

**UTAH HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION AND  
JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION RULES**

**UHSRA MOTTO**

**To promote the development of sportsmanship, horsemanship  
and character in our state's youth.**

**Guidelines for Approved Clubs:**

1. All approved clubs must sponsor a qualifying rodeo or submit a payment to the UHSRA in the amount of \$3,500.00 to be used to buy awards for the State Finals. Payment must be made with the club membership.
2. Clubs joining the association must serve a one-year probation period before they can hold an approved qualifying rodeo. A club in good standing may appeal in writing, to the Executive Board, the one-year probation period for hosting a rodeo. Approval will be voted on by Executive Board. Club must have at least three members to be eligible to hold a qualifying rodeo. All reinstated clubs will be recognized as a new club for all purposes of requesting a rodeo date.
3. Each club is made up of (2) two advisors that make up the Board of Directors, (1) one secretary and (1) one advisor. Each club has one vote on the Board of Directors. These directors should attend all state general meetings and bring member issues to the Executive Board at board meetings. If the Board of Directors is called upon to vote, (1) one vote shall be cast between the (2) two directors. The Board of Directors has the responsibility at any association event to maintain standards and rules of the association. They should pass on all information obtained from state meeting to members.
4. Each club must have their own set of bylaws and rules which must be approved by the Executive Board. Any changes to the club bylaws and rules must also be submitted to the Executive Board for approval before they take effect.
5. Yearly club dues are \$125 per rodeo hosted and will be due yearly by October 1st.
6. Each club will be required to provide a basket item for the Foundation Auction at State Finals. The basket must have a minimum value of at least \$250 or the club can pay the State for \$250.

**Advisor/Secretary Responsibilities:**

1. **Memberships:** Club secretaries must verify membership information in the online entry system for each of their members and submit them to the State. Member paperwork must be complete before members can participate in rodeos. Make sure all signatures are complete and original, not photocopied. The **signatures of both parents or Legal Guardian(s), member and notary public are required!** Along with the notary signature, please make sure that the release has a seal or notary stamp, and that all required signatures have been witnessed and notarized. **If for some reason both parents' signatures do not appear on the release, a reason should be filled in (i.e. deceased, full custody, etc.).** The terms of divorce, not available or out of town are **UNACCEPTABLE**, unless the parent is away serving in the military. At the beginning of the year members must also have their UHSRA registration form signed by their school before uploading it to the website. If a member is homeschooled, a copy of the National Homeschool Form must

be completed and uploaded to the members national profile. **If any of the necessary signatures are missing, member will not be allowed to participate in a rodeo until paperwork is correctly completed.**

2. **Eligibility Verification:** According to National High School Rodeo Association Rules, students must be in good standing with their school/district as far as citizenship policies, drug, alcohol, tobacco, and safe policies. Also, Utah's minimum eligibility policy is a 2.0 or better and no more than (1) one F or I. (Students should meet the same standards required for other sports programs). Eligibility under this rule is determined when grades are posted. Grades are "posted" at the end of each grading period when the school registrar enters all grades electronically and are available to students, parents and teachers. Grade changes after the posting date cannot restore lost eligibility, except for a documented clerical error.

It is the responsibility of the Clubs to check grades and eligibility for members at the ending of each student's term/quarter and submit them to the State Secretary on the Grade Verification Form which must include the signature of a school official. Mid-term or Progress reports are not allowed. Students must be currently eligible at all participating rodeos. If points are earned and student was ineligible their points will be removed and dropped down to the next eligible contestant.

3. Approximately (2) two business days following the rodeo entry closing date, a preliminary report will be sent to club secretaries. This report must be forwarded to club members in a timely manner. Members will be responsible to let their secretaries know if they wish to pull out of any events or make any corrections to their jackpotted events. The club secretary will then forward any changes to the State Secretary by the ending of the (2) day period. There will be a grace period for missed entries. If a contestant misses the entry deadline they will have through the preliminary review to notify their club secretary who will then email the State of the missed entry. There will be a \$50.00 late fee PER EVENT that will need to be paid to the state before the entry will be made. Late Entries MUST be to the State by the close of preliminary changes. NO EXCEPTIONS. After the change deadline, the position draw will be completed and posted to the website. After the draw is posted, there will be no monies refunded to members who want to draw out of a rodeo without a medical release, a vet release or a school release turned into the hosting secretary. **Draw in's will not be done at any rodeo regardless of entry mistakes.**
4. Submit organized practice schedules on the approved form to the State Secretary to ensure members are insured 60 days prior to the organized practice.
5. In the rough stock events, alternates will be drawn if the number of entries exceeds the amount of stock required. Rough stock rodeo preferences will also be subject to change in order to even out performances.
6. Rodeo results along with a copy of Judge's and monitors reports must be submitted to the state secretary no later than (2) two days after any qualifying rodeo. A copy of all judging sheets along with rodeo payment and payment form to include \$8.25 for each entry at every qualifying rodeo will be remitted to the State Association for awards at State Finals, within (1) one week following the qualifying rodeo.
7. All jackpot payments must be issued and checks not picked up at the rodeo office need to be mailed out to members in a timely manner.

8. Teach members rules and by-laws.
9. Encourage adult supervision at all club activities.
10. Pass along all information from the Association.
11. Work with club student officers on all matters.
12. Above all, help build responsible young men and ladies.

### **Member Responsibilities:**

1. Members are required to join a club of their choice and to **comply with all Club, State and National Rules** of the Association.
2. Pay all Club, State, National Dues and Rodeo fees.
3. Register yearly and fill out all membership forms and paperwork. Make sure all signatures are complete and original, not photocopied. **The signatures of both parents or Legal Guardian(s), member, and notary public are required!** Along with the notary signature, please make sure that the release has a seal or notary stamp, and that all required signatures have been witnessed and notarized. If for some reason both parents' signatures do not appear on the release, a reason should be filled in (i.e. deceased, full custody, etc.). The terms of divorce, not available, or out of town are UNACCEPTABLE reasons, unless the parent is away serving in the military.
  - a. At the beginning of the year members must also have their UHSRA registration form signed by their school before uploading it to the website. If a member is Home Schooled copy of the National Homeschool Form must be completed and uploaded to members national profile.

**\*If any of the necessary signatures are missing, member will not be allowed to participate in a rodeo until paperwork is correctly completed.**
4. All contestants will use the online entry system to enter the rodeos and will be responsible for their own entries and making sure they know and understand the entry instructions and deadlines.
5. Approximately (2) two business days following the rodeo entry closing date, a preliminary report will be sent to club secretaries. This report must be forwarded to club members in a timely manner. Members will be responsible to let their secretaries know if they wish to pull out of any events or make any corrections to their jackpotted events. The club secretary will then forward any changes to the State Secretary by the ending of the (2) day period. There will be a grace period for missed entries. If a contestant misses the entry deadline they will have through the preliminary review to notify their club secretary who will then email the State of the missed entry. There will be a \$50.00 late fee PER EVENT that will need to be paid to the state before the entry will be made. Late Entries MUST be to the State by the close of preliminary changes. NO EXCEPTIONS. After the change deadline, the position draw will be completed and posted to the website. After the draw is posted, there will be no monies refunded to members who want to

draw out of a rodeo without a medical release, a vet release or a school release turned into the hosting secretary. **Draw in's will not be done at any rodeo regardless of entry mistakes**

- 6 Ribbon Ropers and Team Ropers must have a partner to enter the rodeos. A contestant already entered in the rodeo may change a partner if needed.- If Partner change is needed before the rodeo, please contact your club secretary, who will contact the State Secretary. Changes needed at the rodeo MUST go through the hosting club secretary BEFORE the event starts.

### **Duties of a State Rodeo Director:**

1. The State Rodeo Director is the state public relations representative assigned to each club to promote good will between local and state organization at qualifying rodeos. His or her responsibilities include:
  - a. Introduce him/herself to the club rodeo committee.
  - b. Attend rodeo draw if possible.
  - c. Check and make sure judges have rule books, score lines are measured, timers understand watches; arena is measured, marked or pegged, check stock, report any unexcused turnouts if entries were limited.
2. The State Director should mediate any problems and help judges make rulebook interpretations at their assigned rodeo/s. If the Director sees a rule infraction, malfunction inequities, abuse of livestock or contestant; the Director should draw the judges and committees' attention to the fact for them to correct. The assigned Director is responsible for filling out a Rodeo Review Report and sending it the State Secretary when the rodeo is finished to be reviewed by the Executive Board for them to take any necessary action.
3. The stock at each rodeo will be inspected by the assigned Rodeo Director, a Judge, and a Representative from the hosting club. After the inspection the Rodeo Director, Judge and Club Representative will have the final say for approving cattle to be deemed acceptable for the rodeo.

If there are any new ground rules made concerning the stock being acceptable, the Director will let the Rodeo Secretary know before the beginning of the rodeo so she can post the ground rule at the rodeo office. If any cattle are deemed not acceptable for performance, then the following instituted fines could be assessed to the Club:

#### **Timed Event Stock Fines**

1st Offense - Warning

2nd Offense - \$25 per animal short on count or underperforming.

3rd Offense - \$100 per animal

#### **Rough Stock Fines**

1st Offense - Warning

2nd Offense - \$100 per animal short on count or underperforming.

3rd Offense - \$200 per animal

### **Duties of Student Officers:**

1. All Student Officers of the Association will abide by the following duties:
  - a. Act as a representative of the Utah High School Rodeo Association and symbolic of its reputation, principles and interests to other students and adults. Be expected to comply

with the dress code and all rules and requirements of the Association and behave in accordance with the standards provided in the Rules, Bylaws and Constitution of the Association.

- b. Act as a voting member of the Executive Board, representing the best interest of all UHSRA members.
- c. Act as Committee Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee. Plan and organize Committee meetings, agendas and budgets.
- d. Actively serve on other Committees as the UHSRA President appoints including being a part of the Awards Committee to decide on prizes for State Finals as well as picking out jackets for the National teams, being sure to include the opinions of the student membership and not only personal opinions.
- e. Attend and be actively involved in all state meetings. If unable to attend for some reason, contact the other officers to fill in for your position and take responsibility to get any information or assignments issued.
- f. Attend the National Mid-Winter Meeting, take notes and seek to bring ideas back for use to improving our association.
- g. Oversee Student Event Directors. Educate Event Directors on their responsibilities and encourage their involvement in the association and over their events.
- h. Work with Officers, the State Queen, and Committees to plan State Finals activities such as and not limited to dances, rodeo themes, service projects and member activities.
- i. Make sure that the new officer candidate information is distributed to the membership and oversee the Delegate voting of officers.
- j. Work with and include the State Queen in planning and decisions for the Cowboy Prom, ideas and activities for members, developing ways to increase membership and actively seeking ways to improve the Utah High School Rodeo Association for its members.

In addition, below are position specific assignments to the offices:

1. **President:**

- a. Conduct part or all of the Executive Board or General meetings when called upon by the Association President.
- b. Support and lead the officers, calling and conducting meetings and when needed.

2. **Vice President:**

- a. Serve as acting student President in his or her absence.
- b. Be supportive of the President, Secretary and State Queen in their positions.

3. **Secretary:**

- a. Be supportive of the President, Vice President and State Queen in their positions.
- b. Make sure Officers and the State Queen are aware of meetings, emails and any other important information.
- c. Keep meeting minutes and notes.
- d. Keep, update and receive the new officer candidate applications.

**Qualifying Rodeos:**

1. Contestants can enter more than one rodeo on a weekend and specify a performance they would like to be entered.
2. **Rodeo formats:** Clubs can choose from the following rodeo formats based on available dates:

1 all day performance; requires (3) three arenas, 2 performance on separate days; requires (2) two arenas, 3 performances in two days; requires (2) two arenas, and 3 performances on (3) three separate days; requires (1) one arena.

- a. In an all-day performance with three arenas, the third arena must have at least two core rodeo events running simultaneously to be considered a third arena.
  - b. The Friday rodeos can begin no earlier than 3:00 p.m. This excludes queen contests, shooting, cutting and reining cow horse events.
  - c. Any club needing to hold an event on Thursday evening must get approval from the majority of the Executive Board 30 days prior to their rodeo. Thursday events cannot begin before 4:00 pm.
  - d. In an effort to promote our student athletes and generate revenue for qualifying rodeos, clubs may elect to offer a short round competition. Short rounds must not conflict with any qualifying rodeos and must be approved by the Executive Board. Short rounds will not be mandatory for clubs or members and winners will not be awarded qualifying points. Short Round entry fees and prizes/payouts will be decided by the club and approved by the Executive Board.
3. If a contestant turns out without a vet release, doctor's release or school release they will automatically lose their entrance fees. A release for a school event must be a written notification from a school official. The hosting club secretary must be notified of any releases prior to the rodeo stock draws to have fees refunded. If a visible injury to a contestant or a contestant's animal occurs during the rodeo the injury needs to be verified by a rodeo director to have fees refunded.
4. If entries in an event are limited, and a contestant is at the rodeo and refuses to compete on the stock drawn, the contestant will forfeit entry fees and will be assessed a four-rodeo suspension for all desired events.
5. The club members from a sponsoring/hosting rodeo have first choice for entries if entries are limited.

## **6. Rodeo Stock Requirements:**

### **1. UHSRA & UHJRA Rough Stock Approval Process:**

- a. All stock must be approved by the UHSRA livestock committee and then voted on by the UHSRA board for approval.
- b. Stock contractor needs to own sufficient rough stock animals (not leased or rented) that are branded by stock contractors seeking approval.
  - o 15 bareback horses
  - o 20 saddle bronc horses
  - o 30 bulls
- c. Stock contractor must produce at least 10 rodeos per year to be eligible.
- d. Stock contractor must submit resumes for the following help they intend to use at a UHSRA or UHJRA event. Resumes need to include events worked and experience with rodeo events.
  - o Pickup men

- o Bullfighters
  - i. Any help with convicted felonies needs to be approved by the UHSRA board prior to helping at any events.
  - ii. All help must be at least 18 years of age per NHSRA rules.
- e. Stock contractor must submit contact information from at least 3 previous events that they have produced.
- f. Stock contractor must be able to supply animals suitable for the Junior Varsity and High School division.
  - i. Numbers will vary depending on the years.
- g. Stock contractor must have UHSRA board approval 60 days before being eligible to produce a UHSRA event.

2. **2 or 3 performance rodeos:**

**Rough Stock:** A qualifying rodeo must accept up to 20 Bare Back entries 20 Saddle Bronc entries and 50 entries in the bull riding.

**Timed Event:** Minimum 20 tie down calves, 20 breakaway calves, 20 team roping steers, 8 steer wrestling steers and 4 goats.

3. **1-Day Rodeo:**

**Rough Stock:** A qualifying rodeo must accept up to 20 Bare Back entries 20 Saddle Bronc entries and 40 entries in the bull riding.

**Timed Event:** 1/3 the amount entries for tie down calves, 1/3 the amount entries for breakaway calves, 1/3 the amount entries for team roping steers, 1/3 the amount entries for steer wrestling steers and 5 goats.

The stock at each rodeo will be inspected by a Rodeo Director, a Judge, and a Representative from the hosting club. After the inspection the Rodeo Director, Judge and Club Representative will have the final say for approving cattle to be deemed acceptable for the rodeo. Any new ground rules, concerning the stock to be accepted, shall be posted at the rodeo office.

If any cattle are deemed not acceptable for performance, then the following instituted fines could be assessed to the Club:

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\*The club will have the responsibility to collect the fine from their contractor if they choose to.

Stock must be numbered before the stock draw with visible number to stay on for the duration of the rodeo.

Breakaway calves will be required to meet the two-inch horn rule as described in the rule book. The measurement will be taken using a 2" PVC coupler from the base of the skull. Arena Director and Judges have the final say if an animal may be competed on.

All bareback and saddle bronc horses must be tied in. Stock contractor will designate who ties the stock in.

**7. Entry fees for High School events will be**

\$58.00 per team in Team Roping(\$29 per person)

\$54.00 for Bareback, Saddle Bronc and Bull Riding

\$75.00 for Cow Cutting

\$34.00 for all stock events excluding Goat Tying

\$39.00 for Queen Contest

\$29.00 for Barrel Racing, Pole Bending and Goat Tying.

\$32.00 for Rifle and Trap Shooting Events

\$51.00 Reining Cow Horse Event

\*There will be one added fee of \$5.00 charged per contestant, per rodeo in lieu of club gate fees.

**8. Entry fees for Jr. High events will be**

\$58.00 per team in Team Roping and Ribbon Roping

\$54.00 for Bull Riding

\$34.00 for Breakaway Roping, Tie Down Roping and Chute Dogging

\$29.00 for Barrel Racing, Pole Bending and Goat Tying.

\$32.00 for the Rifle Shooting Event

\$43.00 for the Bareback and Saddle Bronc events.

\*There will be one added fee of \$5.00 charged per contestant, per rodeo in lieu of club gate fees.

**9. Judges:**

All judges for qualifying rodeos will be appointed by the director over the judges and must be eligible based on the following:

Judge will be required to attend a Utah High School Rodeo Judges Seminar every other year or be a certified PRCA Judge that has judged high school rodeos in the past.

In order to judge the State Finals Junior division a judge must have judged a junior high division rodeo, judged a high school division rodeo, and be approved by the Executive Board.

In order to judge the High School division state finals a judge must have previously judged 5 rodeo performances in the calendar year or put in for at least 5 rodeos, be recommended by the youth advisory committee, and approved by the judges committee and the executive board. Cutting Judges must be NCHA approved.

Payment for judges at qualifying rodeos will be as follows:

\$425.00 per High School 3 Arena Rodeo

\$500.00 per Performance Rodeo

\$425.00 per Junior High Rodeo

If a rodeo runs over 8 hours judges will be paid an extra \$50 per hour.  
Clubs are required to furnish 3 rooms 6 beds for judges at each rodeo, if needed.

**10. Timers:**

There will be two timers and an official secretary for each arena and each core rodeo event. All timers MUST watch and understand the Timer's Training Video found on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) under: UHSRA Timers Guide. The video needs to be watched at least one week prior to timing a rodeo. If it has been a year since timing, the video should be reviewed before timing again.

11. All events must be offered at each rodeo with the exception of the Queen Contest, Reined Cow Horse, and the Shooting Events. One contestant constitutes an event.

12. Dances will not be held without adult supervision.

13. No core rodeo events will be held up waiting for contestants in the queen contest, shooting events, cutting or reining cow horse events. Also, the queen contest, shooting events, cutting or reining cow horse events will not be held up for contestants. If schedules conflict, contestants will need to choose which event to participate in.

**14. Cutting Guidelines:**

- a. There will be a 20 min. maximum time limit for settling cattle.
- b. There will be a 2-minute maximum time limit after the arena is cleared until the next contestant enters the arena. After the 2-minute time limit is reached, the cutting time clock will start immediately, whether the next contestant is present or not.
- c. After 17 cutting entries the herd will be split depending on the number of cattle and the size of the arena.
- d. In the cutting there won't be any waiting on turn back help unless the help is the contestant's parent.
- e. If a cutting horse is being used by two different competitors, a boy and a girl, they will be allowed, upon request, a maximum of 20 minutes rest time for that horse.
- f. If holding two cuttings, clubs need to make sure that the arena director and student directors are present when starting the event.
- g. When running two cuttings there needs to be a male and a female announcer to help eliminate confusion.

**15. Reined Cow Horse Ties**

All ties in the Reined Cow Horse Event will be broken with the higher cow work score. In the event that the cow work score is tied then points and money (if jack potted) will be split. In the event of a tie for 1st place in the cow work at State Finals there will be a ride off of cow work only as per the NRCHA rulebook.

16. There will be no gate fees charged at any rodeos. Clubs may still sell programs and day sheets.

17. There will be a state monitor assigned by the Executive Board for each qualifying rodeo.

18. All qualifying rodeos must have (2) two bullfighters.

19. Each hosting rodeo shall have a safety plan in place which is appropriate for such rodeo. Such plan shall be reviewed annually. At a minimum, such safety plan recommends that the rodeo have on-site an AED (automated external defibrillator) and first aid supplies (including those to

treat airway emergencies), and one dedicated individual trained in emergency medical response. The safety plan shall identify the nearest community emergency responder (with telephone number) and the location of the nearest hospital. Each location shall have a reliable landline or cell phone service with a good signal.

20. All qualifying rodeos will be required to have a jackpot in which members have the option to enter. The entry fee will be \$11.00, \$10.00 dollars to the payout and \$1.00 to the club. Payout will be based on the number of entries ensuring the last check paid is greater than the entry fee, not to exceed six places in each event. In the event no qualified times/scores are achieved ground money will be paid. All jackpot fees are non-refundable regardless of the circumstance.
21. All qualifying rodeos will be one loop in the Tie Down and Breakaway and two loops in the team roping.
22. All qualifying rodeos will have a 30 second time limit in the Tie Down, Breakaway, Team Roping, Steer Wrestling\Chute Dogging, Ribbon Roping and Goat tying.
23. The decision on when to rake in the barrels and poles will be left up to the clubs as long as raking is done NO MORE than every 7 contestants and NO LESS than every 5 contestants.
24. All qualifying rodeos must offer awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and all-around winners. **Money may be awarded**

#### **Rodeo Ground Rules**

- NO Chute Run Cattle
- If a member is physically in the box after the judge has seen the stock number. That calf/steer will now be the contestant's designated animal. In the case, the contestant is fouled or the animal is prematurely released/escapes that animal will be brought back.
- If the contestant is not in the box or the judge did not see the stock's number, and the animal is released/escapes, the next animal will be loaded.
- Livestock Committee, along with the Arena Director, has the discretion to deem an animal unfit for competition
- When chute running stock, judges do not need to turn out the animal in case of an unnotified turnout and also with a notified conflict.
- If contestant or contestant help is caught in an attempt to cheat in any manner, it will result in a disqualification (ex. sorting and loading specific animals).
- If the contestant enters the roping box from the back and requests a retie. They will not be allowed to ride out in front of the box while the judges are retying the barrier. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.
- In the Barrels, Poles, and Goat Tying: The judges will start a timer when the judge is in his position, the arena is clear, the contestant is called on to compete, and the gate is open.  
In all other Timed Events: The judges will start a timer when the barrier is pinned, the line judge is in his position, the arena is clear, and judge is looking at contestant for their nod.  
In all Rough Stock Events: The time will start when arena is clear and both judges are in position.  
At the expiration of the 90 second time limit for any event, the contestant may be disqualified at the judge's discretion.
- Goat Tying will be started with an electric eye
- Breakaway Flags must be 4 x 12 or larger – Solid Color No writing or Print of any kind
- Breakaway must be a clean Bell Collar Catch (The Rope must go around the head of the calf)

and come tight around the calf's neck. It cannot catch legs or feet) No Bell Collar catch will result in a 5 second penalty. One Loop for all qualifying rodeos, Two Loops at State Finals(all go rounds)

### **Rough Stock Procedure**

- If an animal comes out backward and the contestant declares (double grab), that will be an automatic re-ride. If they go on with the ride, they are accepting the animal and will be scored accordingly.

### **Approved Rough Stock List**

Circle J (Mascaros)  
Broken Heart Rodeo (Ben German)  
Diamond H (Wayne Hebdon)  
CJ (Chris O'driscoll)  
7C (Wes Clegg)  
Rockin B (Brady Burmingham)  
Bryce Canyon Rodeo

The Contractors are also responsible for their subcontractors/ helpers. (Pickup men, Bullfighters, Chute help, other stock providers)

**New Rough-stock Contractors(Not Already on the Approved List) must be approved by the Rough-stock committee 60 days prior to the rodeo.**

### **Utah State Finals**

1. Bids for State Finals are due at second meeting after State Finals and the Executive Board has the authority to pick the site.
2. All bids for State Finals must be submitted in writing or by email to the State Secretary. There can be no verbal bids accepted.
3. Photographer will be bid like all other contracts for State Finals.
4. The judges committee will submit their selection of judges for State Finals to the Executive Board for final approval.
5. Every qualifying rodeo will award points to the top (10) ten in each event and those earning points will qualify for State Finals. After that, all events will qualify an extra person on a percentage basis according to the number of entries in the event at the qualifying rodeos. Members will qualify as follows:

91 – 100 entries = 11qualifiers, 101 – 110 = 12, 111 – 120 = 13, 121 – 130 = 14, 131 – 140 = 15, 141 – 150 = 16, 151 – 160 = 17, 161 – 170 = 18, 171 – 180 = 19, 181 – 190 = 20, etc.

\*Contestants do not carry an extra event to State Finals.

6. There will be no performance preference at State Finals, except when there is a conflict with high school graduation.
7. All contestants must have immediate adult supervision.
8. Members qualifying for the State Finals are required to receive their entry packet and attend the ground rules meeting at the time set forth by the Executive Board. If a member is unable to

attend due to a school function, they must obtain permission from the current adult President or National Director. If a member is unable to attend due to an emergency, they must notify the adult President or be subject to disciplinary action decided by the Executive Board.

9. State Finals will have a 60 second time limit for all timed events.
10. State Finals will be two loops in the Tie Down and Breakaway and three loops in the team roping.
11. We will not run extras or cattle that hasn't run at the end of the first round. All animals that have not been competed on will be excluded from the rest of the rodeo. Any animal that has been run fewer times than whatever the maximum number is will be the first animals drawn in the second round.
12. Any changes to the points carried into the State Finals and awarded at the State Finals will be decided by the Executive Board and approved by the Board of directors prior to the start of the Rodeo Season.
13. **The number of contestants brought to the State Finals Short Round will be as follows:**  
The top 5 in the average standings from the combined first and second go results. Then the addition of any of the top 15 in the total point standings that are not already in the top 5 of the average on two. This will result in a maximum of 15 or less contestants in each event.

**\*Exception to the above:** In the Cutting and Reined Cow Horse events only the top ten in total points after two go's will be brought back to the short round.

14. **State Finals Point System**

The top ten rodeos are counted for State Finals qualifications in the High School Division. The top six rodeos are counted for State Finals qualifications in the Jr. High Division

**Points at State Finals are awarded as follows:**

- a. Points carried in = Maximum of 100 for HS and Maximum of 60 for Jr. High.
- b. Points awarded for First Go = 10
- c. Points awarded for Second Go = 10
- d. Points awarded for Short Go = 10
- e. Points awarded for Average = 10

Example: Points carried in + Points 1<sup>st</sup> go + Points 2<sup>nd</sup> go + Points Short go + Points average = Event Champions.

**Places 1-10 Points**

1st.....	10
2nd.....	9
3rd.....	8
4th.....	7
5th.....	6
6th.....	5
7th.....	4
8th.....	3
9th.....	2
10th.....	1
Total 55 Points offered in each event	

\*Note that in the team roping and ribbon roping events the partner's points are added together and divided by two to determine their maximum number of points carried in, not to exceed 100 each for High School or 60 each for Jr. High.

### **UHSRA Hall of Fame:**

The nominating committee for the Hall of Fame will consist of the National Director, President, Vice President, Awards Chairman, and Appointed Hall of Fame board member- All nominations not selected will be held over for future nominations. One inductee each year. This is all subject to change by the nominating committee each year.

### **National Finals:**

1. Any contestant that goes to the National Finals must have immediate adult supervision.

### **Queen Coordinator Guidelines:**

**In abidance with the National Rules: No Judge or Queen Coordinator can be related to or live in the same household as any contestant contesting in the Queen Contest.**

- There shall be 4 to 5 contests in the fall and spring schedules
- The state queen director will evaluate and rotate these contests each year in order to save the same clubs from hosting every year.
- Clubs holding contests in the fall are notified as soon as possible.
- If a club is responsible to host and their rodeo is on Saturday instead of Friday, they may ask the adjoining club to host in their place.
- The state director offers assistance in finding a person to be the coordinator for each contest.
- The state committee will provide a member to help and assist at the contest.
- If a club has been assigned to host a queen contest and then refuses for any reason, they must then make a proposal to the board as to why they cannot host the contest. If the board deems it a reasonable issue, the club will not be fined. If the reason is not justifiable, the club must then pay a \$ 500.00 fine, which will be given to another club willing to then host a queen contest. This will help offset any costs incurred.
- When a club is assigned to host a contest, they must then give the Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> Attendant and 2<sup>nd</sup> attendant the same or comparable awards given to other events. Example... if the 1<sup>st</sup> place bareback rider receives a buckle, then the queen should also receive a buckle.
- The queen contest is considered a National event and can at any time, hold a contest at every rodeo.
- That the Queen Director on the UHSRA board get a vote
- State Qualifying contests are open for all 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade members. However, 12<sup>th</sup> Graders cannot compete as they would be ineligible to compete at or hold a State or National Title after graduation

It is **highly** recommended that Queen Contests be held on Friday mornings prior to a 3:00 P.M. rodeo or at a time when the girls do not have to miss any more school than necessary. Pending it is **prior** to the clubs rodeo. Any club needing to hold the Queen Contest event on Thursday evening must get approval from the majority of the Executive Board 30 days prior to their

rodeo. Thursday events cannot begin before 4:00 pm. We need to make every effort to limit the amount of time our contestants are required to miss school in order to participate.

These are the guidelines that need to be followed as you coordinate your queen contest, which can be found in the National High School Rodeo rule book. This packet is for your convenience and a guideline for your judges to follow.

At least 1 week prior to the contest, please provide the judges with the following:

1. **Judges score sheet**
2. **Horsemanship Pattern**
3. **UHSRA contest rules for Queen Contest.**

Before the contest meet with your judges to discuss information and answer questions. A member of the State Queen Committee will be assigned to your contest and will be there to help in any way you may need.

Judging must consist of a Five Judges for High School and a minimum Three judges for Jr. High division. Please instruct the judges not to compare, discuss contestants, or share opinions. The Same Five judges will judge all portions of the contest.

#### **Selecting Judges:**

Because of concerns about the qualifications of the judges, it is required that your judges meet some standards:

1. Horse knowledge
2. Rodeo background
3. No one under the age of 21 yrs. old should be allowed to judge.
4. Judges should only judge one contest per year. Please ask if they have judged already during the current year.

If clubs need help finding judges or have any other questions, please contact State Queen Director.

#### **Ties**

Ties should be broken only for placings for awards. Ties are broken by contestant with the highest test score. If two contestants win the Queen, then go to the test score to break the tie for awards. However, the tied contestants will each receive the same points by splitting the total points of their placings. This will be done when scores are put into the computer system.

#### **Visitors at Contest:**

A member of the State Queen Committee will be assigned to your contest to help only where you want them to. You may contact the last year's Queen to set the pattern, however it is not required.

#### **Contestant Draw:**

The draw is provided by the State Secretary for the Queen contestant, is the official draw and will be used for the contest. Contestants must compete in the order of the official draw.

Contestants will be identified by their official draw number only and their name should not be mentioned.

### **Test**

Test will be conducted in a private area with only the contestants and Monitor present. Once contestants have been handed their tests, they will not be allowed to leave the room until their test is complete. Contestants will not be allowed to bring anything into the test area. Example: Rulebooks or other written material or their cell phone. A **new test** should be prepared each year by the Queen host. The test must follow the NHSRA Rulebook: **50 Questions**. Each Question is worth ½ point. **17 true/false, 17 multiple choice, 16 fill in the blanks. All answers should be exact.**

### **Modeling**

You may play music, but it is not required. Modeling should not last longer than one minute.

### **Speech**

Speeches need to be timed. A buzzer should sound at the end of the two minutes. Contestant will then be allowed to complete the sentence they are on.

### **Appearance**

Contestants can wear the following: dresses, pant suits, skirts and vests - this is for everything except Horsemanship. During horsemanship contestants must wear a white button-down shirt with collar and cuff and blue denim jeans. Nothing extra should be added to the outfit.

### **Impromptu**

All contestants are asked the same questions and should be kept in an area where they cannot hear the question prior to their turn. Past queens may assist in this. Contestants are read the question and not handed the question. This is to prepare them for the way the national contest is formatted.

### **Personal interview**

Questions from judges should not deal with topics such as religion or sex. Interviews are 5 minutes long and should be timed. **Only the judges and contestant should be in interview room or area.**

### **Horsemanship**

See patterns on the UHSRA website. You will be notified of the pattern assigned to your contest. Contestants should be made aware of pattern number prior to contest. The state coordinator can assist in this.

### **Score sheets**

Sheets can be found on the UHSRA website. You or your secretary can download the composite program which calculates the scores by dropping the high and low for you. The state coordinator may also assist you with this.

### **Awards**

Contestants should receive awards as you are giving to other events. You may want to recognize categories; this is a nice thing for the girls however, it is not mandatory.

**Contacts:** State Queen Director- Chris Price – 435-671-2219

## **Queen Judges Guidelines**

As a reminder, this is a learning experience for the contestants, as they should never receive a 0 in any category. Please do not score extremely low as contestants see final scores. If you choose to speak with contestants about their improvements, please keep them positive and remember they are teenaged young women.

**Modeling: 25 pts possible**

Posture, smile, use of stage, balance, coordination, turns

**Speech: 50 pts possible**

Two-minute speech; buzzer should sound at the end of 2 minutes. Contestant can finish sentence only. Enunciation, voice projection, grammar, content of speech, expression.

**Appearance: 25 pts possible**

Overall appearance, fit of clothing, length, current trend, etc., clean, posture, make up use, hair. May wear dress (dress does not need to be leather), suit, skirt, vest or jacket during speech and modeling. Collar and sleeve must adhere to national rule book guidelines. Plain white shirt with denim jeans for horsemanship

**Impromptu: 25 pts possible**

Composure, confidence, reaction, knowledge, humor, grammar

**Contestants will be asked the same question.** Contestants are isolated until their turn; no one is allowed to contact contestant during this time. Contestants should not have a cell phone with them at this time.

**Personal Interview: 50 pts possible**

Questions may not include topics of religion or sex.

Knowledge of: current events, rodeo events, animal husbandry, personality etc.

Character, charm, sincerity

Only contestants and judges are allowed in interview room.

Interviews on a local level are 5 minutes; at state finals interviews are 10 minutes.

**Horsemanship 50 pts. Possible**

You should receive a copy of the pattern prior to the contest.

Lead changes, circle sizes, good stops; hand, feet, and seat; confidence

Appearance of both horse and rider

**Explanation of Points Awarded at The State Queen Contest:**

There will be five judges at the State Queen Contest each awarding points in the following categories. ***The high score and the low score judge's points will be dropped from the contestant*** leaving three judges' scores to calculate per contestant.

Modeling	25 points possible per judge	Maximum 75pts.
Personality	25 points possible per judge	Maximum 75pts.
Speech	50 points possible per judge	Maximum 150pts.
Appearance	25 points possible per judge	Maximum 75pts.
Impromptu	25 points possible per judge	Maximum 75pts.
Interview	50 points possible per judge	Maximum 150pts.
Horsemanship	50 points possible per judge	Maximum 150pts.
Test	25 points possible	Maximum 25pts.

**Total points possible at State Contest 775**

### **Points will be earned two ways at the State Contest**

1- Awarding 4 points from the leader of each category down to 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Queen Contest for a total possible of 32 points.

#### **Example:**

Modeling 1<sup>st</sup> place      4 pts

Modeling 2<sup>nd</sup> place     3 pts

Modeling 3<sup>rd</sup> place     2 pts

Modeling 4<sup>th</sup> place     1 pt

\*This would be done for each category.

2- The top 8 placings from the overall contest final scores would be awarded points from 8 - 1.

The State Queen Winner is then determined by combining the points in the following way:

Points carried to State (100 maximum from the contestant's top ten rodeos) + Points earned in the State Contest Categories (32 points maximum) + Points earned at the State Queen Contest (8 points maximum) = State Queen.

### **Shooting Sports Guidelines:**

Safety, Ammunition, Gun Handling and Guidelines, Regulations, Positions, Range Commands, Challenges, Scoring, Competition, etc. are found online at [uhsra.org](http://uhsra.org), 2025-UHSRA-Shooting-Event-Rules.

### **National High School Rodeo Shooting Sports Guide.**

1. **Rules-** The National High School Rodeo Shooting Sports Guide is the official rule book for the Shooting events. It is the responsibility of each shooter to familiarize themselves with the Shooting Sports Guide and UHSRA rules. Failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification.

2. **Coaching-** No coaching will be allowed by other team members or parents once a round of shooting begins. This may result in immediate disqualification.

3. **Firing line-** Under no circumstances will a parent be allowed to enter the shooting stations/area. Contestants requiring assistance should contact the Range Officer prior to leaving his shooting station. The Range Officer and/or shooting judge will determine the appropriate measures to be taken to assist the shooter. Under NO circumstances should a shooter cross the firing line except at the command of the Range Officer.

4. **Malfunction-** Once a shooting event has begun, it should proceed without interruption by any contestant except in the event of a weapon malfunction. Intentional interruption or disruption of a shooting event by a contestant will result in the contestant being asked to leave the firing line. If asked to leave, the contestant will not be allowed to repeat the event, and his score will be judged upon the shots that were fired to that point. This rule will be strictly enforced to allow other competitors to continue shooting without interruption.

5. **Mandatory safety briefing-** All core Rodeo Events take precedence over the Shooting Events. Because of time and possible facility and volunteer conflicts, shooters must be on time. If a shooter is not there on time in order to attend the mandatory safety briefing, that shooter will be turned out.

6. **Trap Vest-** shooters will be required to carry their shells in a vest or pouch to avoid the unnecessary safety risk of bending down to pick up shells out of a box on the ground. Trap shooters are required to catch empty shells and collect them in a vest or pouch, shells will not be allowed to be ejected or thrown to the ground.

7. **Range Requirements**—There will be a minimum of 2 trap houses per rodeo weekend. All Rifle ranges must be approved by the UHSRA shooting committee or chosen from the approved shooting ranges list.

8. **Shooting Position Draw** – The draw will be sent out by the state secretary just the same as all other rodeo events. After the draw by the State Secretary, any conflicting contestant draws between the trap and the rifle will be pulled and re-drawn. This drawing system will only be done to accommodate the shooting events. The draw used will be the rodeo draw for the day the shoot is scheduled and used for both rodeos.

9. **Student Event Director** - There will be a Rifle Event Director for Junior High and a Rifle Event Director for High School. The Trap Event Director is also Squad leader. It is the Student Event Director's responsibility to understand and follow all NHSRA Rules and Regulations.

### **UHSRA Rainy Day Fund Guidance**

#### Purpose of the Rainy Day Fund

The Rainy Day Fund (RDF) is established to ensure the financial stability and sustainability of the Utah High School Rodeo Association (UHSRA) during periods of unforeseen financial hardship. The fund serves as a reserve to provide operating cash flow in situations where there is an unexpected reduction in income or an increase in operating expenses that could threaten the Association's ability to meet its financial obligations and continue its rodeo activities.

#### Appropriate Uses of the Rainy Day Fund

The RDF is intended for use in the following circumstances:

1. **Unforeseen Revenue Shortfalls:** If the Association experiences a significant decrease in expected income due to factors such as lower event participation or attendance, sponsorship cancellations, or unexpected changes in funding sources.
2. **Unexpected Increases in Operating Expenses:** In case of unforeseen expenses, such as increases in stock contractor costs, venue-related costs, or other emergencies that require immediate attention to continue the operations of UHSRA.
3. **Economic Disruption:** In the event of broader economic downturns or other circumstances beyond the UHSRA's control that affect its ability to generate sufficient revenue.

The RDF should not be used for routine operating costs or planned expenditures, and any use must be reviewed and recommended for approval by the Finance Committee and provided to the Board of Directors to vote to approve by majority approval.

#### Balance Range and Funding Levels

To maintain financial health and ensure that the fund remains available for true emergencies, the UHSRA will aim to maintain a Rainy Day Fund balance within the following guidelines:

1. **Target Balance:** The RDF should generally maintain a balance equal to at least 50% of the Association's estimated annual operating expenses. This amount is sufficient to cover a portion of the annual operating costs for at least six 6 months, in the event of a short-term financial disruption.
2. **Maximum Fund Balance:** The RDF should not exceed 110% of the Association's estimated annual operating expenses. If the balance in the fund surpasses this level, the Board may consider transferring

excess funds to other strategic initiatives, including the Scholarship Fund or other designated programs that further the UHSRA's purpose.

3. Minimum Fund Balance: If the balance falls below 50% of the UHSRA annual operating expenses, the Board will review options as recommended by the Finance Committee to rebuild the RDF, including setting aside a portion of surplus revenue from the next fiscal year.

#### Disbursement and Replenishment Process

- **Emergency Disbursements:** If the fund is used to cover unexpected financial shortfalls, the Finance Committee will recommend utilizing the RDF and the Board of Directors must approve the disbursement by a majority vote. Documentation of the emergency and the amount to be used must be recorded in the meeting minutes.
- **Replenishing the Fund:** If the RDF is used, the UHSRA will prioritize replenishing it as soon as practical, using surplus revenue from future fundraisers, events, or sponsorships, until the target balance is restored.
- **Excess Funds:** If the RDF balance exceeds the maximum threshold of 110% of the annual operating expenses, the Finance Committee will review the fund balance annually at the Mid-Winter Meeting and determine if any excess funds should be reallocated to the Scholarship Fund or other purpose-aligned programs. The Finance Committee will recommend excess fund allocations to the Board of Directors. Any such transfers must be recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board with a majority vote and recorded in the minutes.

#### Review and Adjustment

This guidance will be reviewed annually at the mid-winter meeting by the Board of Directors to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the Association and reflects any changes in the financial situation or operating environment. The Board may adjust the target balance or the conditions under which the RDF can be used, based on the UHSRA evolving financial needs.