



## FHSRA 2009-2010 - GROUND RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

These Ground Rules are very important.

PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY

It is every member's responsibility to know the Ground Rules as well as the rules of the National High School Rodeo Association rulebook. Any rule that is NOT covered in these Ground Rules can be found in the NHSRA rulebook.

**(Ground Rule changes for this year are in bold type)**

### Membership & Fund Raisers

The membership fees for 2009-2010 are \$254.00 and are required to be paid upon joining the Florida High School Rodeo Association. This includes NHSRA membership, a state family membership for all immediate family members, contestant insurance, contestant state membership, publishing fees and a subscription to both the NHSRA *Times* and the Western Horseman Magazine.

Our primary fund raising campaign is for each member to collect \$150.00 in advertising to be placed in a program/ad book for our State Finals being held in June. These can come from family members or the business community. This is a great way to honor the efforts of our members. The money for ads is due by the rodeo directly after Perry. All the money must be turned in at one time. If ad funds are not paid by said rodeo the contestant cannot continue to rodeo until his/her advertising funds are paid. Any monies collected above the mandatory \$150 will be split 50/50. This being paid out at 50% going to the FHSRA general membership fund and the other 50% being paid to the contestant. Money is to be paid to the contestant at the State Finals.

A second fundraiser this year will be the selling of 50-50 tickets prior to our rodeo held in Ocala. Each contestant will be required to sell \$100 worth of 50-50 tickets. Tickets must be sold by the Ocala rodeo. As with the ad book ads, if the contestant has not turned in their \$100, they will not be allowed to rodeo until those funds are paid. Drawing order for the winnings will be done in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> order.

We will also conduct an auction at our State Finals and there is no time like the present to get donations for this important function.

New and returning members who join FHSRA after the Perry GA rodeo will be required to pay an application fee of \$404.00. The break down for this fee is \$254.00 for membership application fees and \$150.00 for the ad book fee.

### National Money Distribution

Timed event contestants and the FHSRA Queen receive a larger percentage of expense money for National Finals than rough stock contestants.

### Rodeo Call-In

**There will be a one time call in for all 2 day/ 2 rodeo weekends. (Once you have called in, you are called in) You must call out during the scheduled rodeo call in times in order to make any changes or draw out of a rodeo. If you do not call out you will be responsible for your rodeo fees. You must then call back in during the next scheduled call in to re-enter. Once you have called out you will be considered called out until you have called back in. This is to include all cuttings. This does not include the Committee Rodeos such as Perry, Green Cove, Ocala and Williston. These rodeos will have a separate call in time.**

Call in for the rodeos will be on the Tuesday before the rodeo unless otherwise specified in the newsletter. Read your newsletters for important potential changes.

Girl's Call-In times: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Boy's & Team Ropers Call-In times: 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Each contestant will be allowed three (3) preferred call-ins for the entire 2009-2010 season. If used, Perry will be included as a preferred call in.** Once you have used the allotted three preferred call-ins, you will not be allowed any more. Preferred call-in for the rodeos will be on the Monday before the rodeo unless otherwise specified in the newsletter.

If you call in on a preferred night and can't get that night but still ask for a performance or slack on the preferred call in night, you are charged a preferred. If one Team Roping partner calls in for a preferred, he/she is the only one charged if the other partner calls in at the regular call in time for his/her other events.

Preferred Call-In times for both boys and girls: 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Each contestant is allowed to call-in only two other contestants other than themselves. If someone other than yourself calls-in, it is your responsibility to find out when you are up. All team ropers must call-in during the boy's call-in time.

Each contestant may call in for slack or performance. The Call-In Secretary will make a list of those that want slack according to the order they call in. When the performances are filled, she will then put the contestants in slack according to the order they have called. If

performances are not filled, then names starting at the bottom of slack will be used to fill the performances. Contestants will be advised by the Call-In Secretary if they need to call back to confirm their request. This will be the responsibility of the contestant to call back and check.

If you trade places with someone in either a performance, slack or day and both of you have already called in, then both contestants wanting to trade out must call back in before Wednesday 9:00 p.m., after the Tuesday night call-in to notify the Call-In Secretary of the change(s). This will allow everyone else their chance to call-in.

When call-in is over, it is OVER. If you cannot call-in for yourself, it is your responsibility to have someone else call-in for you. It is also your responsibility to know when you are up. ALL CALLS ARE RECORDED.

**If you miss the call in, you can call the next day between the hours of 6:30 am and 7:30 am.** There will be a \$100.00 late fee for calling in late.

Cutting and Cutting Call-In

Please read your newsletter closely for cutting announcements and wait until the first cutting is announced before calling in. Call-in for cuttings will be the Tuesday before the scheduled cutting, unless otherwise specified in the newsletter. The cutting call-in times are the same as the regular call-in schedules. Once you have called in, you are called in for all cuttings. (See call in section)

There will be a minimum of three (3) cuttings; 2-go's at each one held during the rodeo season. See optional cutting rule in the NHSRA Rule Book for more information. The contestant must meet all eligibility requirements for the corresponding rodeo in order to cut. This includes payment of ad funds/50-50 tickets and report card/grade requirements. A score of 60 will receive a 0.

Only Cutting points earned at the State Finals count toward the Year End All Around Cowgirl and Cowboy. Cuttings held during the regular rodeo season do not count toward the All Around unless there is a Cutting event held at each rodeo during the year.

A contestant may ride the horse of their choice. No two boys or two girls can ride the same horse in the cutting event. See your NHSRA/NCHA rule book.

Entry Fees

Entry fees are listed below. If you enter the rodeo and do not show up, you are responsible for paying the entry fees before you are allowed to ride in another rodeo.

<b>All Rough Stock:</b>	<b>\$ 25.00 per event</b>
<b>All Timed Events:</b>	<b>\$ 25.00 per event</b>
<b>Team Roping:</b>	<b>\$ 25.00 per contestant (\$50.00 per team)</b>
Jackpot:	\$ 10.00 per event – Cash Only
Grounds Fee:	\$ 20.00 per family – per location
Cutting:	Pays a grounds fee if in the cutting event only.

Grounds Fee

**All Grounds fees will be placed into a separate account set aside for a travel fund to be used for the National Team members.**

Turn Out Rule

Please see your National Rule Book. In addition, any contestant that turns out, without giving notification, from an event without visible injury to himself, herself or their horse must pay all of their entry fees for that rodeo. An additional \$25.00 penalty fine for each event at said rodeo must also be paid. If notification of the turn out is given, the entry fees will be assessed for that rodeo. This includes Cutting. The PRCA rule concerning this will be followed with the exception of the 'out time' pertaining to entering subsequent rodeos. For FHSRA purposes, the Call-in Secretary must be notified 24 hours prior to the first performance. A contestant or horse with a visible injury may turn out of any event at a rodeo without a doctor's/veterinarian's written excuse provided notification of such turn out is authorized by two (2) Directors at that given rodeo. Once you have called in for a rodeo, you are considered in. Failure to attend will result in the above fees and penalty, no excuses, unless complied with as outlined above. These monies must be paid before competing in subsequent rodeos. For all rodeos, the Rodeo Secretary, in addition to the appropriate Directors, must be notified of visible injury turnouts. For rodeos sponsored by other states, you must comply with the sponsoring states rules regarding turn outs.

TURN OUT FINES

	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Fines Per Event</u>
Visible injury	No	No
Vet Release	No	No
Doctor's Release	No	No
Notified Turn-Out	Yes	No
Non-Notified Turn-Out	Yes	Yes

Bad Checks

**There will be a \$50.00 charge for all returned checks.** After one returned check, you will be on a cash only basis.

### Grade Point Requirements

All 2000-2010 FHSRA contestants must turn in a report card, transcript or certified teachers testing results (for home schooled members) from last year to prove enrollment in school. There is no GPA requirement to start the new 2008-2009 rodeo year; however, you must turn in a report card/transcript at the end of each grading period thereafter showing four passing grades or a 2.0 GPA. This includes block grading schools.

If you do not maintain the standard requirements for grades, you will be penalized for One (1) rodeo. Following your 1 Rodeo Suspension, a signed/ sealed progress report or report card showing that you once again have qualifying grades must be presented to the Report Card Secretary before being allowed to compete again. Progress reports must be on a standard or official form. Home schooled members are required to turn in a progress report to the Report Card Secretary every six weeks.

All report cards are due on the dates you turned into the Report Card Secretary. You may mail, fax or turn in your report cards to the Secretary at the rodeo, but it is your responsibility to make sure the Secretary has received your report card according to the schedule you present at the beginning of the season. Disciplinary recommendations for tardiness will be referred to the Board of Directors. Your final grading period, not your year end average, will be checked for qualification to the State Finals and you must maintain four passing grades or a 2.0 GPA to be eligible to compete.

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### Local Entries

Any high school student enrolled in an accredited school whose age is 20 and under, may enter one Florida High School Rodeo. The student must follow all FHSRA rules, including the following:

1. Contestants will receive no points.
2. Must have notarized release form prior to contesting.
3. Must pay \$35.00 for insurance and handling of paperwork.
4. \$15.00 may be applied to full membership, provided he/she joins at next rodeo.
5. Must have report card signed by Principal with 4 passing grades, if taking less than 4 classes, then all must be passing grades or a 2.0 GPA.
6. Must call-in at regular call-in times and check back to verify time to perform.
7. Members will have preference of performances.

### Dress Codes

When required, members, directors, officers and helpers must be in complete western attire, approved pants, hat, boots which must have a heel and cannot be riding sneakers, belt and long-sleeved western shirt. Members may remove their belt while competing, but it must be on at all other times. All shirts must have a collar. Shirt sleeves are to be worn rolled down. (See the NHSRA rule book for the only exception to this rule.) Girls wearing low-rise jeans must make sure shirt stays tucked in. Contestants must be in dress code for the State Finals Banquet and all mandatory meetings

Contestants must wear their back numbers at all times. The above described dress code is required as specified in the NHSRA Rule Book. FHSRA members must be in official dress when in the stands or within 50 feet of the arena whether competing or not. Contestants must be in Official Dress 30 Minutes prior to rodeo starting and until the last contestant has competed. Back numbers must be worn on your back at all times, whether competing or not. Members will be given 1 and only 1 warning for being out of dress code and if caught again you will be suspended for 1 rodeo and have to go before the Board of Directors.

Failure to cooperate will result in contestant disqualification as per National Rule Book.

**Dances/Socials:** Contestants are required to wear back numbers at all Contestant Dances. T-shirts with crew neck collars and sleeves may be worn, but no scoop or v-necks are allowed. NO CUT-OFF, MIDRIFF OR SLEEVELESS SHIRTS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED. Shirts MUST be tucked in. Any messages on clothing must be positive and cannot advertise alcohol or tobacco products. Western boots and hats are optional. Queens must wear banners and numbers to Contestant dances. Any attire deemed inappropriate by an adult chaperone or director/officer must be changed before admittance to the dance will be allowed. We will be abiding by the NHSFR Patch Program.

### Back Numbers

You will be issued your back number at the first rodeo you attend. Student Officers will be issued the following numbers: President-1; Vice-President-2; Secretary-3; Queen-10. Your back number has your state membership number on it as well as your name. Please do not loan your back numbers to anyone else. You are required to wear your back number (on your back) at all times, in the arena and on or off the rodeo grounds whether competing or not. This also means traveling to and from home. If you lose your back number, you may purchase a replacement number for \$5.00 from the State Secretary. There will be no refunds given. Do not get caught without your back number on. This is a requirement of dress code and you will be penalized the same as for dress code rule violations.

### Hat Rule

All contestants must wear a western hat or helmet when they compete. Barrel Racers, Pole Benders and Goat Tiers will receive a 5 second penalty if she enters the plane of the arena without her hat. Hats must be on the contestants head when entering the plane of the arena or a penalty will be assessed. If you are not sure where the plane of the arena starts you will need to ask the arena director or the event director for clarification.

Any contestant that shows intentional placement of hat or shaking of head causing loss of hat will result in a 10 second penalty issued by the judge.

## Alcohol, Drugs and Conduct

Refer to the NHSRA 2008-2009 Rules, By-Laws and Constitution (Rulebook) for all rules pertaining to conduct and levels of disciplinary action.

### Rough Stock

A Safety Vest of your choice as well as a mouth piece is to be worn in all rough stock events. NO EXCEPTIONS. Please see the National rule Book regarding this rule. There will be spot checks on rough stock riggings. You will not be able to perform in rough stock riggings that do not conform to NHSRA standards.

### Point System

If you have any questions or complaints regarding the points in a rodeo, you have until the final performance of the following rodeo to get this straightened out with the Point Secretary. FHSRA will count the points from 100% of the total number of rodeos to qualify you for State and National Finals in each event. The top 15 in each event will qualify for State Finals. Only contestants who have entered and received points in a particular event are eligible for State Finals in that event. We will be awarding average points for the top ten contestants at State Finals in each event.

The All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl will be determined for the year by total points earned in all events, plus points earned at Finals, regardless of whether they have entered those events in their State Finals, provided they have entered their State Finals.

Only Cutting points earned at the State Finals count toward the Year End All Around Cowgirl and Cowboy. Cuttings held during the regular rodeo season do not count toward the All Around unless there is a Cutting event held at each rodeo during the year.

### Rookie Awards

A Rookie Cowboy and Rookie Cowgirl will be chosen on points the same as All-Around. To be considered a rookie, it must be your first year competing in NHSRA and you must have entered and received points. Rookie buckles will be awarded at the year end awards banquet.

### Timed Events

**A contestant has a 30 seconds time limit to compete. Time limit is to start at the judge's discretion, at his second call.**

Any contestant knowing they need to be split during the performance or slack must notify the Call-In Secretary at the call-in time.

Contestants have 3 minutes from the time the barrier is pulled to compete or change horses for an event. There will be no rattling of chute or gates in timed events. A timed event contestant may not have someone rattle the chute for her/him. This applies in both the performance and slack. The contestant and/or person rattling the chute will be disqualified.

### Steer Wrestling

Please see your National Rule Book for most recent changes to rules. For safety reasons Steer Wrestlers will only get 1 jump at all rodeos.

### Calf Roping

Please see your National Rule Book for most recent changes to rules.

### Team Roping

You will be allowed three loops in team roping with a 30 second time limit. If your rodeo partner fails to show up or is injured and cannot compete in the team roping event, you can pick another partner not already in the team roping or a draw partner from the Team Roping will be made for you. The partner must be entered in another event in the same rodeo.

Each contestant in team roping will receive individual points earned of the same value as contestants in other events. Partners points will be added together to form a team at the State Finals. Champions will be the end of the year high point header and heeler. If either partner is disqualified at State Finals, both are out of team roping. Please see your National Rule Book.

If the front foot is in the loop when the Header dallies, turns off and changes direction of the steer, there will be an automatic 'No Time'.

### Goat Tying

Please see your National Rule Book for most recent changes to rules. The arena will receive a drag before the Goat Tying event starts. The goats provided will have horns no longer than 8 inches. If the contestant's horse crosses over the rope or goat, or if the contestant's horse comes in contact with goat or rope at any time, a ten second penalty will be assessed to said contestant between flags. If the goat should break away because of the fault of the horse, the contestant will receive a no time between flags. Arena help will not catch the contestant's horse until the flag has been dropped. There will be a 1 minute time limit to enter the arena after your name has been called the first time.

To qualify as a legal wrap there will be at least one complete wrap around at least three legs and a half hitch, hooley or knot.

Goats will divided by the number of contestants. The goats will remain on the stake for the number of runs that is necessary. Example: If there are 40 contestants and there are 10 goats then each goat will go 4 times in a row.

### Barrels

Barrel Race contestants may not ride the same horse. See your National Rule Book for most recent changes to rules. There will be a 1 minute time limit to enter the arena after your name has been called the first time. Barrel drags will be determined by the management of the rodeo which consists of the Event Director, the judges, FHSRA Vice President, National Director and rodeo host committee representative.

Barrels will have pads placed on the top of each barrel during the barrel event.

### Poles

Pole Bending contestants may not ride the same horse. If running pattern toward stock pens, no stock is to be loaded. See your National Rule book for most recent changes to rules. There will be a 1 minute time limit to enter the arena after your name has been called the first time. Pole drags will be determined by the management of the rodeo which consists of the Event Director, the judges, FHSRA Vice President, National Director and rodeo host committee representative.

### All Events

In all events, the Adult Event Director may disqualify a contestant if he/she cannot compete in a timely manner for safety reasons. All chain, metal and wire tie-downs, nosebands and bosals must be covered.

### State Finals

**State Finals stock will be drawn with one stock per contestant, plus three extra in all timed events.**

### Ties and Tie Breakers

All ties will be handled as follows:

Points - Points will be split equally between the contestants. Example: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place split = 19 points divided by 2 equals 9.5 points awarded to each contestant.

Awards/buckles awarded at rodeos throughout the year and at State Finals will be duplicated in the event of a tie. There will be only one Grand Champion in each event for the end of the year awards. Therefore these ties will be run off after the regular competition according to PRCA or college rodeo guidelines. In the event of a tie in the rough stock competition, the four animals will be drawn by the Event Director and the Stock Contractor for the run-off. There will be two (2) 17 point and two (2) 20 points animals drawn and contestants will draw to see who goes first then reverse the draw. No animal will be bucked back to back.

### Student Officers/Queen Job Description

#### QUEEN

1. During one day rodeos where there is typically not a Grand Entry, the Queen should be prepared to carry the flag and ride for the National Anthem and stand for prayer.
2. For rodeos with performances, the Queen will coordinate a Grand Entry with the student members. To be included in the Grand Entry is the American flag, sponsor flags, National Anthem, prayer, introduction of Student Officers, followed by the rest of the student participants. The Queen will also need to coordinate with Queens from other states when we host a multi-state event.
3. The Queen shall wear her banner/sash when required to be in official dress code. She is also required to be in western attire at all times during performances whether competing or not.
4. The Queen is responsible for care, cleaning and transportation of the flags to all rodeos, expenses for maintenance to be reimbursed by the FHSRA.
5. The Queen is primarily responsible for the selling of 50/50 tickets to support the student scholarship fund and promote public relations in the stands. If she cannot sell the 50/50 tickets, it is her responsibility to appoint someone to sell them that will represent herself and the FHSRA in a positive way.
6. The Queen will plan and attend at least two community service projects over the rodeo season. Coordination with the Board of Directors will be needed to ensure a coordinated event.
7. The Queen will supply the newsletter publisher with Grand Entry themes and any other articles of interest on a timely basis to ensure publication in the newsletter.
8. Will be responsible for other duties as determined by the Board of Directors to be in the best interest of the FHSRA.
9. Members may not run for both a Student Officer positions and Queen.
10. Student officers and Queen receive three (3) preferred call-ins, same as other members. It is highly recommended for the Queen, whenever possible, to enter slack at rodeos with Performances so that she is free to remain dressed with her banner and crown and perform her duties as listed above for public relations and Grand Entry. Entry fees for the Queen are paid by the Association. All other expenses such as hook-ups, stall fees, etc. are the responsibility of the Queen.
11. The Queen is required to sign and follow a code of conduct and will held to a higher standard than other members.
12. The Queen will be allowed to keep her crown.

### STUDENT PRESIDENT

1. Must be present at rodeo's Grand Entry.
2. Call for and conduct all student meetings.
3. Attend Director's meetings when requested.
4. Coordinate nominations and elections of Student Event Directors.
5. Must be in western attire at all rodeos whether competing or not.
6. Will assist the Queen with community service projects.
7. Will promote the FHSRA to the youth and adults alike throughout the state.
8. Will appoint a committee to plan, construct and submit our scrapbook for competition at the NHSFR.
9. Will be responsible for other duties as determined by the Board of Directors to be in the interest of the FHSRA.
10. The President is required to sign and follow a code of conduct and will held to a higher standard than other members
11. The student president will be in charge of all banner coordination and placement at each rodeo.

### STUDENT VICE-PRESIDENT

1. Assume the duties of the President when the President is unable to fulfill his/her duties.
2. Must be present at rodeo's Grand Entry.
3. Assist in fund raising events for the FHSRA and student fund.
4. Attend Director's meetings when requested.
5. Assist arena director with all duties.
6. Must be in western attire at all rodeos whether competing or not.
7. Will be responsible for other duties as determined by the Board of Directors to be in the interest of the FHSRA.
8. The Vice President is required to sign and follow a code of conduct and will held to a higher standard than other members.

### STUDENT SECRETARY

1. Must be present at rodeo's Grand Entry.
2. Send appropriate correspondence to rodeo sponsors, members, etc.
3. Assist in fund raising events for the FHSRA and student fund.
4. Attend Director's meetings when requested.
5. Assist State Secretary in retrieving score sheets and communication with Rodeo Secretary during rodeos.
6. Be in western attire at all rodeos whether competing or not.
7. Will be responsible for other duties as determined by the Board of Directors to be in the interest of the FHSRA.
8. The Secretary will be required to sign and follow a code of conduct and will be held to a higher standard than other members.

### Other Important Information

Entry fees will be accepted from 1 hour 15 minutes before each performance and 1 hour and 15 minutes before slack. Members are to be there on time and pay their entry fees. This will be adhered to or you will be disqualified. There are two emergency numbers you may call the day of the rodeo that are to be used for emergencies only. (352) 279-0909 or (863) 634-4163

You will be given a National High School Rodeo Association Rule Book at the first rodeo you attend. Read these rules and learn them well. The Florida High School Rodeo Association State Finals are conducted by this NHSRA rule book as well as all the rodeos throughout the year. If you are in doubt of any of the rules, ask a Director or officer of the FHSRA. If you are disqualified for breaking any of the Association rules, you are entitled to a hearing before the Board of Directors. Please feel free to call any of the Directors, Officers or Secretaries of the FHSRA if you have any questions or problems.

Remember all your Directors, Officers and Secretaries are volunteering their time to help make FHSRA a great organization. We wish all members good luck and safety this year.

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