

SOUTH DAKOTA JUNIOR HIGH RODEO ASSOCIATION

BY- LAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

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

ARTICLE II

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 policies and regulations to conduct all the Junior High Division Rodeos.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

- A. General membership in this South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association shall be persons interested in promoting the Junior High Rodeo Association. Board of Director members shall be elected from the general membership.
- B. An adult or associate membership can be purchased for a nominal fee set by the Board of Directors. Members have one vote and must be present to vote.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS, DUTIES OF OFFICERS, TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1:

- A. The officers of this association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The President and the Vice-President will be annually elected by and from the Board of Directors. The Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed by the Board of Directors and need not be a member of the Board of Directors. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined and the appointed officer shall be designated the Executive Secretary. The President and Vice President may serve not more than three (3) consecutive terms.

- B. The officers of the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers together with such duties as shall be prescribed by the by-laws of the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association or the Board of Directors.

Section 2:

- A. The President shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors, The Advisory Council, and the Executive Committee and an Executive member of all committees.
- B. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall serve until the next annual election of officers.
- C. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall keep minutes of all meetings of the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association and the Board of Directors and shall preserve all documents of South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall issue membership certificates to all members of the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall collect, receive and have charge of all funds of the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association and shall deposit such funds in the bank designated by the Board of Directors. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer account is open for review upon request of any director. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall perform such duties as set forth by the Board of Directors.

Section 3:

- A. The terms of office of all officers elected at any annual meeting shall commence at that meeting and shall serve until the next annual meeting.
- C. Section 4:
 - A. The contestants of the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association shall elect student officers from the contestants that are currently sixth or seventh graders. A President, Vice President and a Secretary shall be elected for the term of one year. Contestants officer delegates shall be members of the Board of Directors and, collectively, shall have one vote.

D. ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. There shall be a Board of Directors of the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association. Six directors will be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting in September. Names of those candidates for positions will be submitted to Executive Secretary at the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association State Finals. One director will be located east of the Missouri River, one director will be located west of the Missouri River, four directors will serve at large.
- B. The South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association Directors terms will be as follows: two year terms for east and west directors; (2) two year terms for directors at large, (2) one-year term for the remaining two at large directors. Four-year term limits for all directors. Contestant directors will serve a one-year term.

- C. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy on the Board by appointment. Any replacement director shall serve until the next annual meeting, at which time the vacancy shall be filled to complete the unexpired term.
- D. The directors are obligated to attend every meeting or to delegate, in writing, a person to attend in their place. A director who has missed two (2) consecutive state meetings shall be deemed to have resigned.
- E. A majority of the Board of Directors elected shall constitute a quorum.
- F. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer. The same person may be appointed to fill out both offices.
- G. A South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association National Director will be appointed for a two-year term by the National South Dakota High School Rodeo Association Director. The South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association National Director will report to the National South Dakota High School Rodeo Director as well as the State/Province Board of Directors.
- H. The South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association Board of Directors shall be responsible to annually audit the books and records of the Association and shall present the audit at the annual South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association meeting in September.

E. ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

- A. Unless otherwise ordered by the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association Board of Directors, the annual meeting shall be held on the Sunday following the last Saturday of September in Pierre/Ft. Pierre, South Dakota, at a place to be designated by the President.
- B. A winter meeting of the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association Board of Directors shall be held at a time and place to be designated by the President at the annual meeting.
- C. A special meeting of the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association Board of Directors may be called by the President or any member of the Board of Directors upon three (3) days prior notification to each director. The notice shall specify the time, place, date and purpose of the meeting.
- D. A special meeting of the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association may be called by the Board of Directors. The Executive Secretary shall notify members of the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The notice shall specify the time, place, date and purpose of the meeting.
- E. Seven (7) members shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association.

F. ARTICLE VII

SOUTH DAKOTA JUNIOR HIGH RODEO RULES

- A. Rules governing South Dakota Junior High Rodeos shall be those established by the National High School Rodeo Association. Any deviation from established rules must be approved by the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association Board of Directors and published to the membership of the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association, before they are effective.
- B. Judges and timekeepers at all South Dakota Junior High School Rodeos shall not be a close relative of any contestant involved in that rodeo.

- C. All grievances at the South Dakota Junior High Rodeos shall be filed with the Board of Directors for investigation and ruling. The South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association Board of Directors shall follow the guideline established by the National High School Rodeo Association Rule Book under General Rule #7.
- D. The location of the qualifying and state finals of the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association shall be set at the annual meeting by the Board of Directors.
- E. Four separate qualifying rodeos will be held and a State Finals.
- F. Contestants are eligible to enter any or all rodeos of choice. 1,2,3,4 and State Finals or any combination thereof.
- G. South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association Board of Directors will establish the point system for South Dakota Junior High Rodeo at the annual meeting. Guidelines for point system will be established by the National High School Rodeo Association.
- H. No money will be refunded for any reason after South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association Executive Secretary receives application or entry.

G. ARTICLE VIII

AMMENDMENTS

- A. These by-laws of the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association may be amended at the annual meeting of the South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association general membership. Those adult members eligible to present a by-law change proposal must have been an adult member of the SDHSRA or South Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association for three consecutive years. Any proposed amendments to the by-laws must be submitted to the Executive Secretary who will mail or email the proposal to the general membership not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.
- B. Any adoption of amendment(s) shall require two-thirds (2/3) majority of all members present.

(8/24/2016) Proposed

(9/25/2016) Adopted