

September 1, 2021, Emergency Meeting

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The meeting was called to order on Wednesday at 8:01. Those present were Thorpe Thompson, Dixie Huxtable, Shelly Thompson, Kent Manor, Whisker Reynolds, Ken Persson, Brannon Bartlett, Roger Jones, Josh Longwell, James Leno, Debbie Engel, Quinn Larson, Justin Mayfield, Ryan Hayden. Josh Johnson, Jay Pixley, Zach Davis, Nick Nichols, and Barry Hayden.

The meeting was to discuss our academic standards and eligibility guidelines. Discussion was had on how to handle students that have an "I" (Incomplete) on their transcripts. With the current rules we have in place the "I" means they are not done with the school year and are not eligible to enter. The board discussed at length. Dixie Huxtable made a motion to consider an "I" an "F" or a "O", and with that, if they are still eligible, passing 70%, then they may rodeo, this is effective immediately (entries on Monday September 6, 2021 would be effected); Kent Manor seconded. Motion carried.

The board then discussed the National rule on page 30-31 Section 1 and Section 2, students in the high school division must be in good standing; not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school. Students must be under 20 at the first of the National High School Rodeo year (Aug. 1), and are or have been enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade the year just preceding the National Rodeo the contestant is entering as long as they (minimum requirements) have made passing grades in at least 70% of the classes taken, Any student attending schools, which apply to high school credits, is eligible if he/she meets all other requirements. Students attending a home school, private school, religious school, or correspondence school are eligible for membership if the school is recognized and approved by the state/province board of education or National Board of Education in the state/province the member is applying for membership. The contestant would need to show proof that the school they are attending is accredited and that they have met the grade requirements. If the school the student is attending is not accredited by the State or National Board of Education the student shall demonstrate composite grade-level academic proficiency on any State Board or National Board of Education recognized achievement test or other mechanism as provided for in State or National Board of Education rules. Home school form is available on the NHSRA website. Additionally, a student shall be eligible if they achieve a minimum composite score or survey test score within the average or higher than average range as established by the test service utilized on any nationally normed test. Demonstrated proficiency shall be used to determine eligibility for the current rodeo season. After much discussion Barry Hayden made a motion to give students that fall into this situation until January 1, 2022, to comply and be able to enter this fall, however, if they do not comply with the rule then they will forfeit all the points they earned up to that point; Debbie Engel seconded that motion. Motion carried. The board then went into executive session. The board came out of executive session and adjourned the meeting.