

# **South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association**

## **By Laws**

### **Article 1**

#### **NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION**

The name of this non-profit organization shall be the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association.

### **Article 2**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA JUNIOR HIGH RODEO ASSOCIATION**

- A. To maintain standards set by the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association.
- B. To promote junior high rodeo at a local, state and national level and to work towards this by bringing recognition to this program as an organized program.
- C. To promote the highest type of conduct and sportsmanship at the various rodeos by setting standards to be met to reach this end.
- D. To promote a closer relationship among those interested in this activity and those they represent.
- E. To increase and maintain interest in all Junior High Division sanctioned rodeos.
- F. To encourage youth to continue in the Junior High Division, participate in rodeos, and then go on to compete in High School, Intercollegiate, amateur and professional rodeos.
- G. To establish the polices and regulations to conduct all the Junior High Division Rodeos.

### **Article 3**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

- A. General Membership in this South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Assoc shall be persons interested in promoting the Junior High Rodeo Assoc. Board Membership shall be the elected from the general membership. (adopted 5-25-09)
- B. An adult or associate membership can be purchased for a nominal fee set by the Board of Directors (adopted 5-25-09). This will entitle you to have one vote. Must be present at meetings to vote.
- C. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the president on ten days notice to each Board member with a personally delivered notice by mail, email (adopted 5-25-09), or telephone. The meeting shall be held at such time and place as is specified in the notice therefore and in a central location for all directors.
- D. A simple quorum of paid members shall constitute a quorum. At the annual meeting of the general Membership, a simple quorum of the members shall constitute a quorum.

### **Article 4**

#### **OFFICERS, DUTIES OF OFFICERS, TERMS OF OFFICE**

- A. Six members will be elected by the general membership (associate members as well as paid student members) and will be called the Board of Directors. Three members will be located from the west of the Missouri River and three members located from the east of the Missouri River. Terms for the elected members will be two - one year terms and one - two year term from each side of the river. Four year term limits for all directors. (adopted 5-25-09)
- B. The offices of President and Vice President will be elected from the Board of Directors each year. The Secretary/Treasurer will be one office voted on by general membership or appointed by the Board of Directors (adopted 5-25-09). Any compensation for the Sec./Treasure position will be determined by the Board of Directors and will be based on membership numbers (adopted 5-25-09) the officers shall perform the duties usually performed by such offices and handle any grievances or concerns that relate to the rules and regulations of the association.
- C. The terms of all the officers elected at the annual meeting shall commence immediately following the Wrangler Junior High National Finals (if all duties are completed) and shall serve until the following National Wrangler Finals.
- D. A National Director shall be elected by the membership for a term of two years minimum, with term limits of four (adopted 5-25-09) years. The National Director will be part of the Board of Directors, but shall not over rule the board (adopted 5-25-09). The National Director shall monitor the state association to insure all governing rules are followed and that proper business and finance procedures are conducted. In addition the National Director shall act as a coordinator for and attend all state sanctioned rodeos. Any flagrant abuse or rule violations shall be brought to the attention of the National Director for proper resolution as instructed in the SDHRA and NHSRA rulebooks.
- E. Student officers of President, Vice President and Secretary will be elected by the student membership at the annual meeting. Student officers have one vote each at the membership meetings. The term of office is one year.
- F. All officers and directors will perform the duties usually performed by such officers together with any additional duties prescribed in the bylaws.
- G. Roberts Rules of Order will apply.

## **Article 5**

### **MEETINGS**

The annual meeting of the general membership will be held at the Junior High State Finals Rodeo, unless otherwise established by the board by the Board of Directors. All student members, their families and associate members will receive notice by email, website, and will be announced and posted at prior rodeos. At least two meetings will be held by the Board of Directors to consider policy and regulations changes for the State Junior High Finals Rodeo. Conference calls are not counted as one of the meetings. A mid-winter meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo, unless otherwise established by the Board of Directors. (adopted 5-25-09)

## **Article 6**

### **RODEO SELECTION**

All rodeo locations will be selected by the Board of Directors after receiving bid sheets and presentations by the host site representative. Location could be awarded a two year term. All selected sites will be published on the web site prior to student membership deadlines. (adopted 5-30-2010)

## Article 7

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

These by- Laws of the organization may be amended at the annual meeting of the general membership. Any proposed amendments to the by laws must be submitted in writing to the secretary and posted at the rodeo office at the state finals rodeo and mailed by first class mail or email (adopted 5-25-09) to all adult members thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting.

All rules of the National High School Rodeo Association regarding the organization and the rodeos will be enforced at all times.

The 10 point system of the SDHSRA for state finals and National Team selection will be used. State finals average points count double. Prizes at State finals are awarded for State finals performance-not National team selection. The Board of Directors will look at the point system in place on an annual basis and decide if that will be changed or not based on membership numbers, national requirements, etc. The new point system will be posted on the web site before the rodeo season begins. (adopted 5-25-09)

Officers, National Director, officers, and adult members shall form committees and seek sponsorships to support the State Finals Rodeo, state finals rodeo winners and National Team awards and expenses.

A three go round state finals will be held. Up to four regional rodeos may be held within a time frame established each year by the membership at the annual meeting. All rodeo locations are selected at the annual meeting in September and publicized prior to the student membership deadline.

All questions or situations not covered in this document shall revert to the SDHSRA Bylaws and Rules and the Bylaws and rules of the NHSRA.

**These bylaws were introduced at the annual membership meeting September 2006 and final amendments were approved at the January 28th, 2007 membership meeting.**