

Ground Rules

Standard Event Order: Bareback Riding, Breakaway Roping, Tie Down Roping, Barrel Racing, Steer Wrestling, Saddle Bronc Riding, Goat Tying, Team Roping, Pole Bending and Bull Riding. Cow Cutting order for double cuts: Girls Cutting, Boys Cutting, Boys Cutting and Girls Cutting.

At times, a rodeo committee is approved to change the event order. The details and any change in event order is posted on the website. It is your responsibility to review the information page for each rodeo as posted on the websites schedule page.

Cow Cutting: Cutting may or may not be held at the same location or same time as all qualifying rodeos. This allows the committees the opportunity to pool resources with another rodeo committee. If a cutting is held at a different location the same day of a rodeo, there will be adequate time allocated for you to travel to the rodeo grounds to compete in your remaining events.

Reined Cow Horse: RCH is not a standard event and will be offered a minimum of three (3) times at the qualifying level. 10 points will be awarded for 1st place down to 1 point for 10th place. Because this is not a standard event, All-Around points are not awarded for the qualifying competitions. Only points earned at the state finals rodeo will apply to All-Around.

Rough Stock Contestants: Be sure to review the Safety Checklists that are posted on the Entry Form page of the website.

Barrel Racing, Pole Bending and Goat Tying: Once your name is called, you are allowed 30 seconds to enter the arena to compete in your event. The judges have the authority to give you three calls prior to giving you a no time.

Raking the arena for Barrels and Poles: As stated in the NHSRA rule book, all turnouts, and releases (medical and vet) will be included in the count. The rakes will be marked on the official draw that's posted at each rodeo.

Breakaway, Tie Down, Team Roping and Steer Wrestling: You are given 30 seconds to get your horse backed in the box. The judges have the authority to start the stopwatch giving you an additional 30 seconds prior to disqualifying you from this event.

Roughstock: A judge has the authority to put a roughstock contestant on a 30 second clock if they are not making a valiant effort to get out on the animal.

Mandatory Meetings: Are just that. Mandatory!!

Nationals: If a contestant decides for any reason not to go the National Finals rodeo, he/she will not receive a National Team jacket as they are not part of the team.