

**LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION
RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR JUDGES
SEPTEMBER, 2007**

1. As per option in the NHSRA Rule Book the 30 second time limit will be used at all qualifying LHSRA rodeos and State Finals.
2. As per option in the NHSRA Rule Book a quick release must be used at all qualifying LHSRA rodeos and State Finals.
3. At all qualifying LHSRA rodeos Team Ropers will be allowed two (2) head loops and one (1) heel loop. Header or Heeler can use the second head loop. At the LHSRA finals three (3) loops will be allowed.
4. At all (LHSRA) qualifying LHSRA rodeos the flag judge in goat tying will position himself at a location behind the goat and flag from that position throughout that go-round.
5. In barrel racing or pole bending at all LHSRA qualifying rodeos and State Finals. If ground conditions require that either event be stopped prior to the go-round being over because the ground is unsafe and could cause injury to either horse or contestant by falling, all contestants that have run will have the option of running over without penalty or keep their original time. The decision to stop and re-work the ground because of unsafe conditions will be decided by the Arena Director and the two judges.

6. Stock requirements for all LHSRA Qualifying Rodeos

A. TIMED EVENT

**(1) Tie Down-Team Roping-Break-a-Way-
(Minimum of 14)**

ENTRIES	ANIMALS
50 and under	14
51-54	15
55-58	16
59-62	17
63-66	18
67-70	19
71-74	20
75-78	21
79-82	22
83-86	23
87-90	24
91-94	25
95-98	26

(2) Steer Wrestling	
(Minimum of 8)	
ENTRIES	ANIMALS
26 and under	8
27-30	9
31-34	10
35-38	11
39-42	12
43-46	13
47-50	14

Goat Tying	
(Minimum of 6)	
ENTRIES	ANIMALS
30 or less	6
31-40	8
41-50	10
51-60	12
61-70	14

B. ROUGH STOCK

(1) Bareback-Saddle Bronc-Bulls

Stock contractor must furnish the number of horses or bulls to equal the number of contestants in a session plus 2.

(2) Stock contractors can feature horses and bulls in each session.

The numbers of animals that can be featured are as follows:

Saddle Bronc-Bareback-Bulls

1 to 5 entries = No featured animal

6 to 14 entries = 2 featured animals

15 and above = 3 featured animals

7. Drawing Procedure

A. Always draw re-rides first. Place all numbers in container except featured animals. Hold those out. Draw 2 re-rides. Return the featured animals back to the container with the remainder of the draw and complete the draw. Never allow stock contractor to place animals- You are in charge of the draw.

8. Contractors are required to furnish the number of cattle required in each event and the cattle must be healthy and uniform in size and weight for that event. The number of cattle required must be in draw at the beginning of the performance. Anytime after completing the first draw of the herd if an animal becomes blind, crippled, sick or dies it can be removed by the Judges and Arena Director without penalty to the Stock Contractor.

9. If the number of cattle required in an event is not available for the first draw of the herd it is the Judges and Arena Director's responsibility to make a record of the number short and report this to the President of the LHSRA. The appropriate action will be taken to insure that the contractor will be in compliance of the LHSRA rules pertaining to number of stock required in each event.
10. It is required that all LHSRA Judges carry a colored flag (red-yellow-orange) in all Rough stock events and upon a contestant disqualifying himself by a rule infraction the flag shall be thrown immediately to the ground to alert everyone of the disqualification.
11. Goats must be changed after 5 runs.
12. Judge or Arena Director must see that goats are tied at least three (3) times each prior to first performance.
13. A contestant must be called three (3) times **by rodeo announcer** before he/she is disqualified.
14. All qualifying rodeos must use electric eyes and the LHSRA average timer.
15. Judge must furnish colored nylon string in break-a-way roping and it must be made available at each session or performance.
16. The arena will be raked at regular intervals for the safety of animal and rider.
17. The arena must be raked after a maximum of ten (10) printed entries in barrels and poles.
18. The alleyway is considered part of the arena and the dress code must be complied with both by contestant and helper.
19. Contestants must be in compliance with dress code and number on back one hour before performance, slack or cutting and remain in such manner until event is over at all qualifying rodeos and state finals.
20. Contestants with numbers defaced, written upon or decorated in any way will be disqualified from the rodeo.
21. At all LHSRA and Wrangler Division High School Rodeos and finals in barrel, poles and goats the following shall apply. When a contestant is given the first call to compete they shall begin their entry into the arena. If for any reason the horse hesitates, stops, turns, balks or does any thing to delay the entry the Judge shall start his stop watch and a contestant will have two (2)

minutes to enter. At the end of one (1) minute the second call will be given to contestant. At the end of two (2) minutes the third call will be given and contestant will be disqualified. Entry into arena means crossing the plain of the gate into main arena. For the purpose of this rule the alley is not considered part of the arena.

22. At all LHSRA and Wrangler Division High School Rodeos and finals in tie down, break-a-way, team roping and steer wrestling the following shall apply. When a contestant is called the first time they shall begin their entry into the arena and box for competition. If for any reason any horse hesitates, stops, turns, balks or does any thing to delay the contestant (this applies to hazer also) from competing the Judge shall start his stop watch and inform the contestant he/she has two (2) minutes to compete. At the end of two minutes the contestant or team shall be disqualified from that event.
23. At all Wrangler Division High School Rodeos and finals contestants in the bull riding shall wear helmets.
24. All timed event livestock must be ear tagged.
25. Break-a-way calves must be tagged in the **left** ear only with all tags being of the same color with no duplicated numbers. Tags must be different color than tie down.
26. Tie down calves must be tagged in the **right** ear only with all tags being of the same color with no duplicated numbers. Tags must be different color than break-a-way.
27. Steer wrestling-Steers must be tagged in the **left** ear only with all tags being of the same color with no duplicated numbers. Tags must be different color than team roping.
28. Team roping-Steers must be tagged in the **right** ear only with all tags being of the same color with no duplicated numbers. Tags must be different color than steer wrestling.
29. Goats must be tagged in **either** ear with all tags being of the same color with no duplicated numbers.
30. All roughstock at all LHSRA Rodeos must be branded or marked with a temporary marking visible to contestants, arena director and judges. There shall be no duplicated brands or markings. (Passed 9/6/07)
31. Any stock contractor not in compliance with Ground Rules 8, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 shall be fined \$100.00 for each animal that is not properly marked, branded or tagged per rules. (Passed 9/6/07)

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