

**TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION
REGION VIII RULES AND BYLAWS
PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE RULES SET BY THE REGION AND NOT THE STATE**

1. Adult Officers (MUST BE PRESENT AT TYRA HOSTED RODEO IF APPLICABLE)

- Elected at general membership meeting, by paid adult members; serve August thru July. Service dates will include the TYRA (if applicable) Region VIII High School rodeo.
- **President**-overall responsibility for rodeo productions; annual reservations ad contracts with arena facilities, arena condition, tractor and other equipment and communicates with stock contractors and EMS
- **Vice President Roping**- assist President with roping events and livestock
- **1st Vice President Speed**-responsible for staking arena before each rodeo, maintains poles, barrels, timers and ensure ground safety
- **Treasurer**- oversees payments, receipts, reviews bank statements and monthly financial reports, quarterly financial reports, signatory on region bank account. Establishes budget for special events pertaining to the region and rodeo functions (awards dinner, prom etc...)
- **State Directors**- 3 paid adult members will be elected to serve as state directors. They will represent the region on the state Board; subject to state rules. If needed by the President and Board can also serve as additional decision makers. Can also serve as a regular Board member. Mandatory to attend at least 1 State meeting in Dallas and at State Finals in Abilene.
- **Adult Event Directors**-will be elected at the September general membership meeting by paid adult members or appointed by the incoming president with no vote needed. They are responsible for enlisting adult arena helpers for each event they direct.
- **Awards Committee**- will consist of 3 to 5 people and will include the region Secretary/Treasurer. Responsible for award bids. Final awards will be determined by the Region Board.
- **Prom Committee**-will consist of 3 to 5 people that will work with student officers on layout, food décor, music and clean up. See Treasurer for budget.
- **T-Shirt fundraiser Committee**- will consist of 2 to 3 people that will work with student officers and be responsible for taking orders, collecting funds and distributing t-shirts
- **Grand Entry Committee**- will consist of 3 to 5 people that will assist the Student President with the grand entry flag presentation and prayer at each region rodeo

2. **Student Officers (MUST BE PRESENT AT TYRA HOSTED RODEO IF SCHEDULED)**

- Elected by current student members at the general membership meeting. Service dates will include the TYRA Region VIII High School rodeos.
- **President**- will lead all student meetings, community service projects, responsible for sponsor flags and assists with banner set up and removal. The Student President will also be responsible for arranging grand entry during state finals, as well as managing region group at Special Kids Rodeo in Abilene.
- **Vice President**-assists President with needs and is responsible for banner set up and removal and assisting president with sponsor flags and grand entry. The Student Vice President will also be responsible for arranging grand entry during state finals, as well as managing region group at Special Kids Rodeo in Abilene.
- **Secretary**-assist President and Vice President with a;; mentioned duties
- **Ariat Reporter**-Apply approximately May 1 each year with state media director, selected by judging, limited to current 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders and subject to state rules. Assist at State Finals with President, Vice President, and Secretary Responsibilities.

Student officers are responsible for community service projects, providing information for region Social media page.

3. **CONTRACT PERSONNEL**

- **Region Secretary**- Region secretary duties are also defined by the state office. Region may also have separate rules to include.
- Must be bonded per state rules
- Signatory on region bank account
- Maintain region correspondence and all records
- Provide programs for each rodeo with cover page to include state sponsors if available
- Have member packets ready to hand at the first rodeo. Packets are to include: entry blanks, bloomer tickets, region sponsorship information, state ad information, region rules, important dates to remember from the state office and any other important information requested by the officers
- Collect and track state ads, state raffle tickets and region sponsorships
- Process all new and returning memberships with the state office according to state deadlines. Once paperwork has been received complete by the state office and membership card has been mailed to the region for contestant the secretary can then be paid the \$10.00 membership fee per member. This is a onetime fee.
- Update website after each rodeo with points and new information and any social media site used for additional communication to members

- Send monthly financials to state office based on due date issued by state office (15th of each month)
- Secretary will be paid on a monthly basis a salary of \$800.00, mileage at the government rate (.55), lodging/RV for each region rodeo and state finals and wireless air card use for region business.

4. **AWARDS**

- Check with Region Treasurer for budget
- Region Champions- Saddles to All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl, Rookie Cowboy and Rookie Cowgirl and each event champion. If any event has less than 5 contestants for the rodeo season, a saddle will be permitted for purchase for the event champion if it is purchased and paid in full by a saddle sponsor. Region VIII will not be responsible for the expense.
- Buckles or other awards chosen by the committee and voted on by the contestants will be given to Region VIII queen and 2nd thru 10th place winners in each event
- Any additional gift that is to be awarded outside the set award criteria will require Region board approval.

5. **SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Check with Region Treasurer for budget
- Applications will be available at the October rodeo and also posted on the region website
- Outside committee of 3 will judge applicants according to the attached scholarship guidelines
- Interview committee will consist of 3 people and will be determined by the scholarship chair or committee
- Applicants must be present for the interview
- Guidelines
 - Senior
 - In good standings with the region and state office (all tickets and sponsorship sold)
 - Current member of Region VIII (must participate in all 10 rodeos unless a medical/family emergency)
 - Must be present for face to face interview unless other arrangements have been made with the committee prior to actual interview
 - Awarded at March awards program
 - Participate at TYRA hosted rodeo and region rodeos if applicable

6. **OTHER**

- Payments for 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 the next scheduled rodeo at 8:00 am the child will not be allowed to participate. NO EXCEPTIONS
- Rodeo judges will be approved by the Region board members

- If at any point you have a question for the state office please go to your region board or state director and ask that they contact the state office for you.
- Work points will be kept for each rodeo and the entire season. You MUST work 75% of region rodeos AND at state finals. Any family member of the contestant can work to accumulate work points.
- State and National qualifiers will be eligible for an allowance from the region depending on the region budget that year if all work point requirements (region and state) have been met. THIS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE REGION BOARD NOT THE STATE OFFICE
- Every state qualifier or parent from Region VIII will be required to sign up and work during a rodeo performance at state finals in order to receive reimbursement or allowance GIVEN by the Region. Once you have signed up to work and completed your assigned duty (after 2nd performance (Wednesday)) you will be eligible to collect your money from the region secretary. If you sign up and fail to comply you will NOT be reimbursed. If you sign up to work at state finals and DID NOT fulfill your REGION work point requirements you WILL NOT be reimbursed. If you are confident you will be a National qualifier you are encouraged sign up. If you do not sign up at the state level you will not be eligible to receive funds for Nationals.
- **It is the responsibility of the parent or contestant to sign the work point notebook at region rodeos. DO NOT expect region officers to know you worked**
- If a parent or board member would like to be reimbursed for a specific expense related to the region rodeos or TYRA rodeo it must be approved by the board prior to the purchase being made. The expense will be reimbursed once the original receipt has been signed, turned in and has board approval.
- Region VIII will no longer pay for entry fees up front. Parents will be responsible for paying these fees and will then be reimbursed at state finals depending on what has been voted on by the board that year. This is to ensure every contestant that qualifies for state attends and the region does not take a loss. THIS IS BASED ON REGION BUDGET AND NOT GUARANTEED
- If a contestant qualifies for state finals ALL fees are due at the last rodeo with no exceptions. (entry, RV, stalls, region shirts etc.)