

To all WHSRA High School and Junior High Members or potential members

Per the NHSRA Rulebook (Page 30-31 of the 2020-22 Rulebook)

CONTESTANT QUALIFICATIONS

1. 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 or met the state activity requirement of the state, they are members in, even if they have graduated in the middle of the year or have attended school on half-days, they will be eligible to compete in National High School Rodeo through the national High School Finals Rodeo if he/she has not participated for more than 4 years. Each State/Province Association may adopt their state/province academic policy for grade or credit requirements. **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;**
2. (Junior High Division requirements are the same excepting the age limit is 'under 16 at the first of the year' and the grades are 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade. (5th grade was added for the 2021/22 rodeo season).

Prior to September 1, 2021 the WHSRA board required that to be a member of the WHSRA a student must have completed all of the classes taken in the prior year in addition to the NHSRA requirements listed above. Therefore, if a grade transcript submitted for fall 2021 membership showing an 'incomplete' of a class taken during the 2020/21 school year it meant that the student was not eligible.

At a WHSRA Board of Directors meeting held Sept 1, 2021, the board adjusted the requirement regarding 'completeness of all classes taken' to read: 'An incomplete class reported on an official transcript will be considered a failed class. IF the student meets the 70% passing grade test with the failed class included in the calculation, they will be deemed eligible'.

At the WHSRA Board of Directors meeting Sept. 1, 2021, the adult board voted to establish a deadline of January 1, 2022 for all registered students attending a NON-Accredited program to get the testing done to meet this NHSRA requirement. This will be applicable to High School and Junior High members who are home schooled using a 'non-accredited' program.

Starting with ALL membership applications received by students who attend a homeschool, private school, religious school or correspondence school after January 1, 2022, the following must be included to deem the student 'eligible':

- 1) the Home school form available on the NHSRA website or WHSRA website, and
- 2) A Copy of an official transcript from a homeschool program that is registered with the Wyoming State Department of Education (accredited program) showing they are passing 70% of the classes taken, or
- 3) Verification of grade appropriate proficiency for those students enrolled in a homeschool program that is NOT registered with the Wyoming State Department of Education (non-accredited program). (Form is available on the NHSRA website). (Please refer to NHSRA 2020-22 rulebook, pages 30-31 for further information).

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