

**OHIO HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION INC.
CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS
AN OHIO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

**ARTICLE I
Purposes and Aims**

1. To maintain order and standards set up by the National High School Rodeo Association and the Ohio High School Rodeo Association among members at their functions. The Ohio High School Rodeo Association, Inc. (at all times herein referred to as Association) organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

2. To promote High School and Jr. High School rodeo on a state wide scale and work toward this by bringing state wide recognition to this activity for students who are under 20 at the first of the OHSRA year (Day following close of National Finals) and are in 5th through 12th grade the year just preceding the National Finals Rodeo the contestant is entering as long as they have met their grade requirements, even if they have graduated in the middle of the year, or have attended school on half-days; they will be eligible to compete in National High School Rodeo through National High School Rodeo Finals Rodeo. Any student attending School which apply to High School credits is eligible for membership if he/she meets minimum and all other requirements of his/her school. A contestant may not participate in a division (High School or Jr. High Rodeo) for more than 4 years. A graduate of High School is not eligible for membership of NHSRA after completion of the National High School Finals Rodeo immediately following their graduation from High School.

3. To promote the highest type of conduct and sportsmanship at various rodeos by setting up standards to reach this end.

4. To keep the Western Heritage alive in America, and the State of Ohio.

5. To promote a closer relationship among the people interested in this activity and organizations they represent.

6. To increase and maintain interest of the high school and Jr. high students in rodeos and other functions of the nation.

7. It is the intent of the Ohio High School Rodeo Association to encourage any student to continue in school as a regularly enrolled student to improve his/her education.

8. To assist and work in cooperation with the National intercollegiate Rodeo Association, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, and any other local or regional rodeo association as are necessary to support the sport of rodeo.

9. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other persons, except that the corporation authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in paragraphs 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8, hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carried on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the participation in or intervention in, including the publishing or distribution of statement(s), and political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision except as provided in these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted.

{a} By a corporation exempt from Federal income Tax under section 501{c}{3} of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 {or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law}, or

{b} By a corporation contributions to which are deductible under sections 170 {c}{2} of the Internal Revenue code of 1954 {or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law}.

10. In the event of dissolution of this nonprofit corporation, any assets belonging to the Ohio High School Rodeo Association after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation inclusively for the purposes of the corporation and in such manner or to such organization of organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religions or scientific purpose as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501{c}{3} of the internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, as the board of this corporation has determined. Any such assets not so disposed of will be disposed of by the court of the county in which the principal officer of the corporation has been located, as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

ARTICLE II
Membership Association
Membership

1. Membership in the association shall be state wide. The association will be governed by the Constitution and Bylaws.

{a} Student Membership: Any student {grades 5th through 12th} who has been enrolled in school during the current school year.

{b} Associate Membership: Any adult.

{Ref: NHSRA Rule Book Pages 5 Paragraph 9 A&B}

2. The association is incorporated, not for profit, and shall abide by the laws of Ohio and Federal laws and regulations. The association shall have Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and Bylaws consistent with the National High School Rodeo Association's Constitution and Bylaws.

3. Dues: The dues from the members shall be set by the Board of Directors. Student Membership Dues are payable through the membership portal beginning the Monday following the Close of the National Finals Rodeo of each year with the final date of payment being at last approved rodeo prior to the respective State Finals Rodeo.

4. Membership: Any member, student or adult, who makes themselves incompatible to the operation of the program by words or deeds, may be disciplined by the association either by censure, probation, suspension, or expulsion. {Ref: NHSRA Rule Book Pages 6 & 7, Paragraph 10, 11, 12}.

ARTICLE III
Officers

1. The officers of the State Association will be a President, Vice-president, 2nd Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer and will be elected by and from the Board of Directors.

2. The officers of the association shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers, together with such duties as shall be prescribed by the Bylaws of the associations.

{a} The President shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and an Ex-officio member of all committees, except the Committee on Nominations.

{b} In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the President, the Vice-president shall serve as President until the next annual election of officers. The Vice President shall serve as the Rodeo Coordinator for Regional and State Finals Rodeos and shall coordinate Regional Rodeos with the District Directors.

{c} The Secretary or designee shall keep complete minutes of all meetings of the Association. A copy of the minutes shall preserve all documents of the Association. The Secretary is responsible for member approval via the membership portal. Secretary will supervise all Regional and State Rodeo Secretaries and Timers.

- {d} The Treasurer shall collect, receive and monitor funds of the Association and shall deposit such funds in the bank designated by the Board of Directors and shall be bonded.
- {e} The 2nd Vice President shall serve as chairperson-coordinator of the Public Relations Committee.

3. The term officer for all offices of the corporation shall be one year. All Officers shall receive one vote.

4. An officer may serve unlimited terms in succession.

5. Any officer, elected or appointed by the Association may be removed from the Board of Directors whenever in its judgement the best interest of the Association would be served thereby.

6. The officers shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be specified in resolutions or other directives of the Board of Directors. In the absence of specifications, each officer shall have the powers and authority and shall perform and discharge the duties of officers of the same title serving in nonprofit corporations having the same or similar general purposes and objectives as this corporation.

7. Term of office shall commence immediately following the NHSRA Finals Rodeo

ARTICLE IV Board of Directors

1. There shall be a Board of Directors of the Association, which shall consist of 12 District Directors & the National Director.

2. There shall be 3 directors elected by and from each district to serve from each of the four districts. The state shall be divided into four districts as decided at the annual General Meeting by the State Board of Directors for the purpose of district lines. At the annual meeting of the membership, to be held at the State Mid-Winter Meeting each year each district shall elect the director for that district for the term of office applicable. As to the director or directors from each district only those who are members from that district and State Association shall be entitled to serve as director from that district. The directors shall serve staggering terms of office thereafter and shall be re-elected upon the expiration of the term of office.

- {a} Four districts as designated {see attached map}.
 - {1} District 1 - Northwest part of Ohio
 - District 2 - Northeast part of Ohio
 - District 3 - Southwest part of Ohio
 - District 4 - Southeast part of Ohio

3. Say Nothing.

4. The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President on ten {10} day notice to each director either personally, by text, phone or e-mail and shall be held at such time and place as is specified in the notice thereof.

5. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to do business. All Directors shall receive one vote.

6. There shall be an executive committee of the Board of Directors comprised of the President, Vice President, three At-large Directors, National Director and Student President. This committee shall have all the power of the Board of Directors to transact business of an emergency nature between the Board of Directors meetings.

All transactions at this meeting shall be reported in full at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall be a non-voting member of the Executive committee.

7. The Board of Directors shall:

- {a} Transact the general business of the Association.
- {b} Establish major administrative policies governing the affairs of the Association's growth and development.
- {c} Have the power to fill all vacancies on the Board of Directors. In the event a Director misses three unexcused meetings they may be replaced.
- {d} Act upon application for membership in this association.
- {e} Alternates may be seated for informational purposes only, shall not have a vote. There will be no proxy voting allowed.

8. The Board of Directors of the Ohio High School Rodeo Association shall nominate a National Director from their Association whose name shall be submitted to the Secretary of the National High School Rodeo Association in accordance to the Bylaws of the National High School Rodeo Association.

9. National Directors duties on the State level.

- {a} To monitor the State association to insure all governing rules are followed, proper business and finance procedures are conducted, and shall be an Ex-officio member of all committees.
- {b} To include acting as coordinator in all State sanctioned rodeos. Any flagrant abuse will be brought to the attention of the National Director. If a problem cannot be resolved with the National Director and the problem prevents the Rodeo from being held an emergency conference may be invoked with the National President or designee. At such a conference a State Member Association designee and the National Director shall be present. Executive action may be required and a contestant or State may be disqualified.
It is in the best interest of the Rodeo contestant and spectators to resolve problems as soon as possible, and to continue with a performance. Judges, Arena Directors and Board Members should cooperate with National Directors in all matters, except emergency problems as noted above. The decision reached by a National Director shall remain final unless reversed by the National Executive Committee whose action will come before the National Board of Directors at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE V

Students, Delegates and Officers

1. There shall be representation of students at the Board of Directors Meetings.
2. The students shall elect a President Vice-president, and Secretary to preside over the activities of the student membership of the coming year.
3. Procedure for election of officers to conform to Robert's Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure.
4. The elections shall be at the general contestants meeting at the State Finals each and every year.
5. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.
6. The student officers shall attend all board meetings and take such trips and appearances as the adult officers may direct.
7. They shall also collect and receive information and request for changes in the conduct of the State Finals Rodeo and pass these requests on to the Adult Association Officers

8. The student officers shall continue in office until the following National Finals Rodeo.
9. The Association contestants shall be members of the National High School Rodeo Association.
10. At Board of Directors meetings the high school student officers and the State Queen representing the student members shall have a total of 4 votes, except for in the election of adult officers.

ARTICLE VI Meetings

1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held at the time and place set by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may set other meetings as are necessary by the order of its minutes.
2. Notice of the annual meeting of members shall be given by the Secretary/Treasurer at least twenty {20} days and not more than sixty {60} days before the annual meeting and notice of any amendments to the Bylaws will be included in said notice. The membership list maintained by the Secretary/Treasurer shall be closed sixty {60} days prior to the meeting for the purpose of notice and only those who are members, **{students, parents and or legal guardians, associate members}** at the time of the closing are eligible to participate in the meeting.
3. The order of business at each annual meeting shall be fixed at the beginning of the meeting and shall include, among other items:
 - {a} Roll call by Directors
 - {b} Address of the President
 - {c} Reports of Officers
 - {d} Reports of standing committees
 - {e} Reports of special committees
 - {f} Miscellaneous Business - old and new
 - {g} New business discussed and passed on by the Board will be placed on the agenda for the Directors meeting for final action.
4. Robert's Rules of Order will be used as a guide.
5. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of members. A quorum must attend at a meeting for any official legal transaction of business.
6. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in August or September of each and every year and notice and consent of this meeting shall be given in the same manner as provided for in the annual meeting.
7. In the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors, the President of the Association may refer and submit by text, phone, or e-mail to the members of the Board of Directors definite questions relating to the affairs of immediate action on the part of the Board of Directors. The results of such referendum, which requires a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors, shall control the action of the Association and its Board, Officers, Sections, Committees, Agents and Employees.

ARTICLE VII Committees

1. Standing committees:
 - {a} Each committee shall consist of at least three members who shall be notified by the chairperson and are to be appointed by the President.

- {b} If a majority of board members dissent on the appointment to said Committee then a referendum shall be conducted.
- {c} The Association shall have the following committees:
 - {1} Nominations committee
 - {2} Budget committee
 - {3} Public Relations committee
 - {4} Queen committee
 - {5} Special committee
 - {6} Rodeo committee
 - {7} Rules committee
 - {8} Other committees - Other committees not having and exercising the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Association may be designated by the President. Any member thereof may be removed by the person or persons authorized to appoint such member whenever in their judgment the best interest of the Association shall be served by such removal.

ARTICLE VIII
Contracts, Checks, Deposits and Gifts

1. Contracts. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers or agent or agents of the Association in addition to the officers so authorized by these Bylaws to enter in any contract and to execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on the behalf of the corporation and such authority may be general or may be confined to specific instances.
2. Checks, Drafts, or Orders. All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association shall be signed by such officer or officers of agent or agents of the association and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer, the President or National Director of the Association.
3. Deposits. All funds of the Association shall be deposited from time to time in the credit of the Association in such Banks, Trust Companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.
4. Gifts. The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift, bequest or device for any purpose of the Association.

ARTICLE IX
Amendments

1. These Bylaws may be amended at any Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds {2/3} vote present and voting, and upon approval of the NHSRA as required by the NHSRA rulebook. Notice of such meeting and amendments shall be presented to the Board of Directors and membership 10 days prior.

This is to certify that the above and foregoing Constitution and Bylaws of the Ohio High School Rodeo Association are the duly adopted Constitution and Bylaws of said organization by the Board of Directors and membership of the Ohio High School Rodeo Association.

This the _____ day of _____ 20____

_____ President

_____ National Director