

California High School Rodeo Association District 3

“THUNDERING THREE”

Policies and Bylaws

In addition to the National Rulebook, the C.H.S.R.A. Policy Manual and the C.H.S.R.A. Bylaws, District 3, has additional requirements and rules for members to be considered in good standing and to be eligible to compete.

Founded in 1970, the organization is dedicated to building sportsmanship, horsemanship, and character in our youth. CHSRA is a family organization and family participation are encouraged.

CHSRA is a member of the National High School Rodeo Association and operates according to the NHSRA Rulebook (nhsra.com). CHSRA is divided into nine districts. Members must be under 20 years old at the beginning of September 1st of that school year. Students must be enrolled in the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th. If a student graduates during their senior year they will be allowed to rodeo the rest of the rodeo season. Final transcript must be on file with the district and state secretary. All students shall maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

Each of the nine districts holds between five and ten rodeos each year. Points for winning or placing are accumulated throughout the year and the top five or six district competitors in each event qualify to go to the CJHRD Finals or CHSRA Finals in May and June. CJHRD (Junior High Division) a contestant having won one of the first five positions from their district in an event will be eligible to enter that event. Ties for fifth position will also be eligible to enter that event. CHSRA (High School Division) A contestant having won one of the first six positions from their District in an event will be eligible to enter that event. Ties for sixth position will also be eligible to enter that event. A contestant can be rolled up at the District level of State Finals.

CHSRA has State Board Meeting, at which all members are welcome. Each district sends elected representatives from whom the Executive Board is elected. The CHSRA Board oversees State business including the Sate Finals Rodeo and the Challenge of Champions Rodeo. Both the State and District organizations sponsor scholarships for year-end winners as well as providing awards.

Membership Requirements

To become a Student Member of NHSRA, CHSRA and District Three, students are required to meet the following criteria:

- Student must be enrolled in a high school in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade (CHSRA)
- Students must be enrolled in a junior high school 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade (CJHRD)
- Student must turn in a completed membership application and membership fees
- With the membership application, students must turn in a copy of their latest report card and have at least a 2.0 grade point average.
- Members must turn in a copy of his or her legal birth certificate with their membership application.
- The membership application must have both **parents** and the **member's** signatures notarized.
- You must turn in your membership package and obtain your NHSRA Membership Card before you are eligible to enter/ compete at a CHSRA Rodeo.

Participation Requirements

Each member will receive a copy of the NHSRA Rulebook. Each member and his/her family are expected to read and know the rules. There are sections outlining proper conduct and courtesy as well as event rules. Any parent/guardian or student member that engages in acts of insubordination, serious misconduct associated with alcohol, narcotic or other non-medicinal drugs or acts which are detrimental to the reputation, principles, and interests of District 3. Members found participating in undesirable conduct as outlined in the Rulebooks and Bylaws will be removed from the function or events and risk losing points, awards, and membership.

In order to rodeo each month, members must be in "good standing" in CHSRA and not ruled ineligible for misconduct at school as well.

- "Good standing" A member who is considered in good standing is one that participates and adheres to all the rules and policies at the National, State and District level. A member in good standing may participate in any rodeo event he/she is eligible to participate in. To be in good standing a member must maintain good conduct, maintain

a 2.0 grade point average, and uphold the standards during that form the reputation, principles, and interests of the Associations.

- “Bad standing” A member in bad standing is not eligible to participate in any CHSRA/NSHRA rodeo until the District Board has cleared the contestant from bad standing. If a member is in bad standing they are not eligible for points or awards. If found to be in bad standing during a rodeo, points will not be awarded to those events that they participated in.
- Report cards must be turned into the membership secretary each grading period. Grading period will be determined by the student’s school. A copy of the student member’s most current report card **MUST** be uploaded onto the NHSRA website and emailed to membership secretary prior to **CLOSE OF NEXT ENTRY DATE**. It is the responsibility of the contestant to get their report card uploaded to the NHSRA website within one week of the report cards being issued by the school. If the membership secretary (high school or Junior division) does not have the most current report card at the time of close of entries, the member will not be able to rodeo and will forfeit all current entries. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Students attending non-traditional schools must provide copies of class contract at the beginning of each grading period, mid-term, and official transcripts at the end of each grading period.
- **If your report card is due, the membership secretary must receive it before the close of the next rodeo entries. NO REPORT CARD - NO RODEO! (This is a NSHRA, CHSRA, & District 3 Rule). Report cards will NOT be accepted at the rodeo.**
- Entries are **ONLINE ONLY**. Late entries will be accepted with a \$200 fee. Late entries will only be open for 24 hours. Entries are considered late if not entered by 8:00 pm on the rodeo closing date.
- Each CHSRA member (high school and junior division) is required to participate in the State fundraiser by selling a minimum of 15 ATV raffle tickets valued at \$150.00. The due date for the raffle ticket money will be announced upon receipt of your tickets. If this money is not turned in on or before that date it will affect your eligibility to rodeo in your district and at the Challenge of Champions and State Finals. You will not be in “good standing” until the money is turned in.
- Each District 3 student member (high school and junior high division) shall fulfill a \$250.00 minimum sponsorship obligation to District 3. The minimum obligation must be paid in full by the determined date for the current competition year for eligibility to enter and compete in the CHSRA rodeos and be considered a member in good standing. If the

sponsorship obligation is not received by the required date. The member shall be placed in bad standing until the sponsorship is received.

- We ask that every student member family provide a Silent Auction item. Typically, this event is held at the end of the year. We welcome and encourage you to team up with other student member families to help increase the value of your silent auction item. As a non-profit we steadily rely on sponsors and fundraising to keep our district going.
- Each student member is required to perform a job at every rodeo. Contestants will be assigned a job by the Job Coordinator before the rodeo season begins. Contestants are required to complete their job even if they must trade or find a replacement. It is the responsibility of the contestant to check in with their director or job coordinator to receive credit for working their shifts. Failure to show up or work your job will place you in “bad standing” resulting in a \$50 fee per day and will double with every offence. Making you ineligible for points or awards until said fees are paid.
- The production of our District rodeos cannot be done without the help of parent participation. Parents will be required to work a jobs position. Positions not filled on a voluntary basis will be assigned by the Jobs Coordinator. If you are assigned a job, and you cannot make it, it is your responsibility to notify the Job Coordinator, trade or find a replacement for that shift. Failure to do so will result in a \$50.00 fine.

Associate Membership

Any non-competing person may become an Associate Member of CHSRA and District 3. This membership is a \$20.00 fee and provides insurance to the individual. Associate Membership is required for all board members and each student (member) is required to have at least one associate member. If a family has multiple students (members) then the requirement is one per FAMILY.

Benefits of an Associate Membership are you have the right to vote for all board members if you join. You can be behind the chutes, in the warm-up arena or on horseback anywhere in the grounds; (However you must be in western attire for event dates) You are supporting District 3 and its members.

Fundraising

District 3 relies heavily on fundraising efforts throughout the year. When our budget allows, we provide financial support to our members that qualify for the State Finals and National High School Finals.

Each CHSRA District 3 (High School or Junior High) member must bring a minimum \$250.00 sponsorship. Other fundraisers, which include but are not limited to the following: Jackpot Roping, 50/50 Raffles, Crab Feed, Rib Cook-off, and Silent Auctions.

The district is always open to new fundraising ideas. Please contact the district 3 Board Members with any suggestions you may have.

Miscellaneous Information

- Entries are ONLINE ONLY. We strongly suggest you check your email for a receipt of entries and keep or print for your records. This is your verification that you entered the rodeo.
- It is the responsibility of the student member to notify both the Membership Secretary and the Rodeo Secretary IMMEDIATELY of any address, phone, or email changes.
- Check In- the contestant is to be checked in at the rodeo by the time stated on the entry unless prior arrangements have been made with the Membership Secretary. Parents or sibling will not be allowed to check contestants in. Contestants will receive back numbers at the time of check in. Back numbers MUST be worn on back, at all District rodeos.
- Draw outs/ Refunds- if a contestant is unable to attend a rodeo that they have entered in for a medical or a vet out reason. It is the contestant responsible to notify the Rodeo Secretary as soon as possible and provide the appropriate documentation in writing. Email a copy of a signed note from the contestants doctor stating that you are unable to compete or from your veterinarian stating that your horse is unable to compete, for medical reasons. If the contestant can provide the appropriate documentation to the Rodeo Secretary before the draw is completed. They will be eligible for a Full Refund minus the office fee. Once the draw is completed they will NO longer be eligible for a Full Refund.
- Points questions/ discrepancies in points MUST be addressed to the Rodeo Secretary within 30 days of points being posted. Once the 30 days is up points will stand as posted.

- Rain outs- an attempt will be made to give 24 hours' notice to contestants when a rodeo is cancelled. We will attempt to contact all members, but when in question, IT IS THE CONTESTANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE RODEO SECRETARY TO SEE IF THE RODEO HAD BEEN CANCELLED.
- Important information (directors, officers, rodeo schedule, closing dates, entries, ect.) is posted on the CHSRA District 3 website. It is the responsibility of the member to check the website and District social media pages to be up to date on all information sent out. Emails may also be sent out with important District information, so it is very important that we have accurate email addresses on file.

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District 3 By-law acknowledgment and agreement

I, _____ (D3 Contestant/Member) along with my parent/ guardian have read the CHSRA District 3 By-laws. I understand and agree to fulfill all the obligations defined and required to be a member in good standing for rodeo entry and competition eligibility.

Contestant/Member

Date

Parent/ Guardian

Date