

**South Texas Hurricane Rodeo
Association**

“STXHRA”

RULES

***WELCOME
TO STXHRA!***

We are pleased to have you as a member.

STUDY THIS RULEBOOK!

If you have a question or problem,
please contact a director.

By becoming a member of STXHRA, you or your parent/guardian (*if under 18 years of age*) have acknowledgement that you or the parent/guardian of the member have read the rules and agrees to abide by them.

**BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL
YEAR!**

GENERAL RULES

- A. Dress Code: Members must dress in appropriate attire (no shorts or halter tops) when competing in any STXHRA Playday/Rodeo).
- B. Age Groups: Determined as of age on January 1 of the current year of the start of the playday/rodeo series.
- C. Age Divisions:
 - Lead Line – All Ages
 - Pee Wee – 6 and under
 - Sub Junior – 7-9
 - Junior – 10-13
 - Senior – 14-19
 - Adult – 20 and over
- D. To receive year-end awards in age division or events, each member must meet their work point requirement or buyout their work point requirement for that year, and; sell (1) raffle book.
 - A. Work point Requirements (A member may either work their work points or buyout their work points – i.e. a member cannot work half of their work points and buyout their other half. It is one of the other.:
 - 1. Individual riders – 6 points per year (to be completed by the end of the last rodeo for the series); **or**,

Families with 2 or more riders – 12 points per year (to be completed by the end of the last rodeo for the series); **or**,
 - 2. Buying out work points – A member may buyout their work points for the current series at \$250 for individual membership or \$500 for family membership. This fee is to be paid by the end of the December playday/rodeo.
 - B. Raffle Tickets:
 - 1. Each member must sell a minimum of \$50.00 in raffle tickets. These must be sold and money returned by the deadline determined by the Board.
- F. Minimum age to work in arena is 15 years of age.
- G. Point System: There will be 10 placings in each age group of each event. The point value is as follows:
 - a. 1st – 10 points
 - b. 2nd – 9 points

- c. 3rd – 8 points
- d. 4th – 7 points
- e. 5th – 6 points
- f. 6th – 5 points
- g. 7th – 4 points
- h. 8th – 3 points
- i. 9th – 2 points
- j. 10th – 1 point

H. Attendance and Eligibility:

- a. **Eligibility for Event Awards and All Around Awards:** Member must be in good standing, pay and ride at a minimum of five (5) times in three (3) or more separate events (only able to ride one time in that event per playday/rodeo), meet work point requirements and must sale a minimum of \$50.00 in raffle tickets, per year. Raffle tickets must be sold and returned to receive prizes.
- b. All around points are calculated from points earned in all speed and goat events.
- c. **Points:** All Dates will be counted toward points
- d. **Eligibility for Participation Award:** Member must be in good standing, ride at a minimum of five (5) times in any one (1) event (only able to ride one time in that event per playday/rodeo), meet work point requirements, and must sale a minimum of \$50.00 in raffle tickets, per year. Raffle tickets must be sold and returned to receive prizes.

J. Membership is open to all person. If there are more than 100 members that paid and competed at the first playday/rodeo, there will not be any new members taken after the first playday/rodeo.

- a. **Dues** – Membership is paid annually as the following:
 - 1. Individual - \$35.00
 - 2. Family (No Limit) - \$45.00
- b. Family memberships are limited to spouse and immediate members (children or legal guardianship of children, age 19 or younger.

K. Nonmembers may enter Playday/Rodeo but will not be awarded points. The Board reserves the right to not allow nonmembers to enter due to the size of the playday/rodeo.

L. Exhibitions – Barrel exhibitions only and will be \$5.00 which will be ran before the start of the playday/rodeo. The Board reserves the right not to have exhibitions due to changing start times and/or size of the playday/rodeo.

M. Ties - In the event of a tie for an individual event award, the tie will be broken by the member having attended the most playdays/rodeos. If the tie continues, then the individual who had the greatest number of 1st places, 2nd places and so on until the tie is broke.

L. Pre-entry – Contestants are allowed to pre-entered; however, any pre-entries must be paid by the time designated by the Board. If pre-entering and not paid by the time designated by the Board, the contestant will be drawn out of their events. If pre-entered and paid, but does not show up at the playday/rodeo, the contestant must notify the Board by noon the day

before of that playday/rodeo in order to be issued a refund (unless an emergency). If the Board is notified by the designated date, the entry fees will be forfeited.

M. Year-end awards will be presented at the Awards Banquet

N. Disqualifications – **A contestant may receive a *no time* in an event and/or be disqualified from the current playday/rodeo or could be banned future playdays/rodeos for the following:**

1. Falsification of name, age, or signature of parents, or failure to comply with STXHRA rules.
2. Contestant is not present and ready when called to compete. After contestant's name is called three (3) times, it will be assumed that contestant is not present.
3. Cheating or attempting to cheat by either the member or any family members or guardians of the member. The attempt to fix, threaten, bribe, or harass the judges and/or the Board by either the member or any family members or guardians of the member.
4. Smoking in the arena.
5. Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the sport of rodeo on the rodeo grounds by either the member or any family members or guardians of the member; such as, profanity, drinking alcohol beverages, fighting, paying with bad checks, vandalism, theft, and mistreatment of livestock.
6. Failure to comply with the STXHRA dress code.
7. Contestant or any person uses an object to whip or strike the contestant's horse in the arena in an abusive manner.
8. Misconduct of any nature will be considered by the STXHRA Board of Directors and/or President and when ruled necessary, the contestant will be disqualified and/or removed from Playday/Rodeo.

O. Any situation in question not covered by the STXHRA Rule Book will refer back to YRA rule book for clarification.

P. **ALL HORSES** on the premises of STXHRA Playday/Rodeo are **REQUIRED** to have **PROOF** of a **NEGATIVE COGGINS**. Proof of negative Coggins shall be brought to every Playday/Rodeo.

Classes

- A. Entry Fees: \$15.00 per speed event and \$20.00 per goat run. Exhibition fees are \$5.00 per run.
- B. Office charge is \$5.00 per contestant at each Playday/Rodeo
- C. All Exhibition will occur before the playday begins
- D. Lead line contestants will ride first in their age group due to safety concerns
- E. No one will be allowed to sign up after their class (age group) has begun.

- F. If a horse refuses to enter the arena or equipment breaks and the individual cannot run in the position drawn and it is prior to crossing the timer, the individual will receive one more opportunity at the end of their class.
- G. Re-Rides: a re-ride is allowed only for timer failure. No re-ride is allowed if the individual's equipment breaks or the horse acts up after crossing the timer.
- H. Drags: The arena will be drug before each event and then after every 10th run. Arena conditions can change the drag number.
- I. Once the horse and rider cross the timer at the beginning of the pattern, the pattern cannot be restarted at the timer again. The rider may finish the run from the area where the pattern was broken.

Definition of Events

- A. Straight or Figure 8 Barrels: May be run from a right or left pattern. A five second penalty is added for knocking over a barrel. Riders may touch barrel with their hand. Riders must keep a forward motion.
- B. Cloverleaf Barrels: Barrels will be a minimum of fifteen feet from the fence. The run will consist of a cloverleaf pattern around three barrels. Running a left or right pattern is permitted. The rider may touch the barrel with their hand. A five second penalty will be added per knocking over a barrel. Any addition 360 degree turn after crossing the timer is a disqualification. Arena size will determine the barrel pattern size. Riders must keep a forward motion
- C. Pole Bending: The pattern is run around six poles. The first pole is twenty-one feet from the timer line. Each pole is twenty-one feet apart. Knocking over a pole results in a five second penalty. Riders may touch the pole with their hand. The riders must follow the pattern between poles and must keep a forward motion.
- D. Goats:
 - a. Goat Ribbon Pulling – Judge will be in arena to flag and a timer will be both with the arena judge and the timekeeper. The contestant must pull the ribbon from the goats' tail and cross the line.
 - b. Goat Flanking - The contestant **MUST** keep hands-on contact with the goat until the goat hits the ground. Once the goat is flanked to the ground the contestants must put both knees on the goat and both arms thrown into the air and the judge has signaled for the time to stop. If goat is down when contestant gets to it, the goat must be cleared off the ground before being flanked.
 - c. Goat Tying – If goat is down when contestant gets to it, the goat must be cleared off the ground before being flanked. The goat must remain tied for 6 second.

Protests

- A. All protest must be in writing and accompanied with a \$10.00 protest fee before any protest will be heard.
- B. Protests must be made the day of the Playday/Rodeo in question.
- C. If the protest is overruled, the \$10.00 will be retained by STXHRA.

Miscellaneous Liability

- A. The Board of STXHRA assumes no responsibility or liability for injury or damage to person, property, stock, contestant or assistant. Each contestant by act of entry waives all claims against the Board for injuries or damages that person or property may sustain.
- B. The Texas legislature has added a chapter to the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to limit liabilities for equine activities, effective as of September 1, 1995. Chapter 87 of the Code says there is no liability for property damage or damages arising from personal injury or death of a participant in an equine activity. Inherent risk include collision with other animals, certain surface conditions, and the unpredictability of an animal's reaction to certain stimuli and potential of participant to act in a negligent manner contributing to the injury.