent the personal interest officers, board members, staff members and volunteers from interfering with the performance of their duties to NSHSRA or its affiliated organizations, or result in personal financial, professional, or political gain on the part of such persons at the expense of NSHSRA, its affiliated organizations, its members, supporters, and/or other stakeholders. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

a. Definitions:

a) Conflict of Interest: means a conflict, or the appearance of a conflict, between the private interests and official responsibilities of an interested person. Interested persons include officers, board members, secretaries, and other volunteers of the NSHSRA.

b) Board: means Board of Directors and the Executive Board of Directors.

c) Financial Interest: means any person having a financial interest directly or indirectly through business investment or family, and:

(a) an ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the NHSRA has a transaction or an investment;

(b) a compensation arrangement with the NHSRA; or

(c) a potential ownership or investment account interest in, or compensation arrangement with any or individual with which the NHSRA is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

d) Interested Person: means any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest in the transaction.

e) Member: means a student or adult member of the NSHSRA and its affiliated organizations and Member Associations.

f) Officer: means an officer of the Board of Directors.

g) Volunteer: means a person – other than a board member – who does not receive compensation for services and expertise provided to the NSHSRA and retains decision making authority to commit resources of the organization, including the Member Associations' resources.

h) Staff Member: means a person who receives all or part of her/his income from the payroll of NSHSRA, meaning the State Secretary, Treasurer and Points Keepers.

i) Supporter: means corporations, foundations, individuals, 501(c)(3) nonprofits, and other nonprofit organizations that contribute to the NSHSRA or its affiliated organizations or Member Associations.

Policy and Practices

1) Full disclosure, by notice in writing, shall be made by the interested person to the full Board of Directors of all conflicts of interest, including but not limited to the following:

(a) a board member is related to another board member or staff member by blood, marriage or domestic partnership;

(b) a board member, a board member's spouse, domestic partner, blood relation, business partner, or the board member's organization stands to benefit from an NSHSRA transaction, or a staff member of such organization receives payment for NSHSRA for any subcontract, goods, or services other than as part of her/his regular job responsibilities or as reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred as provided in NSHSRA policy;

(c) a board member's organization, business or employer receives direct funding from the NSHSRA;

(d) a board member or staff member is a member of the governing body of a contributor to NSHSRA; or

(e) a secretary or volunteer working on behalf of the NSHSRA who meets any of the situations or criteria listed above.

2) Following full disclosure of a possible conflict of interest or any condition listed above, the Executive Board of the Board of Directors shall determine whether a conflict of interest exists and, if so, the Executive Board shall vote to authorize or reject the transaction or take any other action deemed necessary to address the conflict and protect the NSHSRA's best interests.

3) A Board member, officer, or staff member shall not participate in any discussion or debate of the Executive Board or the Board of Directors, or of any committee or subcommittee thereof in which the subject of discussion is a contract, transaction, or situation in which there may be a perceived as or is an actual conflict of interest. However, they may be present to provide clarifying information in such a discussion or debate unless objected to by any present board member. Moreover, the Board member, officer, or staff member shall not reach out to any voting member of the Executive Board to try to persuade them into voting in favor of their contract, transaction, or situation which may be perceived as or is an actual conflict of interest.

4) Anyone in a position to make decisions about spending the NSHSRA's resources who also stands to benefit from that decision – has an affirmative duty to disclose that conflict as soon as it arises (or becomes apparent); she/he should not participate in any final decisions.

5) A copy of this policy shall be included in the NSHSRA Rule Book.

6) Each board member, officer, staff member and volunteer shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

a. has received a copy of this conflict of interest policy;

b. has read and understands the policy;

c. has agreed to comply with the policy; and

d. understands that the NSHSRA is a nonprofit corporation and in order to maintain its federal, state and local tax exemption the NSHSRA must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

ARTICLE II MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

Section 1. For clarity, cities, towns or affiliated bodies that are members shall be called "Member Associations".

a. 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 bylaws, 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.

b. The NSHSRA Board of Directors may place a Member Association on disciplinary probation based upon sufficient evidence the Member Association is marring the good name of high school rodeo by dishonesty at approved qualifying rodeos, state finals rodeo or national finals rodeos, by other similar and equally undesirable acts or by failure to comply with these bylaws 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 temporarily placed on disciplinary probation pending a properly noticed meeting with a quorum of the Board of Directors present. For a Member Association to be placed on disciplinary probation, a majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be required. The length of disciplinary probation shall be identified in the meeting and any requirements needing to be met by the Member Association to be removed from disciplinary probation must be provided to the Member Association at the time of the meeting of the Board of Directors. The Executive Board shall provide a written notice to the Member Association and its members of the terms and conditions of the disciplinary probation. A Member Association on disciplinary probation shall not be entitled to vote on any matter before the NSHSRA Board of Directors.

c. The NSHSRA Board of Directors may revoke the charter and membership of a Member Association at any properly noticed meeting with a quorum of the Board of Directors present and upon a showing that the Member Association is marring the good name of high school rodeo by dishonesty at approved qualifying rodeos, state finals rodeo or national finals rodeo, by other similar and equally undesirable acts or by failure to comply with the Rules. The revocation of a charter and membership shall require a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at the meeting.

d. 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 Executive Board of Directors at a properly noticed meeting with a quorum of the Board of Directors present. A reinstated Member Association will be on disciplinary probation for two (2) years from the date of reinstatement.

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

f. 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 Board of Directors or Officers to assist with and monitor the qualifying rodeo sponsored by the probationary Member Association. The total expenses of the Board of Directors or Officers appointed to assist with and monitor the qualifying rodeo shall 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.

g. Any Member Association on disciplinary probation will submit a \$500.00 deposit to the NSHSRA thirty (30) calendar days in advance of its rodeo to cover legitimate expenses incurred by the NSHSRA Board of Directors or Officers to participate in the planning, stock draw and organization of the rodeo, and to monitor qualified 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.

Section 2. A Member Association may resign or be classified as an inactive 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.

Section 3. 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 majority vote of the Executive 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.

Section 4. 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) calendar 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

Section 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.

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

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

ARTICLE IV STATE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Section 1. OFFICERS: The NSHSRA Officers shall consist of the President, Vice President, elected by secret ballot pursuant to Article VI and a Secretary and Treasurer elected by secret ballot as follows:

a. **The President** shall be elected at the state finals rodeo meeting, assuming office 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 state finals rodeo meeting, assuming office 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 annually at the fall full board meeting. 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 full board. Upon a Motion by a Director and a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a meeting properly noticed according to these Bylaws, the Secretary may be removed from office for any reason and a new Secretary elected.

d. **Treasurer:** The Board of Directors shall elect a Treasurer to serve at the pleasure of the NSHSRA annually at the fall full board meeting. 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 full 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 Director and a majority vote of a majority of the Board of Directors at a meeting properly noticed according to these Rules Bylaws, the Treasurer may be removed from office for any reason and a new Treasurer elected.

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 for qualifying rodeos and all entries, entry fees and other charges and fees required for the State Finals Rodeo according to NSHSRA and NHSRA 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 disbursing all monies owed to the NSHSRA for and at the State Finals Rodeos and shall be responsible for filing all necessary forms and documents to comply with the Internal Revenue Service statutes, rules and regulations and Nevada Revised Statutes, rules and regulations.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Directors of the Association that shall consist of two (2) State Directors from each Member Association who must reside in the state of Nevada and county of origin, the National Director for the High School division, the National Director for Junior High School division and the President, the Vice-President, and all the Student Officers and the Queen.

Section 2. Each Member Association will submit the names of two (2) nominees for State Directors to the Secretary twenty (20) calendar days prior to the meeting held in conjunction with the State Finals Rodeo, the fall meeting or the mid-winter meeting when a vacancy occurs in the Member Association. In the event no nominations are received from the Member Association, 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).

Section 3. To nominate a new Director or reseal 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 twenty (20) calendar days prior to the meeting held in conjunction with the State Finals Rodeo, the fall meeting, or the mid-winter meeting. A majority vote of the Board of Directors at a properly noticed meeting shall be required to seat a Director.

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

b. 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 reseated or replaced according to Sections 2 and 3 above.

c. 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.

d. 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.

e. 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.

Section 4. Only the NSHSRA Board of Directors can remove a 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, except the State Directors from their Association by majority vote of the Members or failure to move to reappoint a Member Association Director.

Section 5. Proxy. In the absence of one or both Directors from a Member Association, an alternate Director may be seated at the start of the NSHSRA's Board of Directors meeting(s) with the right to vote at that meeting only.

a. The absent seated Director must provide a written and signed proxy, which may be delivered by the proxy, to the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. For the fall and midwinter meetings only, an email sent by the State Director to the Secretary in advance of the meeting, shall suffice to have a proxy seated. If both State Directors from a Member Association are absent, the NSHSRA will only seat one (1) alternate Director with voting privileges. Failure to provide a proxy pursuant to this section, shall result in no vote for the absent Director.

b. 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 at a properly noticed meeting.

c. All five (5) 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 member may be seated at the start of the meeting with voting privileges at that meeting only when a written and signed proxy has been provided by the absent Student Officer to the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. The student member with the proxy may provide that written proxy to the Secretary at the start of the meeting. If no written proxy is provided, there shall not be a proxy seated for that student officer.

Section 6. No Member Association shall have more than (2) 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

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;
- e. Provide for the proper care of the NSHSRA materials, equipment and funds;
- f. All Directors will check in with the President or the President's appointed representative before the NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo for work assignments and are expected to assist with putting on the State Finals Rodeo.

- g. Directors will assume all duties the State Board of Directors assigns.

MEETINGS OF THE STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Three (3) meetings of the State Board of Directors will be held each year as follows:

- a. a regular meeting shall be held at and in conjunction with the State Finals Rodeo before the first performance of the rodeo begins.
- 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 President shall set the date and location of this meeting at least 30 days in advance with proper notification to all Board Directors.
- c. a regular meeting (“mid-winter” meeting) shall be held each year preceding the first qualifying rodeo of the “spring” season. The President shall set the date and location of this meeting at least 30 days in advance with proper notification to all Board Directors.
- d. Notice of the regular meetings of the NSHSRA shall be given by the Secretary at least thirty (30) calendar days, and not more than sixty (60) calendar days, prior to the meeting date. The notice shall contain the designated time, date and location of each meeting. A Notice of any amendments to the bylaws or rule changes, proposed by the Rules Committee, the Executive Board or any Member Association shall be included in the notice of the meeting. Notice may be provided via electronic mail to each State Director, Officers, Student Officers and Members and posted to the website. Members who are not Student Officers are encouraged to attend.
- e. The order of business will be set at the beginning of the meeting and will include, but not be limited to:
 - 1) Pledge of Allegiance
 - 2) Call to order;
 - 2) Roll call, seating of delegates;
 - 3) Minutes of previous meetings;
 - 4) Report of other officers;
 - 5) Report of student officers;
 - 6) National High School Director's report;
 - 7) National Junior High School Director's report;

- 8) Committee reports;
 - 9) Old business;
 - 10) New business;
 - 11) Good of the Association; and
 - 12) Adjournment.
- f. The meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order.
- g. A majority of the State Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- h. The President may call a Special meeting of the Board of Directors on seven (7) calendar days' notice to each Director by personal service, mail, email, fax, or telephone and shall designate the time and place of such meeting and topic or topics to be addressed in the notice. In the event a full Board of Director's meeting is necessary, the President will make a reasonable attempt to schedule and conduct the meeting in conjunction with a qualifying rodeo.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Board of the NSHSRA composed of the President, Vice President, the National Director from Nevada for High School, the National Director for Nevada for Junior High School, the Past President, the Student President, and one (1) Director from each region of the State-- Northern, Central and Southern.

Section 2. The Secretary shall schedule, send out notices and attend Executive Board meetings but shall not be entitled to vote. The Secretary shall take and publish minutes from the Executive Board meeting to all State Directors via email, once the minutes have been approved by the Executive Board and post to the website.

Section 3. The three (3) regional Executive Board Members will be elected by and from the Board of Directors.

a. The Member Associations for the three (3) regions may be changed or modified as necessary, for the purpose of defining qualifying rodeos and Executive Board representation:

1) The Northern Region shall consist of the White Pine, Wells, Battle Mountain, Lovelock, Eureka, Elko and Winnemucca Member Associations.

2) The Central Region shall consist of the Douglas-Carson, Washoe County, Fallon, Yerington, Walker River and Spanish Springs Member Associations.

3) The Southern region shall be composed of the Moapa, Las Vegas, Alamo, Boulder City, Lincoln County and Pahrump Member Associations.

b. The President shall appoint from the Board of Directors, an alternate Executive Board Member from each of the three (3) regions to insure a quorum at each Executive Board meeting. The alternates will not have a vote if the regular elected Executive Board Member is present. In the event an Executive Board Member from one of the regions is unavailable for a meeting, the alternate shall replace that absent member at that meeting alone.

1) Effective August 2021, the Northern Regional Representative shall serve a one (1) year term and shall be open for re-election in August 2022.

2) Effective August 2021, the Central Regional Representative shall serve a one (1) year term and shall be open for re-election in August 2022.

3) Effective August 2021, the Southern Regional Representative shall serve a one (1) year term and shall be open for re-election in August 2022.

4) The Regional Representatives shall be elected for a one (1) year term.

Section 4. In the absence of the Student President, the Student Vice-President shall attend the Executive Board meeting with the right to vote.

Section 5. 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.

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

a. 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 and members once the Executive Board has approved the minutes. Under no circumstances can the Executive Board overturn or inhibit a rule or bylaw the Board of Directors has adopted or approved.

b. The Executive Board shall have the power to temporarily fill any vacancies that occur on the Board of Directors or the Executive Board until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the entire Board of Directors.

c. The Executive Board shall serve as the Rules Committee and shall make the final decision on rules interpretation at the state level.

d. The Executive Board shall serve as a grievance committee to hear complaints, questions or problems that may arise during a qualifying rodeo or the state finals rodeo.

e. The Executive Board shall have the power to take any and all action necessary to enforce the NSHSRA Bylaws and Rules and the NHSRA, Bylaws and Rules regarding discipline and grievances, unless specifically reserved to the NHSRA.

f. 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.

g. The executive Board shall serve as the Inspection Committee for the State Finals Rodeo.

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

a. The President may call meetings of the Executive Board when deemed necessary. The President shall have the Secretary notify the members and alternates of the Executive Board of the time, date and topic(s) via electronic mail. It is reasonable for the Executive Board to conduct its meetings via telephone if the matter or matters cannot be discussed at a qualifying rodeo.

b. Members of the Association, including Members and Directors are encouraged to attend all meetings of the Executive Board, unless the nature of the meeting, e.g., disciplinary action, eligibility concerns, are to be discussed. At any time, the Executive Board is going to discuss disciplinary action or other actions involving a specific Member, only Executive Board members and their alternatives shall be allowed to attend. For disciplinary processes involving a Member, NSHSRA shall follow the procedures identified in the NHSRA Rule book. No non-Executive Board member shall be allowed to remain in the meeting when issues pertaining to a specific member are discussed.

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

Section 1. Unless otherwise stated below, standing committee members shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors at the fall meeting and shall answer to the full Board of Directors.

a. ***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 state meeting before elections are held. State Directors interested in running for a specific office are encouraged to announce their candidacy at the meeting held in conjunction with the State Finals Rodeo.

b. ***Budget and Guidelines Committee.*** This committee shall be composed of the Executive Board Members 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.

c. ***Prize Committee.*** This committee shall consist of the full board of Student Officers, the Secretary, the Treasurer and at least one State Director elected by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall send out requests for bids to National Sponsors, as well as any other business or individual requesting to submit a bid. The Prize Committee shall submit recommendations for awards for the State Finals Rodeo at the mid-winter meeting as follows:

1) Bid specifications will be submitted to the Budget and Guidelines Committee for approval.

2) Bids that meet the specifications will be accepted from companies and individuals. Prizes and awards contracts are valid for that year only. The final selection of awards will be made by the Board of Directors during the mid-winter meeting if possible or the Executive Board if the Prize Committee is unable to identify the prizes and costs by the mid-winter meeting. The Board of Directors shall approve the prize budget for State Finals for Junior High and High School divisions at the fall meeting.

d. **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 bylaws and rules shall be submitted to the State Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days prior to a scheduled meeting and must be approved by two thirds (2/3) vote of the State Board of Directors.

e. **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. Members of the Scholarship Committee are not required to be State Directors; however, the Chair for the Scholarship Committee must be elected by the Board of Directors from the State Directors. The Chair may appoint those persons necessary to review the scholarship applications, evaluate the applications and using a systematic scoring mechanism award scholarships for graduating seniors who submit timely applications.

f. **Points Committee.** This committee shall be composed of the State Secretary and one or two other people, who need not be members of the State Board of Directors, appointed by the President and approved by Board of Directors at the fall meeting. The Points Committee will keep accurate and up to-date records of point standings and will post the standings at all qualifying rodeos and shall post the point standings by the Wednesday following the qualifying rodeo and shall post points following each performance at the State Finals Rodeo.

g. **Queen Contest Committee.** This committee shall be composed of a State Queen Coordinator, elected by the State Board of Directors, and such other people who may be appointed by the State Queen Coordinator.

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

2) Budgetary decisions of the Queen Contest Committee must be approved by the State Board of Directors at the fall meeting. Approval of the schedule for the Queen Contest, the judges and the awards for the State Finals Rodeo shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board.

3) The Queen Committee is required to select and approve the NSHSRA's Queen's Saddle and the Queen's Buckle. The reigning Queen shall participate with the Queen Committee in selection of the prizes, but not the selection of judges, if she is running for another reign. The Queen Committee shall ensure the Queen's saddle, buckle, and sash arrive in sufficient time to be awarded at the State Finals Rodeo so the Queen may attend the National Finals Rodeo with her saddle, buckle, crown and sash. The Queen Committee shall ensure the crown and leather sash are presented to the newly crowned Queen during the State Finals Rodeo. Unless retired by the Board of Directors, the crown and leather sash must be presented to the next Queen by the outgoing Queen at the State Finals Rodeo.

4) In the event there is more than one (1) Queen Contestant, the First Attendant shall attend the Silver State International Rodeo, in Winnemucca, NV as Nevada's representative. To assist the First Attendant, she will be awarded a sash which identifies her as First Attendant.

h. **Grand Entry Committee.** The Grand Entry committee will be appointed by the President and shall consist of Board of Directors members and the National Director for Nevada for the high school division and the National Director for Nevada for the junior high school division. This committee will be responsible for assisting with and monitoring grand entries at the Junior High and High School State Finals and shall be responsible for assisting with and monitoring Nevada teams' participation in grand entries at the National High School Finals Rodeo and the National Junior High School Finals Rodeo.

i. **Eligibility Committee.** The Eligibility Committee shall consist of the President, the State Secretary and two other individuals, nominated by the President and confirmed by the Board of Directors, at the fall meeting. The appointed members should be familiar with the eligibility rules contained herein. In addition, one of the members must either have a member who is home schooled or be familiar with how home schooling operates.

ARTICLE VIII NSHSRA MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association is open to any student who is or has been enrolled in the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade, in public school, private school or a home school program approved by 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 for high school and under 16 years of age for jr. high school at the start of the rodeo year. No Member or prospective Member shall be allowed to participate in any qualifying rodeo in this state until the prospective Member submits all the required documents required of all Members.

Section 2. Applications for Membership in the NSHSRA and NHSRA along with release forms and Membership dues and insurance payments 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 entry. The Member is required to provide a copy of the Member's birth certificate at the time of application or may choose to show the State Secretary, at the Member's first qualifying rodeo, a copy of the Member's birth certificate establishing the Member's date of birth. The State Secretary shall indicate on the Member's application for membership that the Member is of appropriate age.

Section 3. A Member may choose to join a Member Association or file a written petition for independent status through their Regional Director. A member may also petition to join a Member Association in an area other than the Member's residence. The Member will provide a written request to the Regional Director. A Director from the Member's actual Member Association and a Director from the Member Association the Member wishes to join, shall be invited to comment on the request. The Executive Board is not bound by the comments of the Directors but shall consider their comments before granting or denying such a request. Authorization by the Executive Board shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 4. Any applicant for membership in NSHSRA who is a former member or prospective member, and whose (brother, sister, father, mother, step-father, step-mother, household member, aunt or uncle or legal guardian of the Member, or if the prospective Member ever sued) the NSHSRA, the NHSRA, or any of its affiliates and/or predecessors in interest shall not be granted Membership in the NSHSRA. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to determine if it is in the best interests of the NSHSRA to allow the membership. The Executive Committee shall have the sole and absolute right and discretion to require any reasonable term or condition upon the applicant, the members of the applicant's family as identified above, as a condition precedent to granting membership. Such terms and conditions shall be placed in writing and delivered to the applicant and/or appropriate family member(s). The applicant and the appropriate family member(s), as appropriate, shall be required to consent, in writing to the terms and conditions identified by the Executive Board before the applicant may participate in a qualifying rodeo in this state.

Section 5. 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.

Section 6. 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.

Rodeo Participation

To be eligible to participate in a rodeo, a member must:

- a. Before a member may participate in any qualifying rodeo during the fall season, the Member must provide the eligibility committee a true and correct copy of the Member's Second Semester Report Card, or transcript issued by the Member's school at the time of application for membership from the previous school year. The only exception to this rule is a member who is beginning the fifth grade.
- b. Before a member may participate in any qualifying rodeo during the spring season, the Member must provide the eligibility committee a true and correct copy of the Member's First Semester Report Card or transcript issued by the Member's school no later than the date set by the Eligibility Committee and published on the NSHSRA's website.
- c. Before a member may participate in the NSHSRA state finals rodeo, the Member must provide the eligibility committee a true and correct copy of the Member's progress report for the Second Semester issued by the Member's school and signed by an authorized representative of the school, at the time they check in for the state finals rodeo.

Academic eligibility

Section 1. All Members must meet the following minimum criteria to be considered academically eligible to compete in the NSHSRA:

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

b. A Member must pass a minimum of two units of credit the previous semester. 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.

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

d. Home school students must complete the NHSRA Home School verification form.

Section 2. 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;-

b. must maintain a 2.0 GPA in academics during his/her current and previous semester based on a 4.0 grading system. Members failing to maintain a 2.0 GPA will be ineligible until grades are checked at the next nine-week period;

1. 2.0 minimum GPA:

a. Member must have maintained a minimum 2.0 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 of the new semester.

c. A Member whose GPA is below a 2.0 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 have 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 pursuant to the regulations of the specific school district. The summer school grade may be used as it best benefits the Member in the previous or current semester. Summer School grades may only be used one time for this purpose.

f. A Member receiving an incomplete grade at the end of any semester has three weeks to make up the grade. The teacher or Eligibility Committee may decide upon a specified amount of time if less than three weeks, before accepting make-up work for an incomplete grade 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. If the Member fails to complete the incomplete grade, the Member must still meet the 2.0 GPA requirement and two credits of this section.

2. "F" rule:

a. Members who are involved in rodeos or activities related to NSHSRA 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 the Member's school and the Eligibility Committee will maintain home-school 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 Member shall be declared ineligible, placed on probation for a three-week grading period and may not have the upcoming eligibility form signed by his/her principal or the Eligibility Committee.

d. A Member who remains ineligible during an entire three-week grade check period is not entitled to another probationary period.

Section 3. Members failing to comply with providing requested documents by the specified dates set by the Eligibility Committee shall be:

a. For the first offense – disqualified from participating in the next scheduled NSHSRA rodeo.

b. For the second offense – disqualified from participating in the next three scheduled rodeo.

c. For the third offense – disqualified from participating in all of the NSHSRA's rodeos for the remainder of the rodeo season, including state finals.

d. The Eligibility Committee shall notify the Executive Board when a Member has failed to meet eligibility requirements and will be ineligible to compete. When a member has reached the second offense, the Eligibility Committee and the Executive Board shall meet, either personally or via telephone, with the Member and the Member's Director, if the Member requests such a meeting, in writing to the State Secretary, within five (5) calendar days of being notified of ineligibility under this Article. The purpose of this meeting is to determine if there is any reasonable action the NSHSRA can take to assist the Member in meeting eligibility requirements.

Academic eligibility requirements Public/Private School

1. Before each rodeo the Member intends to compete in, the Member shall provide the State Secretary an eligibility form 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 eligibility form is signed by the principal or designee. If the Member is academically ineligible, the Member will not be allowed to compete in the qualifying rodeo or state finals rodeo for which the eligibility form is signed. The principal or designee shall not sign an eligibility form more than three (3) weeks prior to the entry closing for that qualifying rodeo.

a. 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.

Members approved to have the Eligibility Committee sign entry forms, must submit dated progress report, report card or transcript to the Eligibility Committee at the time of the scheduled eligibility check for home schooled Members and public/private schooled Members.

2. For Members attending a school or educational program without a principal or Principal's designee available to sign an eligibility form for NSHSRA eligibility, including but not limited to home schooled Members, the Eligibility Committee may sign the Member's eligibility forms provided the Member provides the Eligibility Committee:

- a. Sufficient written evidence the Member's school or educational program will not verify the Member's NSHSRA eligibility by signing eligibility form; and
- b. 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
- c. Members must be physically attending a school offering courses which satisfy high school graduation requirements or junior high/middle/grade school requirements for the state of Nevada, to be eligible to participate in the NSHSRA qualifying rodeos.
- d. Members who are not physically attending a public or private school four to five days a week are still considered a public/private school NSHSRA member if their academic program is associated with an actual public/private school.

Home School Members

A member who is home schooled must prove by a preponderance of evidence the Member is signed up for, is attending and making satisfactory progress in, and is currently passing the equivalent of 2 units of credit per semester and maintains a 2.0 GPA, to be academically eligible to participate in NSHSRA rodeos. The NHSRA home school verification form must be completed and filed with the NSHRA before;

1. The eligibility committee will post on the state's website, eligibility checks and due dates for delivery of the eligibility checks, for all home-schooled members.

2. Home-schooled Members shall 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.

3. Home-schooled Members must submit the following for eligibility:

- 1) a list of current enrolled classes;
- 2) the percentage of progress in each enrolled class;
- 3) the name and date on the progress report, report card, or transcript that is specified to submit at the time of eligibility check; and

- 4) any other document(s) the eligibility committee may reasonably request to verify the member's eligibility.

General

Members are responsible for acquiring information needed to participate in activities or rodeos with NSHSRA, including but not limited to, NSHSRA bylaws, NHSRA rules, attending mandatory meetings, reading posted information on website, emails and phone messages.

Section 1. Members of NSHSRA shall not falsify a report card, transcript, eligibility form, or entry blank. A member who falsifies or attempts to falsify a report card, transcript, eligibility form or entry blank shall be suspended for the balance of the rodeo season. The Member shall be notified by the Executive Board, in writing, following an investigation by the Eligibility Committee and confirmation of falsification of eligibility documents, that the NSHSRA is taking this action. The Member may reapply the following year for membership.

Section 2. Those students who plan to graduate early may submit a written request to the State Secretary who shall forward the request to the Executive Board to continue to compete in the NSHSRA after their early graduation. The Executive Board may grant permission for the Member who is graduating early to continue to compete in the NSHSRA for the remainder of the season. Permission may be granted via email. The Executive Board shall not unreasonably deny the request. Once the Member has graduated early, they shall not be required to comply with grade checks.

Section 3. A Member who drops out of school at any time during a semester, for any reason, is ineligible to compete in the NSHSRA, until he/she re-registers for classes meeting the NSHSRA's requirements.

Section 4. If the situation arises involving a mistake by a teacher or the Eligibility Committee, the Member will regain his/her eligibility immediately providing the member can provide proof of the mistake. The principal or the Eligibility Committee will make this decision.

Section 5. Any Member or Member's parent(s), step parent(s), brother, sister, household member, aunt or uncle or legal guardian, or if the Member 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 upon the commencement of any such action. 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.

ARTICLE IX NON-MEMBER PARTICIPATION

Section 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), plus the same event fees as a member and an executed National Minors Release, to the State Secretary;
- b. submits a completed state member application 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 National release, eligibility form and application not less than two weeks prior to the qualifying rodeo being entered to guarantee eligibility.

Section 2. Non-members may receive prizes but will not receive points.

Section 3. A Member team roping partner of a non-member will not earn any points while competing with a non-member.

Section 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 twelve dollar (\$12) paid will not apply toward the Membership obligations.

ARTICLE X GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 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.

Section 2. Additional general membership meetings may be called by the Student President with the approval of the Board of Directors or the Executive Board.

Section 3. All NSHSRA Members, in both divisions, in good standing, shall have voting privileges, at General Membership Meetings.

ARTICLE XI STUDENT STATE OFFICERS

Section 1. A Student President, Vice-President, Secretary, Public Relations Officer and a Junior High Representative shall be elected at the NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo and must reside in the state of Nevada.

Section 2. Prospective Student Officers must declare their candidacy with their NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo Entry Blank.

a. All Members attending the NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo, including the Junior High division, shall have the right to vote independently, for each of the student officer positions, except that the junior division shall be the only division to vote for the Junior High Representative.

b. All candidates for Student State Office shall be introduced and provided the opportunity to speak to the membership at the mandatory meeting of the competitors.

c. Each Member shall have one vote for each Student State Officer position, and shall indicate their selection on a form provided by the State Secretary at the time of signing in for their respective state finals rodeo to be turned in by a designated date during the state finals.

1. The Member shall then, on the reverse side of their ballot, place their state finals back number. The ballot shall be folded in half so as not be viewed by anyone, placed in a designated box for collecting ballots located in the state finals office.
2. The State Secretary shall maintain the ballots in a secured location. After all Members have been afforded the opportunity to submit their ballot, and at the time and date designated by the State Secretary, all ballots must be turned in.
3. The State Secretary and the National Director from Nevada for the High School Division shall count and tally the ballots.

d. The National Director from Nevada for the High School Division shall announce at the awards ceremony who the new student officers shall be. The Student Officers shall be immediately seated following the awards ceremony and shall take on their respective roles thereafter.

Section 3. All Student Officers and the Queen shall be seated at meetings of the Board of Directors and shall each have a vote.

Section 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 XII STUDENT EVENT DIRECTORS

Section 1. Student Event Directors shall be elected or appointed for each event. Event directors must be elected by or appointed from contestants entered in that event. The duties of student event directors are to:

- 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; and
- d. Serve as the liaison between contestants and officials in cases where a question, problem or complaint arises.

ARTICLE XIII CONTRACTS/FINANCES

Section 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.

Section 2. All NSHSRA 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.

Section 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 XIV QUALIFYING RODEOS

Section 1. 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 Member Association has the sole discretion to determine what its prize structure shall be, but must indicate on the activity form the prizes it will award. If the stock contractor hired by the club gets a fine for any reason, the club will keep all the fines. Each club is responsible for getting the barrier box from the previous club and making sure they have sufficient supplies for their rodeo. The state will provide the neck rope string, the barrier string, breakaway string, ribbon for ribbon roping and rubberbands.

ARTICLE XV GENERAL RULES

Section 1. Each qualifying rodeo host committee will appoint its own Safety Inspector.

Section 2. The NSHSRA has a centralized system for Members to enter into qualifying rodeos. The Secretary and points keepers for the NSHSRA shall update the points no later than Wednesday following the qualifying rodeo.

Section 3. The number of qualifying rodeos that can be held in Nevada each year will be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors. The NSHSRA Board of Directors shall make reasonable attempts to schedule rodeos to prevent back-to-back qualifying rodeos being scheduled. The decision of the Board of Directors is final. In exceptional circumstances arising after the schedule has been approved by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee may adjust the schedule. The Executive Committee, through the State Secretary shall notify the Member Associations and Members of the reason for adjusting the schedule.

Section 4. NSHSRA qualifying rodeos will not be held in conjunction with another event or rodeo (including any jackpots), without permission from the host committee. Rodeo livestock brought in for the qualifying rodeo shall not be utilized for any other event, including a jackpot, during the qualifying rodeo weekend for which they were engaged.

Section 5. 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.

Section 6. 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.

Section 7. If buckles are awarded at a qualifying rodeo for first place in one event, buckles must be given to first place in all events.

Section 8. Not more than two (2) Member Associations' cuttings and reined cow horse competitions may be held at any one qualifying rodeo. Boy's cutting and Girl's cutting will be treated as two separate events. If the decision of the Board of Directors is to have mandatory cutting and/or reined cow horse competitions, it shall be the decision of the qualifying rodeo if they wish to join with another Member Association to hold the cutting and/or reined cow horse competitions. Cutting and reined cow horse competitions shall be required to be held on a qualifying rodeo weekend.

Section 9. 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 for the remainder of the rodeo season; 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,

Section 10. Directors will be required to submit an activity sheet and certificate of insurance to the State Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the qualifying rodeo; and

Section 11. Any grievance at any Qualifying Rodeo or the State Finals Rodeo must be submitted to the rodeo Secretary in writing specifically detailing the grievance and citing the NSHSRA or NHSRA Rule(s) governing the grievance 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.

Section 12. Vet/med out. Any contestant who draws out of a rodeo after the draw has been posted will need a veterinarian or doctor's release before competing again. Contestant will owe office fees. Draw outs or turn outs without a medical or veterinarian excuse will owe all fees before competing again.

ARTICLE XVI STATE FINALS RODEO

Section 1. A State Finals Rodeo for both High School and Jr. High School shall be conducted annually under the same rules and regulations as set forth in the NHSRA and the NSHSRA Rule Books.

Section 2. *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 unless the event was not offered at three (3) qualifying rodeos (e.g., shooting sports, Queen Contest) as announced at the fall meeting each year; 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; and

c. for those members who only participate in shooting sports, it will be decided by the Board of Directors at the fall meeting what the requirements for that year will be.

Section 3. **Conduct.** The NSHSRA and the NSJHSRA State Finals Rodeo shall:

a. consists of two (2) full go-rounds and a top fifteen (15) short go in all events

Section 4. **Rodeo Site and Miscellaneous State Finals Rodeo Rules:**

a. The NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo shall:

- 1) a location decided on by the Board of Directors from bids received from counties interested in hosting the state finals;
- 2) The Board of Directors will approve a schedule for the state finals;
- 3) Require two (2) arenas located side by side directly in front of the main grandstand with a central sound system; and
- 4) The State shall provide the Secretary, Treasurer and two (2) points keepers adequate space for these individuals to perform their work

Section 5. **Awards**

a. Awards will be provided by the State Association and shall be awarded to at least four places in each event, unless there are not enough contestants in that event.

b. National finals qualifier jackets and shirts will be given as prizes and will be charged as an expense to the State Finals Rodeo.

c. High School 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.

d. Junior High National Qualifiers must participate in at least three activities while attending the Junior 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, or any other activities approved by the Junior High 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 Junior High National Director. Any team member not fulfilling this obligation will forfeit their state travel funds. Forfeited money will go into the scholarship fund.

e. Scholarships must be redeemed by the start of the school year, two years after graduation from high school. The Board of Directors will consider special requests for exemption from this rule.

Section 6. *Responsibilities of the NSHSRA Association*

a. The Executive Board will be responsible for securing the rodeo grounds, arranging for camping and horse stalls, for securing appropriate shooting facilities and NRA certified range masters, 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.

1) The State Directors will be assigned duties to assist with working the state finals rodeo and shall help provide volunteers to assist in running the rodeo, including stock handlers and sorters, barrel setters, pole setters, and gate personnel for both arenas.

2) The Executive Board shall be responsible for locating appropriate facilities at or near their rodeo facilities to conduct the cutting and reined cow horse Competitions and for locating and approving cattle for the cutting and reined cow horse competitions.

3) The Executive Board along with the State Queen Coordinator shall have the state secretary input judges scores and the points keeper will audit the score sheet to certify the Queen Contest scores.

b. All officials, including flaggers, judges, chute bosses, timers, timekeepers, goat holders, arena directors shall be appointed by the Executive Board and approved by the Board of Directors no later than the first of May each year, with the Executive Board providing an initial list at the mid-winter meeting for discussion with the full Board of Directors. Unless it is not possible, no cutting or reined cow horse judge who has judged the competitors during the season, should be selected to judge at the state finals rodeo.

c. The State Board of Directors shall select the stock contractor, and approve the pickup men and bull fighters at the mid-winter meeting. The NSHSRA is not required to accept the lowest bid for the combined state finals rodeo. The State Board of Directors shall, by majority vote, select the stock contractor who, in their opinion will provide the best stock for the best price. Non-responsive bids shall not be accepted or considered by the Board of Directors.

d. The Treasurer shall provide an interim financial statement of the NSHSRA State Finals Rodeo to all Directors and Officers at the fall meeting with a final financial statement by the mid-winter meeting.

**ARTICLE XVII
POINT SYSTEM**

Section 1. Qualifying Rodeos. 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.

Section 2. State Finals Rodeo. State finals points formula will be decided annually by the Board of Directors prior to the start of the qualifying rodeo season and must offer 10 more points than the maximum carried into state finals per NHSRA rules.

Section 3. The number of rodeos, from which points can be accumulated, will be decided annually by the Board of Directors during the fall meeting and will be approximately one-third of the total number of qualifying rodeos.

- a. The top fifteen competitors with 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-round in every event.

Section 4. The top four contestants with the highest number of accumulated points, plus points earned in all three (3) go-rounds at the State Finals Rodeo in their respective division, in each event (including ties) plus the Queen will qualify to compete in the National Finals Rodeo in their respective division.

Section 5. The All-Around Cowgirl and the All-Around Cowboy of the year in their respective division, will be decided using the above point system. The Girl Rookie and the Boy Rookie of the year, in their respective division, 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.

Section 6. In order for accumulated points to count towards all-around and rookie awards, the contestant must enter those events at the State Finals Rodeo.

Section 7. 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.

Section 10. Points not earned will not be awarded, and will become dead points.

**ARTICLE XVIII
CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY**

Section 1. From time to time the staff members, members of the Board of Directors, Executive Board Directors or individual Directors may be called upon to negotiate, execute and vote upon certain contracts for the NSHSRA. In that capacity, the staff member or Director acts in a fiduciary and representative capacity on behalf of the NSHSRA. The terms and conditions of the agreements, contracts, leases or licenses are considered proprietary and confidential, unless mutually waived in writing by the parties. Disclosure of any term(s) or condition(s) of any of these agreements shall be in violation of the Director's duty to the NSHSRA. This policy shall also apply to any staff member, employee, agent or officer. Violation of the policy will be grounds for immediate dismissal of the Director from the Board of Directors, Executive Board or dismissal as an officer, or agent.

Section 2. While this policy does not require the following for enforcement it shall be the practice of the NSHSRA to have all Directors as a condition of their service to the NSHSRA, all Officers of the Association (including youth officers) as a condition of their appointment and any agent as a condition for retention of their services to execute and agree to a non-disclosure agreement setting out the provisions of this policy.

**ARTICLE XIX
AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. 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, at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF BY-LAWS:

I certify that the foregoing By-Laws of Nevada High School Rodeo Association, consisting of (30) pages were adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on July 31, 2021.

BY:

Mike Scronce, President

Kathy Gonzalez, Secretary

Amended, July 21, 2022