



## Jeffco High School Rodeo Welcome Guidelines 2019-2020

Welcome to the Jeffco High School Rodeo Team. You are receiving this letter as an explanation of the expectations of members and families as you are considering joining this organization.

The membership dues are \$75.00 per year per individual, or \$125.00 (of 2) per family per year. The team has practices every Tuesday in the Jeffco Event Center (indoor arena) and there is a fee per person, per event, when you practice. The fee is \$10.00 for Barrel/Poles and if you ride the bucking machine. Live animals fee will be \$30.00. The team must pay the Jefferson County Fairgrounds for the use of this facility. Also, we are the only organized rodeo club in the state that has instructors at our practices. If you do not want to practice and are just planning on watching, you must remain in the bleachers. Ride fees may be adjusted to cover the expenses throughout the year.

This organization produces one rodeo per year as part of the Colorado State High School and Junior High Rodeo Associations, which will take place in the Spring of 2020 (date to be determined). As a member of the Jeffco High School Rodeo Team, you are expected to bring in sponsorships in the amount of \$300.00 per individual. This can be done in two ways. You can sell sponsorship ads for our rodeo program to local businesses or you can make a family donation. **Failure to meet this requirement could result in a one-year suspension.** Each member/family is also asked to volunteer during the rodeo.

Our team has an **Awards Program** for members. To meet the qualifications of the Awards Program you must raise at least \$400/individual, \$600/family. Team members will earn points for the money they raise for the team. The points can be used by the members for awards such as team wear, team jackets, rodeo membership cards, entry fees, etc. To be eligible for the Awards Program, the member must be in good standing with the team. See definition of **Good Standing** below.

The payments cannot be made out to the member. Instead, checks will be cut directly to the organization for which the fees are being used (CSHSRA, NLBRA for rodeo card, entry fees, etc.). Money in the individual fund will remain available for a period of 15 months; at the end of the 15-month period all remaining balances will be placed in a general fund or the scholarship fund as decided by the Board of Directors. The points system may be adjusted during the year at the discretion of the board.

Here is an example of how the Awards Program can benefit you:

Total amount raised	\$1,200.00
Less Required amount	<u>\$400.00</u>
Balance	\$800.00
\$1 = ½ point	\$400.00

We have a **Scholarship Program** for graduating seniors. You will contribute \$100 each year of membership. Participation in the fundraising is one criterion considered when scholarship applications are reviewed. To be eligible for the Scholarship Program, the senior member must be in good standing with the team. See definition of Good Standing below. If you are interested in this program, please ask a board member for complete information and an application.

**Member in Good Standing** – As a part of our 501(c)3 non-profit status, certain criteria must be met to be eligible for our Awards and Scholarship Program. The requirements for Good Standing on the Jeffco High School Rodeo Team are as follows:

- a. Current on dues, fees, forms, and any other requested paperwork or information
- b. Participation in practices (minimum of 50% of practices)
- c. Participation in fundraising (minimum of \$400 of team sponsors for the annual rodeo)
- d. Compliance with the Code of Conduct

You are **not** required to purchase your rodeo card and compete in the rodeos. Competition is a personal family decision. However, every member of the team and parents of members are expected to volunteer at our annual rodeo in the spring. Details will become available as the plans get under way.

The web site for the Colorado State High School Association (CSHSRA) is [www.cshsra.org](http://www.cshsra.org) all information including the required papers and fees for obtaining your rodeo card (membership of the state) can be found there.

It is our goal of this organization to provide an opportunity for all youth interested in rodeo, to practice, improve and acquire the skills to be able to compete if they so choose. We do not discriminate based on race, sex, nationality or ethnic origin. You must be at least 11 years old and in middle school to join the Jeffco HS Rodeo Team. The strength of our organization is in the membership and it is the hope that these guidelines will help achieve the solidarity.

All release and indemnity agreements must be signed prior to entering the arena.

I have received a copy of the code of conduct and acknowledged the guidelines set forth in this letter and agree to abide by them or work to make changes that will enhance this organization.

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Parent(s) Signature

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Date

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Member Signature

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Date

Adopted: August 1, 2012

Revised: August 20, 2019

Jeffco High School Rodeo Team  
2019-2020  
CODE OF CONDUCT

All club members are expected to abide by Colorado State High School Rodeo Association (CSHSRA) by Laws, current revision, and will:

1. Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and act as a positive role model.
2. Practice and train in a safe and responsible manner towards themselves, livestock, and fellow members.

\*\* Remember accidents do not happen, unsafe acts or conditions cause them, and can be avoided or at least limited by taking proper safety precautions. Safety is EVERYONE's responsibility.

3. Fully participate in scheduled activities.
4. Respect others' property and privacy rights.
5. Adhere to club rules, by-laws, policies and guidelines.
6. Accept personal responsibility for behavior. The following behaviors **will not** be tolerated:
  - a. Behaviors including the possession or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, chewy tobacco, cigarettes or stolen goods.
  - b. Sexual, physical, verbal or non-verbal abuse, which includes bullying (cyber-bullying).
  - c. Animal Abuse of any kind – in or out of the arena.

For any infraction of the above stated Code of Conduct, the Board of Directors may enforce a level of penalty up to the following:

1st offense – a public apology and/or 2-practice suspension.

2nd offense – member will be placed on 60-day probation.

3rd offense – suspension from team for remaining rodeo season and potential membership cancellation.

\*\*The Code of Conduct will be strictly enforced and if it is brought to the attention of a board member any derogatory behavior, it will be addressed immediately!

I have read, understood, and agree to abide by these Rules & Regulations as they apply to my Participation in the Jeffco High and Jr High School Rodeo Team

Student Name - Print \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_