



TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH RODEO ASSOCIATION
REGION VIII

July 2024

Region VIII TJHRA & THSRA Member,

Welcome to Region 8! This will be an exciting year for me to get to meet each of you. This new rodeo season has gotten here quickly, it is going to be another great year of rodeo! I hope everyone had a safe and fun summer. We are really looking forward to a great rodeo year here in Region 8! Just a few important things to look for, everything that is in the letter can be located on our website. www.thsra8.com

2024 - 2025 Region 8 Directors

Adult Directors

HS and JH President – Justin Speer

HS Vice President – Ben Ellis

JH Vice President – Mark Weekley

HS State Directors – Justin Speer, Cass Ringelstein, and TBD

JH State Directors – Brian Springer, Andrea Weekley, and Eric Durbin

HS & JH Secretary – Katti Waters

Speed Event Director- Kelsey Dean

Assistant Speed Director- Katie Beicker

Timed Event Director- Freddie Jo Guerra

Assistant Timed Event Director- TBD

Goat Director- Scott Collins

Rough Stock Director- Cory Cline

Student Directors

High School (HS)

President - TBD Vice President - TBD Secretary - TBD

State Reporter - TBD Church Director - TBD

Junior High (JH)

President - TBD Vice President - TBD Secretary - TBD

Our first rodeo is September 14, 2024. THIS RODEO WILL BE STARTING 45 MINUTES AFTER 9AM MEETING. We will be running both Junior High and High School Rodeos on the same days. Order of Events is located on our website. Any changes will be posted the week

before the rodeo. The remainder of rodeos will start at 8:30 AM on Saturday and 9AM on Sunday.

Mandatory Check In

Check in for both HS and JH Contestants will be on the following days:

Friday September 13th from 6pm - 8pm and Saturday September 14th from 7:30 am - 8:45 am.

At check in, you will receive a rule book (if you are a new member), laminated back number, Ford Raffle tickets, Bloomer tickets, Ad Sales Form, and various other important papers from the state and national office. There will also be various tables set up to sell Shirts, and Caps. We will have someone present to answer any questions you may have.

Mandatory Meeting

9:00 am - Mandatory Meeting in the stands - Must be in dress code. We will be meeting current board members, and also voting for student directors that have been nominated previously. A few region notes will be spoken about at this time.

It is required for every contestant and one parent (guardian) to be in the stands. Don't worry we will give contestants plenty of time to warm up. We will be going over rules for THSRA & TJHRA that we feel need to be addressed.

Within this packet you will find many important papers:

1. Checklist for Membership Application – follow this and you will be doing good! Some of the following information is also covered there and may be redundant but you should have all of the information needed to have an easy start!
2. GUIDELINES FOR RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS/NEW MEMBERS
<https://nhsra.equestevent.com/>
Membership application must be filled out on-line at nhsra.com beginning July 1, 2024.
 - Print out the membership application and liability form. Fill out forms, have them signed and notarized.
 - Upload to the NHSRA Portal and pay the National, State and Region dues online for this year.
3. Online Rodeo Entry - Equine Events Portal - <https://www.equestevent.com> - See packet for step by step instructions.
 - Complete online rodeo entry form and make payment on [equestevent.com](https://www.equestevent.com)
 - There will be an added fee of **\$25 for late entry per rodeo.**
 - All entry fees, late fees, and any returned checks must be paid before the rodeo starts or you will not be allowed to ride
 - Medical and Vet draw outs will be honored only if I am notified before the rodeo starts. I will need a vet release if draw out involves your horse. If your horse is

injured during the first rodeo, you must send in a vet release by the following Monday from your vet to receive a refund.

- State Sign up will follow Rodeo #10 - If you qualify for state, you will complete your state packet and **PAY ALL FEES** which include region long sleeve shirts you order, entries, RV sites, and stalls.
4. Next step go to the website www.thsra8.com and print out the membership packet.
 - NEW MEMBERS ONLY - The packet includes photo release form, school form, W9, and the social media policy. You will need to upload these forms on your NHSRA portal along with a copy of your birth certificate/
 - NEW MEMBER AND RETURNING MEMBERS - You will need to upload coggins and last year's final report card from the past school year. Everything will need to be uploaded by August 19, 2023, to compete at the first rodeo.
 5. Prospective Members Letter from the state – very important TEXAS rules, regarding the requirements that must be met,
 - Ford Raffle Ticket - must sell 15 tickets.
 - Bloomer Raffle Tickets - must sell 3 tickets.
 - Ad Program Sales requires a minimum of \$50.
 6. Sponsorship Letter – it is never too early to start trying to get sponsors!
 - If an event does not have at least 10 contestants in that event, a saddle will not be awarded. A sponsor would need to donate for that event to be given the saddle.
 - Rookie of the year is not awarded a saddle. In order to award both boy and girl rookie saddles, both saddles must be sponsored. If only one saddle is sponsored, the donation money will be split for a different prize.
 7. Contestant Contact Information with membership application, Nominations for Event Director, T- shirt Order Form, Jacket Order Form, Prom Tickets Order form, and Dinner Order Form are completed using a QR code/internet links. You will see these QR codes and links in this Membership packet and on our website.
 - Links - You can type in the link into an internet search.
 - QR codes – Open your camera and hold it over the code. Then click the link that pops up.
 8. Communication – We communicate via Remind and Facebook. Links to Facebook and Remind are on the website.
 - The Facebook page is for advertising sponsors and winner's pictures to the public. The Facebook group is a private group for conversations, questions and answers, and information sharing.
 - We share photos via Instagram, and facebook.
 - Special Events offered by the Parents/Student Officers - See website for more information.
 - Contact Justin Speer if you would like to get involved or need more information. In order for contestants to participate in the special events, the contestant must be in good standing. Good standing means all entry fees, late fees, and any returned checks must be paid and meet all requirements as indicated in the required member letter issued by the State Secretary.
 9. RV and Stalls Reservations - These are both done through openstalls.com

Dress Code - Contestants must be in full western attire anytime you are under the covered arena area (Including the stands, warm up area, bucking chutes, and concession stand), even if you are not riding. This is a NHSRA rule, if you are not in full dress code, you may be disqualified.

Dress code consists of:

- cowboy hat (must stay on through the mouth of the alley)
- LONG sleeve shirt (tucked in)
- jeans
- cowboy boots
- Your back number on your back
- Belt is optional

If you are not receiving emails from me, please email asking me to add you to my list. My email is thsraregion8@gmail.com If you have any questions, please call, email, or text me.

I look forward to a wonderful year in Region 8 Rodeo!

Katti Waters

THSRA & TJHRA

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