



2008 - 2009
FLORIDA WRANGLER DIVISION
GENERAL INFORMATION & GROUND RULES

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 Association's rulebook. Any rule not covered in these ground rules can be found in the NHSRA rulebook.

Membership & Fund Raisers:

- The membership fees for 2008 2009 are \$130.00 and are required to be paid upon joining the Florida Wrangler Division. This includes NHSRA membership, insurance, state membership and NHSRA Times magazine.
- Our primary fund raising campaign is for each member to collect \$150.00 in advertising to be placed in our end of the year program/ad book for our State Finals. This can come from family members or the business community. This is a great way to honor the efforts of our members. The money for the ads is due by February 14, 2009. If funds are not paid by this date, the contestant cannot continue to rodeo until his/her advertising funds are paid.
- Please make checks payable to Florida Wrangler Division.
- Submit all advertising materials, pictures and money at one time to:
 - ❖ YVONNE STEIN, TREASURER
 - P. O. Box 878
 - Belle Glade, FL 33430
 - 561-996-2938
 - 561-261-0998

Rodeo Call-In:

- Call-In Number: 863-735-1587.
- Call-In time is 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm.
- Call-In for the rodeos will be on the Monday before the rodeo unless otherwise specified in the newsletter. Read your newsletter for important potential changes.
- If you miss the call-in, you can call the next day between 9:00 am - 10:00 am. There will be a \$100.00 fee for entering late.
- Each contestant is allowed to call-in only two (2) other contestants other than themselves.
- If you cannot call in yourself, it is your responsibility, to have someone call in for you.
- Calls may be recorded.
- When call-in is over, it is over.

Grade Requirements:

- All 2008 – 2009 Florida Wrangler Division contestants must turn in a report card, transcript or certified teachers testing results (for home school 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.
- If you do not maintain the standard requirements for grades, you cannot rodeo until a signed/sealed progress report or report card showing that you once again have qualifying grades is submitted to the Report Card Secretary. All report cards are due on the dates you turned in to the Report Card Secretary. There will be no exception to this rule. You may mail, fax or turn in your report cards to the Report Card Secretary at the rodeo, but it is your responsibility to make sure the Report Card Secretary has received your report card according to the schedule you present at the beginning of the season. No grades, no rodeo. Please keep a copy of your report card with you in your truck/trailer.

- Your final grading period, not your year end average, will be checked for qualification to the State and National Finals rodeos.
- Home schooled members are required to turn in a progress report to the Report Card Secretary every six (6) weeks.
- Submit report cards to:

❖ RONNIE PINKSTON, REPORT SECRETARY
 P. O. Box 804
 Lacochee, FL 33537
 352-583-5249, Home/Fax
 352-206-4818, Cell
 ronniepinkston@aol.com

Dress Code and Back Numbers:

- 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 NHSRA rulebook for exceptions for this rule).
- Girls wearing low rise jeans, must make sure shirt stays tucked in.
- Each contestant will be issued a back number at the first rodeo you attend. Please do not loan your back number to anyone else.
- Back numbers must be worn on your back.
- Contestants must wear their back numbers at all times, even in travel to and from the rodeo.
- If you lose your back number, you may purchase a replacement back number for \$5.00, from the State Secretary.
- Contestants must be in official dress code thirty (30) minutes prior to rodeo starting and until the last contestant has competed.

Dance/Social Dress Code:

- Contestants are required to wear back numbers to all contestant dances/socials.
- T-shirts with crew neck collars and sleeves may be worn, but no scoop or v-neck shirts are allowed.
- No cut-off, midriff or sleeveless shirts of any kind are allowed.
- Western boots and hat are optional.
- These rules are, per the NHSRA rulebook.

Entry Fees:

- Entry fees are \$35.00 per rodeo, per event.
- If you call-in/enter the rodeo and do not show up, you are responsible for paying your entry fees before you can compete in another rodeo.
- A contestant or horse with a visible injury, vet release or doctor's release may turn out. The contestant will not be responsible for his/her fees at that rodeo.

Rodeo Check-In:

- Entry fees will be accepted up to fifteen (15) minutes prior to the performance.
- Check in times will be posted on the website and in the newsletter.

Bad Check Fee:

- There will be a \$50.00 charge for all returned checks.
- Points will be held until account is paid in full.
- Member will be on a "cash only" basis for all future rodeos.

Local Entries:

- Any middle school student enrolled in an accredited school, who is in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade, may enter one Florida Wrangler Division rodeo. The student must follow all Florida Wrangler Division rules including the following:
- Contestant will receive no points.
- Must have notarized release forms prior to competing.

- Must pay \$25.00 for insurance and handling paperwork. This can be applied to full membership, provided he/she joins at the next rodeo.
- Must have report card signed by the principal with four (4) passing grades or GPA of 2.0.
- Must call-in at regular call-in times.

Hat Rule:

- All contestants must wear a western hat.
- Barrel racers, pole benders and goat tiers: hat must be on when you cross the plain of the arena. If hat comes off prior to crossing the plain of the arena, it will result in a five (5) second penalty issued by the judge.
- Intentional placement of hat or shaking of head causing loss of hat will result in a ten (10) second penalty issued by the judge.

Rough Stock:

- A safety vest of your choice as well as a mouthpiece is to be worn in all rough stock events. No exceptions. Please see the NHSRA rulebook regarding this rule.
- There will be a spot check on rough stock riggings.
- You will not be able to perform in rough stock riggings that do not conform to NHSRA standards.

All Events/Ties and Tie Breakers:

- Florida Wrangler Division will be following the NHSRA rulebook. If you have any questions concerning rules, please see the rulebook or ask a director.
- There will be a one (1) minute time limit to enter the arena after your name has been called the first time. A contestant needs to be ready when their name is called. If contestant is not ready to compete in a timely manner, his/her name will be called a total of three (3) times, then that contestant will be passed over and disqualified.
- All chain, metal and wire tie-downs, nosebands and bosals must be covered.
- All ties will be handled as follows:
 - ❖ Points – Points will be split equally between the contestants. Example: 1st and 2nd place split = 19 points divided by 2 equals 9.5 points awarded to each contestant.
 - ❖ Awards – There will be only one Grand Champion in each event for the end of the year. These ties will be handled with a run off after the regular competition. The Event Director and Stock Director will draw for the stock used in the run off. Contestant will draw for who goes first. Both draws will then be reversed.

Team Roping:

- You will be allowed three (3) loops in team roping with a sixty (60) second time limit at state rodeos.
- Each contestant in team roping will receive individual points earned of the same value as contestants in other events.
- Partner points will be added together to form a team at the State Finals.
- End of the year awards will be awarded on total individual points earned.

Ribbon Roping:

- You will be allowed one (1) loop in ribbon roping with a sixty (60) second time limit at state rodeos.
- Each contestant in ribbon roping will receive individual points earned of the same value as contestants in other events.
- Partner points will be added together to form a team at the State Finals.
- End of the year awards will be awarded on total individual points earned.

Girl's Breakaway and Boy's Breakaway:

- You will be allowed two (2) loops.
- If you intend to use two (2) loops, you must carry two (2) ropes.
- There will be a thirty (30) second time limit at state rodeos.

Tie-Down:

- You will be allowed two (2) loops
- If you intend to use two (2) loops, you must carry two (2) ropes.
- There will be a sixty (60) second time limit at state rodeos.

Chute Doggin:

- There will be a sixty (60) second time limit at state rodeos.

Goat Tying:

- There will be a sixty (60) second time limit at state rodeos.
- Arena help will not catch the contestant's horse until the flag has been dropped.
- Goats will be 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 ten (10) goats, then each goat will go four (4) times in a row.

Barrel Racing and Pole Bending:

- Drags will be determined by the management of the rodeo which consists of the Event Director, the judges, Arena Director, National Director and host committee representative.

Point System:

- Points will be awarded for 1st through 10th place. 1st earning a total of ten (10) points; 2nd nine (9) points; 3rd eight (8) points, etc.
- Florida Wrangler Division will count 100% of the total points earned in each event for all rodeos to qualify you for State and National Finals.
- All points will be carried into the State Finals. The State Finals will consist of two (2) go rounds (performances) and an average. The top four (4) in each event after the State Finals will go on to compete at the National Finals.
- All-Around Cowboy and All-Around Cowgirl will be determined for the year by the total points earned in all events, plus points earned at the State Finals, regardless of whether they have entered those events in the State Finals, provided they have earned their State Finals.

State Finals Position Draw:

- All events except barrels and poles will be run from last qualifying position down to the first qualifying position in all go-rounds.
- In barrels and poles, positions will be drawn for the first go-round and reversed for the second go-round.

All members will be given a NHSRA rulebook at the first rodeo you attend. Wrangler Division rodeos will follow the NHSRA rules. If a member is disqualified for breaking any of the ground rules or rules listed in the NHSRA rulebook, the member is entitled to a hearing before the Board of Directors. Please feel free to contact any of the Directors or Officers of the Florida Wrangler Division with any questions or problems, you may have.

Wrangler Division Directors, Officers and Secretaries are volunteering their time to help make the Florida Wrangler Division a great organization. We are hoping the Florida Wrangler Division, will better prepare you for the next level of High School Rodeo. We wish all members good luck and safety this year and are looking forward to the best rodeo season ever.

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