



## HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE RODEO 2019 GROUND RULES

### 1. **OVERRIDING RULES**

- A. The National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA) Rules will be followed. Visit <http://www.nhsra.com/RuleBook>.

### 2. **QUALIFIERS**

- A. By entering to compete in the 2019 High School Champions Challenge Rodeo ("H.S. RODEO") to be held in Omaha, Nebraska, on September 28, 2019, you agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of these ground rules, NHSRA Rodeo Rules, and any other applicable rules, including all releases of liability set forth in those documents. In addition, all H.S. RODEO contestants will be required to sign a H.S. RODEO liability waiver prior to competing.

- B. Six (6) qualifiers in each event for the H.S. RODEO shall be the top Contestant in the 2019 High School Rodeo standings for their individual state. Each person who qualifies and confirms his/her intent to compete must complete and sign a H.S. RODEO waiver form and Contestant Entry Form (contained in Exhibits A and B, respectively), and these documents must be received by Jamie Stephens no later than September 6, 2019 to be eligible to compete.

Should the top point earning contestant be unable to compete, each state's national director is responsible for filling their respective state teams with the next top point earners until their teams are filled.

- C. In the team roping, the top six (6) qualifying headers must rope with the top six (6) qualifying heelers from their respective state. Should there be a discrepancy in partner designation; the state office will determine the match.
- D. COMPETITION CONFIRMATION. The top six (6) contestants from each state/event must confirm intent to compete by turning in their paperwork to the Jamie Stephens no later than: September 6, 2019.
- E. Current Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) "health papers" are required for all contestant horses and can be checked by the veterinarian to entry onto grounds. Horses without the proper CVI's and Coggins Papers will not be allowed on the grounds and will not be allowed to compete.

### 3. **CONTESTANT INFORMATION**

- A. Check-In: H.S. RODEO Contestants are required to check in at the Rodeo Secretary's office (or designated area determined by the Rodeo Secretary) between the hours of 9-9:45 am on the day of the performance. Failure to check in during this time could result in disqualification.



- B. Hazers: Contestants will be required to furnish their own hazer.
- C. Stalls: Stalls are available at Chance Ridge Arena. Chance Ridge is approximately 18 miles from the CHI Health Center. Stalls must be reserved and pre-paid for with the rodeo secretary.
- D. Parking: All contestants need to park in **PARKING LOT A**. All vehicles improperly parked on property (on sidewalks, grass or in fire lanes as deemed by Facility Management or the Omaha Police) will be towed at owner's expense.
- E. Entry Fees: Entry fee per contestant for this event is \$0.
- F. Rodeo Payout: The H.S. RODEO will payout one \$1,500 in a scholarship per event, with equal money for Team Roping. Total H.S. RODEO payout: \$16,500.

#### 4. **GENERAL**

- A. Determination of Event Champion/Event Winners: The H.S. RODEO Event Champion will be the person who has the fastest time or highest score in said event. In case of a tie the Event Champion title will be shared. This includes H.S. RODEO scholarship which will be equally shared. If no time or score is recorded by Officials for a given event no H.S. RODEO Event Champion will be awarded.
- B. Foul Language: Any contestant using foul language in the arena, either audibly or by obviously mouthing the words, will be subject to penalties outlined in the NHSRA ground rules.
- C. Credentials: All Officials, volunteers, and contestants must have proper identification to be on the Arena floor. Family members will not be allowed.
- D. Dress Code: All contestants and coaches must be properly dressed in western attire while in the arena, one hour before the performances and during the performances.
- E. Mistreatment of animals, competitors or attendees: The H.S. RODEO has strict animal care policies which will be enforced. Disorderly conduct or mistreatment of people or animals will result in disqualification.
- F. Contestant Gear: Contestants will be responsible for their own equipment at all times. Dressing rooms will not be provided.
- G. Contestant horses for the TD, SW, TR, BK, and BA will be allowed in the building through the EAST exterior door. This will be regulated by security.
- H. Contestants' horses are not allowed in restricted areas (areas that are posted) at CHI Health Center.



**5. COMPETITION ORDER**

A. The H.S. RODEO Event Order:

1. Pole Bending
2. Bareback Riding
3. Break-Away Roping
4. Tie-Down Calf Roping
5. Saddle Bronc Riding
6. Goat Tying
7. Steer Wrestling
8. Team Roping
9. Barrel Racing
10. Bull Riding

B. H.S. RODEO Contestant Draw Order: The Rodeo Secretary will via random draw determine the state draw order.

C. H.S. RODEO Stock Order: The Rodeo Secretary and Stock Contractor will via random draw determine the stock order for events.

**6. TIMED EVENTS**

A. Stock Selection: Cattle used in timed events shall be selected by the H.S. RODEO Arena Director, with the approval of the H.S. RODEO Committee.

B. A contestant is prohibited from circling the arena.

C. A contestant must be ready when called. By definition, "ready when called" shall mean that the contestant must be riding into the box when the previous animal leaves the arena. Contestant delay of the production of the rodeo will not be tolerated.

D. Rattling the gates in the Timed Event chutes (to get horse to score) will not be tolerated.

E. No more than one in the box is so requested by contestant.

F. Only one horse in the box.

G. The judges have the authority to designate a replacement for an animal fighting or sulking in the chute.

H. Time Limits and Loops:

1. Team Roping: There will be two (2) loops with a 25 second time limit.
2. Break-away Roping: There will be one (1) loop with a 25 second time limit.
3. Tie-Down Roping: There will be one (1) loop with a 25 second time limit.
4. Goat tying: There will be a 25 second time limit
5. Steer Wrestling: There will be one jump in the steer wrestling with a 25 second time limit.



- I. If a timed event animal escapes the chute prior to the contestant calling for him, that contestant will automatically receive the first extra and will compete on that animal in the performance. The originally drawn animal will remain in the herd.
- J. Unruly or unmanageable animals, including contestants' horses that endanger H.S. RODEO personnel, contestants or spectators, or that disrupt the production of the H.S. RODEO may be disqualified by the Officials from further use.
- K. Horse handlers and helpers for the tie-down roping, steer wrestling, and team roping events can bring the horses as far forward as the tie-down animal pens, but will not be allowed past the area or in the box. Only H.S. RODEO contestants and personnel are allowed in the box or past the holding pens.
- L. Timed event contestants will enter and exit the arena as directed by the Arena Director. No walking through the center or side of the arena will be allowed. All Timed Event contestants will exit through the designated gates, immediately after competing.
- M. Barrel Racing: If official time/electric eye fails an official will use a stop watch time.

## 7. **RIDING EVENTS**

- A. Two judges will be used to score each ride.
- B. A contestant must be ready when called. Contestant delay of the production of the rodeo will not be tolerated. By definition, "ready when called" shall be:
  - 1. Bareback Riding: Contestant must be over horse with hand in rigging when previous horse leaves the arena.
  - 2. Saddle Bronc Riding: Contestant must have horse cinched (front & rear) with rein measured, and be in the chute, mounting the horse when the previous horse leaves the arena
  - 3. Bull Riding: Contestant must be pulling rope when previous bull leaves the arena.
- C. Flank: The length of the flank rope on horse flanks shall be no longer than nine feet (9').
- D. Re-rides: Two (2) re-rides will be available.
- E. Bucking Chutes: Only contestants and contestant's coach or helper are allowed on chutes.
- F. All riders must exit through the designated gates, immediately after competing.



**EXHIBIT A-PLEASE SEND BACK TO JAMIE STEPHENS**

**RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, INDEMNIFICATION AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE BY MINOR**

(READ BEFORE SIGNING)

Name of Minor: (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK APPLICABLE EVENTS:      Bareback Riding \_\_\_\_\_ Bull Riding \_\_\_\_\_ Goat Tying \_\_\_\_\_  
Steer Wrestling \_\_\_\_\_ Saddle Bronc \_\_\_\_\_ Pole Bending \_\_\_\_\_  
Calf Roping \_\_\_\_\_ Team Roping \_\_\_\_\_ Barrel Racing \_\_\_\_\_  
Break-away Roping \_\_\_\_\_

The Undersigned hereby represents and warrants that he/she is the parent or legal guardian of Minor named above and that he/she has the full power, authority, capacity and right, without limitations, to execute, deliver and perform this Release, Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, Indemnification and Covenant Not to Sue by Minor (the "Agreement").

The Undersigned hereby requests that Minor be granted permission to (1) participate in the activities of the High School Champions Challenge Rodeo at CHI Health Center in Omaha, NE (the "Premises") on September 28, 2019, as a contestant, assistant, official, and/or otherwise in the rodeo events, as identified above; (2) enter the restricted areas on the Premises, which is restricted to the general public and includes, but is not limited to, the rodeo arena, competition area, chutes, pens, adjacent walkways, concessions, and other appurtenances (hereinafter, the "Restricted Area"); and/or (3) compete for money, prizes, recognition or reward (collectively, the "Event"). The Undersigned acknowledges and understands that Minor's participation in the Event may entail danger and risk of personal injury, illness, property damage or death to Minor, that conditions of the rodeo arena change from time to time and may become more hazardous, that rodeo animals are dangerous and unpredictable, and that there is inherent danger in rodeo, which the Undersigned appreciates and voluntarily assumes because Minor and the Undersigned choose to do so. The Undersigned has observed events of the type that Minor seeks to participate in. The Undersigned understands that other contestants and participants pose a danger to Minor, but nevertheless, the Undersigned and Minor voluntarily elect to accept all risks connected with Minor's entry into the Restricted Area and/or participation in the Event.

In consideration of Minor being allowed to participate in the Event and/or granted access to the Restricted Area, the Undersigned, both individually and on behalf of Minor, hereby releases River City Rodeo, CHI Health Center, the High School Champions Challenge Rodeo and its volunteers, the stock contractor(s), the rodeo association, the sponsors, and their officers, directors, employees, agents, assigns and affiliates (hereinafter, the "Releasees") from any and all claims, both present and future, arising from Minor's participation in the Event and/or access to the Restricted Area. The Undersigned understands that the Releasees do not carry any health insurance for participants in the Event, including Minor, and that Releasees assume no financial responsibility for any medical, health or disability payments arising from participation in the Event or access to the Restricted Area. The Undersigned, both individually and on behalf of Minor, hereby voluntarily waives any and all claims, both present and future, arising from Minor's participation in the Event, including, but not limited to, claims arising from negligence or negligent rescue operations, and resulting in property



damage, personal injury, illness and wrongful death. The Undersigned further agrees not to sue, claim against, attach the property of, or prosecute Releasees for any personal injury or property damage that was caused or resulted from the negligence of any person associated with the Event and the Restricted Area or any other cause arising from Minor's participation in the Event or access to the Restricted Area.

The Undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Releasees from any litigation expense, attorney fees, claims for property damage or personal injury in connection with Minor's activities on the Premises, in connection with the Event and/or access to the Restricted Area.

This document shall be broadly construed and governed in accordance with the laws of the state of Nebraska. If any portion of the Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining portions shall continue to be valid and enforceable.

**The Undersigned has carefully read the above and fully understands the contents. The Undersigned is aware that he/she is releasing certain legal rights that the Undersigned or Minor may have, and the Undersigned enters into this Contract of his/her own free will.**

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Parent or Legal Guardian (signature)

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Parent or Legal Guardian (printed name)

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Date

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RELATIONSHIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

