



AUSTRALIAN HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION BYLAWS AND RULES

PURPOSES AND AIMS:

- 1.** To follow all the rules, constitution and Bylaws as set down and duly adopted by the NHSRA (National High School Rodeo Association) in Australia.
- 2.** To promote High School Rodeo from a national level and bring recognition to this activity for the students who are in grades 6-12 of the commencement of the schooling year.
- 3.** To promote the highest type of conduct and sportsmanship at the various rodeos by setting up standards to be met and reach at this end.
- 4.** To promote closer relationships among the people interested in this activity and the organisation that they represent.
- 5.** To increase and maintain interest of students attending school or other educational facilities in rodeo and other functions of the Nation.
- 6.** To encourage any student to continue school participate in rodeos and encourage education towards a career.
- 7.** To promote strong representation by Australia at the NHSRA Finals and Junior Finals.
- 8.** There will be no discrimination to race, sex or religion.
- 9.** In the event of dissolution of this organisation any assets belonging to AHSRA will go to a nonprofit organisation designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 1 - MEMBERSHIP

1) Membership shall be open to anyone wishing to support and perpetuate the sport of rodeo and as following.

A) Junior High in Australia is grades 6, 7 & 8 at the commencement of the schooling year (to a maximum age of 16). Maximum years of membership are 3 years.

B) High in Australia is grades 9, 10, 11 & 12 (to a maximum age of 18). The maximum years of membership are 4.

C) Enrolled in and attending school.

D) All education will be accepted pending the AHSRA Board approval.

E) All students must have made average achievements in 4 subjects or if carrying less than 4 subjects must have passing grades. Even if student has graduated in the middle of the year or have attended half days they will be eligible to compete in NHSRA Finals.

F) Students attending home school, private school, religious school or correspondence school are eligible for membership.

G) Students attending all other educational facilities must supply an official transcript of their achievement to ensure competency is being maintained.

2) Membership will be divided into 4 major categories.

A) **Student membership**- Students fulfilling requirements of good standing, not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school or by the laws of Australia. This is a voting membership.

B) **Associate membership**- Adults wishing to actively participate in the affairs and activities of the AHSRA. This is a voting membership.

C) **Supportive Membership**- Any person or firm wishing to support the AHSRA by donations, as approved by the AHSRA Board of Directors. This will be an honorary membership. This is a nonvoting membership.

D) **Honary Lifetime membership**- A membership that may only be bestowed by the vote of Board of Directors. This a voting membership.

3) Any person becoming a member of this association shall comply with all of its rules, bylaws and decisions will be bound by same. Membership is a privilege not a right.

ARTICLE 2 - DUES

1) Dues vary according to type of membership and are subject to change as they occur in state and National policies. Memberships are due 1st of May each calendar year.

A) Student membership- Students will pay annual dues as determined by the board of directors each year and shall be sufficient amount to meet the requirements and expenses of the AHSRA.

Junior \$140.00 au

High \$150.00 au

B) Associate membership- Associate membership dues shall be determined by the Board of directors at annual meeting.

Associate \$35.00 au

C) Supportive membership- No membership fee

D) Honoree membership- No membership fee

2) All dues are payable to the AHSRA National Secretary, who shall issue each member a certificate of membership which may not be transferred or reassigned. Timely payment of dues as determined by the Board of Directors is a condition of membership.

3) Any student wishing to participate in any State or Regional activity or State Finals Rodeo must be current in dues. Payment and other eligibility requirements as set forth in the annual ground rules as a condition of membership, as verified by a membership card by written statement by State Secretary or Designee.

ARTICLE 3- ELIGIBILITY

1) To remain eligible in the AHSRA student must meet following requirements.

A) Student must be in good standing not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school.

B) Student must have no convictions on police record.

C) Student must maintain average school grading achievement.

D) If a student is suspended or expelled from school for misconduct they shall not be allowed to compete until they have returned to school and have written confirmation from their principal of acceptable conduct.

E) If a contestant is unable to compete in his or her event due to injury received during a rodeo the contestant shall include a medical certificate before competing in that event again.

F) Enrolment at TAFE or correspondence school for the purpose of achieving a School Certificate constitutes equivalent High School enrolment. The AHSRA Board of Directors will certify student eligibility. Certification should be presented on a school letterhead and must include a current school report.

ARTICLE 4 - STATE OFFICERS

1) There shall be two groups of officers consisting of Adult Officers and Student Officers.

2) Adult Officers- The State Officers of this organisation will be President, Vice President, National Secretary and National Director.

3) Election of Duties and State Officers.

4) State officers shall be elected by any voting financial member of the AHSRA upon majority vote.

5) **National Director** will be voted in by all voting financial members of the AHSRA upon majority vote. Upon a majority vote will serve 2 years deemed as probationary period. After this time the AHSRA Board of Directors will elect him/her to reinstate the National Director for the following 5 year term (upon agreement of the ND). Or then invite new nominees for the said position and allow the position to be voted on by the members. The new ND will then serve a 2 year probationary term.

6) **National Secretary** will be voted in by all voting financial members of the AHSRA upon majority vote. Upon a majority vote will serve 1 year deemed as probationary period. After this time the AHSRA Board of Directors will elect him/her to reinstate the National Secretary for the following 5 year term (upon agreement of the NS). Or then invite new nominees for the said position and allow the position to be voted on by the members. The new NS will then serve a 1 year probationary term.

7) **President, Vice President** will be voted in by all voting members of the AHSRA upon majority vote and will serve a 1 year probationary period. After this time the AHSRA will elect to reinstate the President and Vice President for a further 2 year term (upon agreement of the nominees) or to invite new nominees for the said position and allow the position to be voted on by the members. If the position is opened up to new nominees and voted on by the members the position will be deemed a 1 year probationary period.

7) All other positions are voted on annually.

8) Officers of this organisation shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers together with such duties as shall be prescribed by the By-Laws of the organisation or by the Board of Directors.

9) Student Officers

A) Student Officers will be President, Vice President, Secretary and Junior High Reps and shall be elected by student membership during the course of their respective student AGM held at their respective State Finals Rodeo. Terms of office shall commence the day after the Australian Finals and continue through to the last day of State Finals of the following year.

B) Students running for office may announce their candidacy no later than one week before their State Finals. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Voting will be by secret ballot with a majority necessary to be elected.

C) Student officer's duties include attending the regular meetings of the Board or Directors.

ARTICLE 5 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1) Adult President

A) The President shall be the chairman of the Board of Directors, the Executive committee and the ex-office member of all committees.

B) The President will hold the 2nd vote to break a tie of Board of Directors.

2) Adult Vice President

A) The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in their absence. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President he shall serve as president until the annual election of officers.

3) National Secretary / Treasurer

A) National Secretary will be initially voted on annually then for a 5 year term by any voting AHSRA member. The NS shall keep minutes of all meetings, shall preserve all documents of AHSRA. The NS shall distribute copies of meeting minutes to board members prior to next meeting, shall serve as a liaison between NHSRA and AHSRA and perform functions required by both associations. The treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the organisation and shall deposit funds in the bank and disperse funds as necessary. The Treasurer will prepare a printed financial statement for Board of Directors.

4) National Director

A) The National Director will attend the State Finals, the NHSRA Finals and the annual January meeting of the NHSRA and report to the State Board of Directors.

B) Assume duties assigned by the NHSRA Board of Directors.

C) The National Director shall vote in accordance with the wishes of the state organisation.

5) Student Officers

A) The student officers will perform duties usually performed by such officers in the student matters of the organisation as directed by the Board of Directors.

B) The Student President, Vice President and secretary shall serve as voting members of the Board of Directors, during the term of office of such Student Representatives.

C) The student officers shall conduct the annual student meeting held at State Finals Rodeo and any other student meetings held throughout the year.

ARTICLE 6- ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

1) The Directors shall be elected by the simple majority of student, adult and lifetime members present and voting at the AGM. Student Directors shall be elected by simple majority of members present and voting during their State Finals. In addition one Junior High Representative shall be elected by simple majority present and voting during state finals.

ARTICLE 7 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1) The business affairs of the organisation shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors. They shall have the right to do all things necessary in conducting the affairs of the State organisation. They shall establish major administrative policies and diverse and implement measures for the organisations growth and development. Directors shall select the site for the annual State Finals Rodeo and direct planning and staging of this activity.

2) The State Board of Directors shall be composed Student Officers, President, Vice President, National Secretary, National Director.

A) Additional positions Marketing and Promotions, Cutting Director, Reining Director, Rodeo Queen Director

3) In the case of a Director being unable to fulfil the required term, the Board of Directors can appoint a suitable candidate to complete the term. At the completion of the term the position will then be voted on by any eligible voting member.

4) A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the State Finals. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President on seven days' notice to each Director either personally, by mail or email and shall be held at such time and place as in the notice thereof.

5) The AGM for student members, associate members and lifetime members will be held at a suitable time agreed on by the Board of Directors at the beginning of the new season at which time the election of Directors shall be conducted. Notice of the date time and location will be emailed, or mailed to members 30 days prior to AGM.

6) In the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors the President of the organisation may refer and submit by mail or email to the members definite questions relating to the affairs of the organisation which in the opinion of the President requires the immediate action of the Board. The results of such a referendum require a majority vote of the board of Directors.

7) A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to do business.

8) There shall be an executive committee of the Board of Directors composed President, Vice President, National Secretary and National Director. The executive committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the Board of Directors on a routine day to day matters. A majority of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum to do business.

9) In case of a tie the President will cast the deciding vote.

10) Any Board member missing 2 consecutive board meetings without legitimate reason will be removed from the Board of Directors.

Disciplinary Committee

This committee will be formed by people approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLES 8 - MISCELLANEOUS

The AHSRA Finals shall be conducted under the same rules and regulations as set forth of the constitution and Bylaws of the AHSRA and the NHSRA.

The adoption of Australian Code of Practice regards animal welfare as set out in the Australian Bushmans Campdraft and Rodeo Association.
(*Founding rule 2002*)

1) Australian Animal welfare policy over rides any conflicting NHSRA rule. Australian animal welfare rules will be followed without question. Any person who fails to comply will be disciplined accordingly.

2) Competitors under the age of 18 must wear an Australian standards approved safety helmet in all events at the AHSRA and AHSRA affiliated events. All Bull riders Junior and High MUST wear a helmet.

3) Any Board member that brings the association into disrepute will be stood down effective immediately as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board of Directors.

4) Any AHSRA Member (competing or associate) who brings this association into disrepute will be suspended from the association for an amount of time deemed appropriate by the Executive Board of Directors (1st Offence) and permanently prohibited from the association (2nd offence) as deemed appropriate.

5) Any immediate family member of an AHSRA member who brings the association into disrepute will result in their member being suspended from the association for an amount of time deemed appropriate (1st Offence) and geminately prohibited from the association (2nd offence) as deemed appropriate by the Disciplinary Committee.

6) Rule changes relating to animal welfare can be made effective immediately as deemed appropriate by the Board.

7) Secretary position a paid position for a period of 3 year contract. Remuneration will be negotiated with the Secretary and Board of Directors.

(2007 Bob Armitage)

8) All members are to bring a prize to the finals or pay a \$25 Trophy levy.

(2007 Bob Armitage)

9) When nominating for finals each year either a current report card, a letter from the school stating what their marks are to be attached to nominations. Or permission is to be granted to secretary that she can contact the school to find out information.

(2012 special meeting Tenterfield Mick Gray)

10) If any of the competitors is out of dress code at Finals during any of the performances or in the breaks, at AGM or Presentation the following rule will be implemented.

1st offence Points at Board discretion will be deducted from Finals points.

2nd offence will be disqualified from finals.

(2012 special meeting Tenterfield Mick Gray)

11) Fundraising can not exceed estimated cost. Estimates are to be realistic and ALL members MUST submit a fundraising report. Including raffles, auctions, donations etc

If you have more than one team member in your area please include them as this is a team.

(2012 Special meeting Tenterfield Lana Carney-Wicks)

12) Points will only be awarded from the moment that you pay your membership in full and hand in all forms including school reports to the secretary.

(2012 special meeting Tenterfield Gary Payne)

13) Any official complainants must be done in writing and handed to the National Director/

National Secretary within 7 days of the event. Unless in writing will not be acted upon.

(2012 special meeting Tenterfield)

14) Maximum points taken into Finals is 40. Consisting of your 4 highest placing up to 40 points.

(AGM Coonamble 12-13 Chrystal Lennox Poole)

15) National Director Lana Carney-Wicks notified members of the requirement to change the current constitution that is register with the NSW Office of fair trade to the amended constitution of AHSRA.

(Special meeting Jake Finlay, Justin Bulmer)

16) Calf Ropers are unable to carry 2 ropes but you can recoil. One minute limit applies
(Executive Animal Welfare)

17) Points are gained by highest qualifying event entered. For example OPEN, NOVICE, JUNIOR.

18) All members that qualify for NHSRA finals must be accompanied by a parent or carer. If a parent cannot attend, a signed document stating carers details.
(Lana Carney-Wicks)

19) No season Points will be gained from POLE BENDING, RIBBON ROPING, CHUTE DOGGING, ALLROUND. Each member will go into the Finals on a clean slate.
(Lana Carney-Wicks)

20) Junior Division Breakaway ropers will not be able to carry 2 ropes. They are permitted to recoil.
(Lana Carney-Wicks)

21) No steer riding points will be given to High School Division members. High school members will only receive points from OPEN NOVICE OR JUNIOR BULLS.
(Lana Carney-Wicks)

22) Any questions or complaints MUST go through the AHSRA. Any member, board member, committee or parent who contacts the NHSRA without first coming through AHSRA will have disciplinary action taken.
(2013-14 AGM Warwick Lana Carney-Wicks)

23) No promotion with Television, Radio, Newspapers etc without consent and knowledge of the AHSRA.
(Executive AGM Warwick 13-14)

24) A Disciplinary Committee will be selected to deal with all disciplinary matters and complaints.
(Lana Carney-Wicks)

25) Any person who breaks the rules of fundraising/funding/grants and not declaring to the AHSRA or with National Director's consent, to be referred to the disciplinary committee without question.
(Lana Carney-Wicks)

26) Updated constitution with Department of Fair Trade. Upgrade to Model Constitution Act 2009 – no amendments.
(SRM Meeting Dalby 8.11.14)

27) All Disciplinary matters to be dealt with by Disciplinary Committee. There will be 3 members on committee. Members will be selected by the Board of Directors when required.
(Lana Carney-Wicks)

28) No participation points awarded in any events.

(Lana Carney-Wicks)

29) Financial records to be audited by a registered accountant if required for any Queensland Grants.

(Janine Finlay)

30) New season to commence on the 1st May each year and will end at the National Finals in Australia.

(Lana Carney-Wicks)

31) Each member to raise \$200 worth of raffle tickets each season or make a voluntary contribution of \$200 towards the running costs of the association. Raffle information and tickets to be supplied by the AHSRA. A discount will be offered to families with multiple members.

(Lana Carney-Wicks)

32) That all affiliated AHSRA rodeos run by a committee have precedence over the other rodeos in that area.

(Lisa Southern)

33) That all points award rodeos are advertised on the website and AHSRA facebook page with a minimum of 14 days' notice prior to the event.

(Lisa Southern)