

# Minnesota High School Rodeo Association

## Contestant and Parent

### Code of Conduct

#### NHSRA Mission Statement

- Promote the sport of rodeo and the highest type of conduct and sportsmanship, and expose its positive image to the general public
- Preserve the Western Heritage
- Offer a privilege of family bonding
- Offer an opportunity of continuing education
- Maintain the highest regard for livestock

As a MNHSRA Contestant understand and will abide by the following rules of conduct and all rules in the National High School Rodeo Rule Book.

- a. Contestant can be disqualified by judges, executive committee (or at a State/Province Rodeo, by the State/Province Governing body), arena director, or National Director, for any offense listed under this section .
- b. Contestant shall be notified as soon as possible by the person or persons disqualifying the Contestant .
- c. In case of contestant disqualification under this section the contestant is entitled to a hearing with the executive committee (or state/province governing body)

Highlighted Rules-(Please see NHSRA Rulebook for the complete list of rules)

1. I have read the following section from the NHSRA Rulebook- Covering General Rules for Contestants and Contestant Disqualifications.
2. I will wear western attire: western hat, long sleeved shirt (must be wrist length sleeved shirt, with collar and cuffs. No sweatshirts, t-shirts or pull-over sweaters allowed), western boots, and western trousers at all times during a performance while in the following areas: (a) All competition areas, (b) Chute areas, (c) Stock working areas, (d) Any contestant in any seating area, whether competing or not. 9. Exception: a) At dances, contestants are required to wear contestant numbers and western trousers. Western shirts or T-shirts may be worn. T-shirts with crew type neckline with long or short sleeves (no sleeveless), waist length or longer will be allowed. No tank tops. No cut, ripped or otherwise altered T-shirts will be allowed. Western boots and hats are optional.
3. b) Jackets or sweatshirts may be permitted during inclement weather conditions.
4. Shirt sleeves must be rolled down. The back number must be worn at all times- from check in to the completion of the rodeo weekend.
5. All Contestants must have shirttails tucked in at the start of their competition.
6. I will not use excessive discipline on my horse in or on the arena grounds, nor abuse the stock in any way. Training my horse should take place at home and not in front of spectators.
7. Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the best interests of the National High School Rodeo Association or the sport of rodeo while in attendance or coming to and going home from a rodeo
8. Having any association with alcoholic beverages, vaping, marijuana products, tobacco products, and narcotic or 36 other non-medicinal drugs while in attendance at any approved High School Rodeo, whether at a motel or on rodeo grounds or going to or from the rodeo or at any rodeo function . Contestants will be disqualified for the use of those products .
9. STOCK: (1) Contestant will be disqualified for being in a pen with the livestock at any time except when accompanied by stock contractor, arena director, or a judge, or when assigned to work in those pens
10. A contestant must be in good standing with all the proper paperwork filled out and submitted.
11. CURFEW – Contestants are required to be on the campgrounds or at their hotel by 1:00 a.m., at all rodeos and quiet.

If a contestant is found in violation of rules the following steps will take place:

**First Violation:** Verbal warning by Judge, Arena Director or National Director- To be documented-Meeting with contestant and parent following the rodeo.

**Second Violation:** Disqualification from rodeo- documented- Meeting with contestant, parent and Executive Board following the rodeo

**Third Violation:** Disqualification from entire rodeo weekend-documented-Meeting with contestant, parent and Executive Board following the rodeo.

Along with the competition disqualification, further consequences may be implemented:

**CENSURE:** (1) Censure may occur, without formal hearing, and effective notice will be provided in the most expeditious manner given the existing circumstance to member, and/or parent of guardian of a member or contestant, from the State/Province Association or National Executive Committee . Censure shall not involve a loss of membership benefits, but the Censure shall be made a part of the member's Membership file and may be considered in the event of subsequent Disciplinary Action.

**PROBATION:** (1) Probation may be imposed, without formal hearing for up to one (1) year with no loss of benefits of the Association . Conditions may be imposed as a part of the Probationary Action . Effective notice will be provided in the most expeditious manner given the existing circumstance to member, and/or parent or guardian of a member or contestant . The Probationary Action shall be made a part of the member's Membership file may be considered in the event of subsequent Disciplinary Action.

**REMOVAL:** (1) Removal from elected office or relinquishment of any title, position or crown may be imposed, after formal hearing . e . **SUSPENSION:** (1) Suspension of all membership rights may be imposed, after formal hearing, for a period of one (1) year . Effective notice will be provided in the most expeditious manner given the existing circumstance to member, and/or parent or guardian of a member or contestant.

**EXPULSION:** (1) Permanent Expulsion may be imposed, after formal hearing . Written notice to be provided to member and/or parent or guardian of a member or contestant after said hearing . A member, parent or guardian of a member or contestant, shall be permanently expelled in the event that hearing it is determined that the member, parent or guardian of member or contestant, has i) been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or, ii) engaged in acts of fraud, dishonesty, collusion, concealment or misrepresentation of facts involving judges or events.

As a MNHSRA parent I understand and will abide by the following:

1. As a parent, I pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for all members participating in the activities of MNHSRA.
2. Place the emotional and physical well-being of my child and the other members ahead of a personal desire to win.
3. Encourage my child to treat other members, spectators, officials and others with respect.

We( Member and Parent(s)) have read and understand the MNHSRA and NHSRA Code of Conduct and acknowledge that I have received a copy of the rules. We understand that if any of these rules are abused, the Executive Board will decide on the consequence(s).

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Contestant Signature

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Date

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Parent (Guardian) Signature

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Date

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Parent (Guardian) Signature

Date