

California High School Rodeo Association

District 4

2026–2027 Membership Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2026

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Flag Salute

The flag salute was led by District 4 Student Secretary Reese Emeterio.

3. Introduction of Student and Adult Boards

District 4 Queen Ava Rendon introduced the student and adult board officers. She also introduced the student and adult event directors.

4. What Is Expected at Rodeos

4.1 Volunteering

District 4 Secretary Kathleen Goetz explained the importance of parents and students volunteering at rodeos. District 4 is a volunteer organization, and the rodeos depend on members and families helping with different jobs.

A volunteer sign up sheet will be available for the 2026–2027 rodeo season. Extra help will be needed for the first rodeo in Salinas because it is a large rodeo. Volunteer jobs may include helping with parking from Thursday through Saturday, running secretary sheets, and preparing the program.

Kathleen reminded everyone that it is okay to volunteer for a job they have not done before because someone will help explain what needs to be done.

District 4 Vice President Charles Harris also explained that when someone signs up for a volunteer job, the job is for the entire rodeo and not just one go round.

4.2 Social Media, Alcohol, and Tobacco

Kathleen reviewed District 4 policies regarding social media, alcohol, and tobacco. Members were reminded to be careful about what they post on social media. Posts showing possible rule violations at a CHSRA rodeo could result in consequences.

She also reminded members that people who oppose rodeo may view social media posts, so members should be responsible about what they post online.

4.3 Know the Rules

Kathleen reminded members that the NHSRA and CHSRA rule books are available online. Contestants are responsible for knowing the rules for their events. One example discussed was that circling before a barrel racing run is prohibited in CHSRA.

District 4 Treasurer Jody Emeterio explained a major rule change for the upcoming season. Previously, the high school division was run as two go rounds plus an average, with points awarded for each go and the average. A proposal was made at the June 2026 state meeting to remove the average and instead count the two go rounds as two separate rodeos.

At the August 2026 state meeting, District 4 voting members voted against the change, but the proposal received enough votes statewide to pass.

Because each day will now count as a separate rodeo and there will no longer be an average, the contestant set up policy is also being removed for the 2026–2027 season. District 4 must follow rules approved at the state level. The issue may be discussed again at future state meetings, and changes can be proposed for future rodeo seasons.

5. Rodeo Schedule

The 2026–2027 rodeo schedule is available on the District 4 website and was also included in the packets handed out at the meeting.

6. Membership Report

District 4 Membership Secretary Theresa Porter gave the membership report.

6.1 Membership Paperwork and Fees

Theresa reviewed the following important membership deadlines:

- August 15: NHSRA registration and dues are due.
- August 20: All required membership paperwork must be uploaded.
- August 20: Associate Membership paperwork and payment are due. Both parents or legal guardians who are 18 or older are required to have an Associate Membership. The fee is \$20 per adult.
- August 31: State dues of \$100 are due. The payment link will open August 17 and will be emailed after membership paperwork has been approved by the District and State.

6.2 Grades and Progress Reports

Theresa reviewed the requirements for grades, progress reports, notary forms, and grade change verification forms.

The grade change verification form has been simplified and no longer requires a teacher's signature. Members will have two weeks to have the form signed by the school and uploaded to the national portal.

Theresa will email the forms to members when they become available. Members were reminded to keep track of all grade and progress report deadlines.

6.3 Sponsorships

Sponsorships are due November 1, 2026.

The sponsorship requirement is:

- Junior High: \$300
- High School: \$500

Sponsorship money helps pay for year end awards.

6.4 Raffle Tickets

Theresa explained the changes to the raffle ticket requirement. Each member is now required to sell \$200 in raffle tickets. The money and tickets will be due at the first rodeo in October.

6.5 Rodeo Check In

Members were reminded that they must be in full western attire when checking in at a rodeo. This includes a cowboy hat, long sleeve button up shirt, and cowboy boots.

Members will also need to know their NHSRA membership number when checking in.

6.6 Team Member Duties

Each member must sign up for a volunteer job at every District 4 hosted rodeo. Members should look at the order of events before choosing a job to make sure they are available to complete it.

A work card must be signed by the event director and turned in before the end of the rodeo. Volunteer jobs are for the entire rodeo, not just one go round.

7. Questions

No questions were asked by attendees.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted by
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District 4 Student Secretary