

Texas High School Rodeo Association Region IV Rules and Bylaws

I. Board of Directors

- A. All Board of Directors must be paid Adult Members
- B. All Board Members must be present in dress code at all Region IV Rodeos
- C. Board of Directors will have a President, Vice President, and other individuals who will make up the entire Board of Directors.
 - 1. President and Vice President Election Procedures:
 - i. Must be a current board member on the existing board
 - ii. Nominations for President and Vice President will be received at a general public membership meeting during Rodeo 10
 - iii. Elections will be held at a general public membership meeting during the Regions IV Finals rodeo(s) to serve on board Aug thru July
- D. All Board Members must attend all Board Meetings
- E. All Board Members must serve as an Event Director
- F. No Immediate family member may serve on the same board

II. Board of Directors Responsibilities:

A. President Responsibility

- 1. Overall rodeo productions
- 2. Annual Reservations and Contracts with arena facilities
- 3. Arena conditions and use of tractor and other equipment
- 4. Communication with Stock Contractors
- 5. Communication with EMS
- 6. Communication with State Board and respective Secretary

B. Vice President Responsibility

- 1. Assist President with all rodeo events and livestock
- 2. Be available during the entire rodeo

C. Board Member other than President and Vice President

- 1. Board Members are appointed by the Region IV President and Vice President based on individuals' knowledge and ability to serve
- 2. Must inspect stock for Board Members designated event before draw
- 3. Responsible for setup of their designated event

III. Adult Membership

- A. Membership form is included in contestant membership packet
- B. Any paid membership may make a nomination for the President and Vice President that are on the current Board
- C. Any paid membership may vote on the nominated President and Vice President
- D. Each of the President and Vice President will serve one-year terms but can be voted in as the President and/or Vice President for multiple years in a row.

IV. State Directors

- A. State Directors must be a paid Adult Member.
- B. Each State Director is appointed by a Region IV Board Member based on individuals' knowledge and ability to serve.

1. High School State Director

- i. There will be 3 High School State Directors appointed
- ii. Each must represent Region IV at mandatory meeting held in Dallas, TX in August
- iii. Each must attend Hallettsville Founder Rodeo Meeting in October
- iv. Each must attend one other State Board meeting within the rodeo season
- v. A State Director must not miss two consecutive State meetings
- vi. Each is responsible for attaining help for regional event at State Finals and for the duration of State Finals
- vii. Each must be in attendance for State Finals Short Go in the finals performance
- viii. Each must be available to assist Region members during State Finals

2. Junior High State Director

- i. There will be 3 High School State Directors appointed
- ii. Each must represent Region IV at mandatory meeting held in Dallas, TX in August
- iii. Each must attend Hallettsville Founder Rodeo Meeting in October
- iv. Each must attend one other State Board meeting within the rodeo season
- v. A State Director must not miss two consecutive State meetings
- vi. Each is responsible for attaining help for regional event at State Finals and for the duration of State Finals
- vii. Each must be in attendance for State Finals Short Go in the finals performance
- viii. Each must be available to assist Region members during State Finals

V. Student Officers

- A. Elected by current student members at Mandatory Meeting during Rodeo 1.
- B. Nominations will be in the membership packet, and any contestant interested has the option to enter the election.
- C. Student Officers are responsible for t-shirt design, community service projects, providing information for region social media page, setting up and tearing down arena (including sponsorship banners), any fundraising event, helping awards committee with Region Finals awards and Prom
- D. Student officers will be made up of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Ariat Reporter (High School)

1. Student President

- i. Will lead all student meetings and community service projects
- ii. Responsible for sponsor flags (if applicable) and assist

with banner set up and removal

iii. Serve on stated committees in the bylaws

2. Student Vice President

i. Assist President with needs and banner set up and removal

ii. Set up and assist President with Sponsor flags and grand entry

iii. Serve on stated committees in the bylaws

3. Student Secretary

i. Assist President and Vice President

ii. Serve on stated committees in by-laws

4. Student Ariat Reporter (High School)

i. Apply approximately May 1 each year with the state media director. Reporter is selected by judging. Reporter is limited to current 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders and subject to state rules.

VI. Contract Personnel

A. Region Secretary will be paid a monthly salary set by Region Board of Directors. Secretary duties are defined by the state office however, each region may also have additional rules/duties to follow as outlined below:

1. Must be bonded per state rules
2. Must be signatory on Region bank account
3. Maintain region correspondence with all records
4. Provide programs for each rodeo with a cover page to include state sponsors
5. Prepare membership packets before the first rodeo.
 - i. Packets to include entry blank, bloomer tickets, region sponsorship information, state ad information, region rules, important dates to remember and any other information deemed of importance
6. Collect truck raffle tickets, state ads, state raffle tickets, and region sponsorship
7. Process all new and returning memberships with state office according to state deadlines
8. Update website, social media accounts, and remind APP after each rodeo with points and new information as applicable
9. Send monthly financials to state office based on due date issued by state office
10. Provide contestants and Adult Members with Rule Books

VII. Region Committees

A. Awards Committee & Awards

1. Will consist of 3-5 Adult Members and 3 student officers
2. Responsible for obtaining award bids that will fall within the Board Members' budget and then presenting award bids for final approval from Board Members. Awards will consist of no less than:

- i. All Around Cowboy and Cowgirl Champion Saddles
 - ii. Buckles for Rookie Cowboy and Cowgirl
 - iii. Awards will be given through 10th place in each event.
 - A contestant must enter and pay fees at a minimum of 6 rodeos to be eligible for year-end awards.
 - iv. Any additional awards/gift that are to be awarded outside the set award criteria will require Region Board approval (i.e., jackets)
 - v. For a saddle to be awarded for an event, there must be at least 5 contestants entered in each of the first 6 rodeos.
- 3. Order all awards
 - 4. Set up and present awards at Region Finals

B. Scholarship Committee

- 1. Will consist of the President, Vice President, and 1 State Director
- 2. Applications will be available at the October rodeo and also posted on the Region website
- 3. All scholarships are subject to the Board of Directors' approval, including but not limited to, the quantity of scholarships to be awarded. The Board of Directors can, at its discretion, choose not to accept a scholarship application.
- 4. The Committee will review applicants in accordance with the following:
 - i. Applicant must be a Senior in good standing with the Region and State office (EX: all tickets and sponsorships sold)
 - ii. Applicant must be a current Region IV member
 - iii. Applicant must participate in all 12 region rodeos unless a medical/family emergency
 - iv. Applicant must complete all required applications by designated deadlines
 - v. Applicant must have fulfilled his/her duties as a Region IV Student Officer (if applicable)
 - vi. Applicant must attend Finals Ceremony
- 5. Scholarship amounts will be awarded based on Region IV High School years of membership
 - i. \$250/Year of membership for a maximum of \$1000 to be awarded

C. Grand Entry Committee

- 1. Will consist of 3-5 people who will assist the Student President with grand entry flag presentation and prayer at each rodeo

D. Prom Committee

- 1. Consists of 3 High School Student Officers and their parents along with a director

E. Fundraiser Committee

- 1. Consists of 2-3 adults, a director, and Student Officers
- 2. Responsible for bids, designs, orders, and distribution of all orders

F. Sponsor Committee

- 1. Consists of 2-3 adults, a director, and Student Officers

2. Responsible for attaining any sponsor, creating a pamphlet for sponsors invitation, sponsor recognition, and sponsor appreciation gifts

VII. TIES

A. Year-end champions:

1. The tie will be decided by a rope/run/ride off.
 - i. There will be a coin toss to determine position for rope/run/ride off.
 - ii. The contestant with the fastest run/highest marked ride in the finals will call the toss.
 - iii. The winner of the coin toss will decide which position they want to compete in.
 - iv. In the events that require stock, the stock that was competed on by each contestant at finals will be put into a hat, and stock will be drawn by a judge for each contestant. In the barrels and poles, each contestant will compete on fresh ground.

B. All other ties will be decided by the following:

1. Ties will be decided by the following:
 - i. The contestant who came into the finals with the most points
 - ii. The contestant with the most 1st-place finishes
 - iii. The contestant with the most 2nd-place finishes, 3rd, 4th, etc.
 - i. If most 10th-place finishes cannot break the tie, the tie will be decided by a coin flip. The contestant with the fastest run/highest marked ride of the finals will call the toss.

VIII. OTHER

A. Payments for all rodeos that are returned due to non-sufficient funds will be collected in cash with bank fees included. Parent/contestant will then be placed on a cash-only basis for the remainder of the rodeo season. If the debt is not paid in full by 8 am of the next scheduled rodeo, the contestant will not be allowed to compete. NO EXCEPTIONS

B. Rodeo judges will be approved by the Board of Directors

C. If at any point a contestant or parent has a question for the state office, please go to your region board or state director and ask them to contact the state office for you.

D. A contestant will be given the following opportunities to enter a Region IV rodeo. No exceptions will be made outside of the below:

1. Saturday
2. Sunday
3. Slack

E. State and National qualifiers will be eligible for an allowance from Region IV, depending on the yearly budget

F. If a parent or Board Member would like to be reimbursed for a specific expense related to Region Rodeos, the expense must be approved by the Board of Directors PRIOR to the purchase being made. The expense will be reimbursed once the original receipt has been signed, turned in, and has Board approved.

G. Every State qualifier or parent from Region IV will be required to sign up and pay in full with both legal parents' signatures within one hour after the completion

of the final rodeo. If the State finals paperwork is not complete with BOTH LEGAL PARENTS' signatures within the deadline, the Region Secretary will contact the next contestant in line to accept the State Finals position.

H. Any other by-laws not covered specifically by Region IV will be referred to by the General by-laws of THSRA