

# **TEXAS YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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We are so happy to have you interested in Texas Youth Rodeo Association (TYRA), the oldest youth rodeo association operating! We are 58 years strong and are looking forward to a very exciting 2025 rodeo season! We want to welcome you back to TYRA and, if this is your first year with us, we look forward to meeting you soon!

### **2025 RODEO SEASON**

The Board has already met several times in getting the next rodeo season ready. This year, TYRA is partnering with NextGen for online memberships and entries! We will also accept credit card payments via Zeffy! If you are a returning TYRA member, complete your membership on the NextGen app or website before January 1, 2025 to avoid the late fee. Of course, new members are always welcome! If you are a new member, you will not be charged a late fee and may join at any time. Returning and new members, please fill out the membership application and have the liability release signed and notarized. You will also be required to upload your birth certificate and W9 before purchasing your membership. We also have an adult membership that costs \$5 per person. The adult membership gives you a vote in the TYRA meetings. The Board was asked for members to have a voice – so we listened.

### **2025 RODEO SCHEDULE**

The 2025 Rodeo Schedule is on the website on the “Schedule and Rodeo Forms” tab. The two benefits will count for points and members or non-members may attend. Non-members will be required to pay a \$25 non-member fee. Members and non-members can attend the remaining sixteen rodeos with a \$25 non-member fee. Of the sixteen rodeos, you will declare which ten you will count for points whenever you enter the rodeo, and the other six rodeos you may jackpot. To attend the Finals, you will need to attend a minimum of 6 club rodeos (benefits do not count) and be in the top 25 as well. We will be using the 25 points system. For 1<sup>st</sup> place you will receive 25 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 24 points, etc. with the 25<sup>th</sup> place receiving 1 point. At the end of the season, the top twenty-five in each event will qualify for the finals in July. If a non-member qualifies for the short go at a benefit, we will move members up until we have 10 members in the short go. Please remember the two benefits will be a long go and a short. For the long go, you choose whether you want to ride Friday OR Saturday. We will bring the top 10 back to the short go on Sunday. There will be 75 points available during the weekend – 25 in long go, 25 short go, and 25 for the average. If you have any questions on this, please contact Brittney.

### **TYRA RAFFLE TICKETS**

Each contestant will be required \$200/20 raffle tickets during the 2025 season. This money will be due at the second benefit April 11-13, 2025 in Gonzales. If they are not turned in by this time, the member will become

ineligible and will not be able to compete until they are turned in. We will be having a contest this year for the top raffle ticket sellers: 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive \$200, and 3<sup>rd</sup> will receive \$100.

### **COGGINS PAPERS**

Current coggins papers MUST be submitted via email to Brittney at [texasyouthrodeo@gmail.com](mailto:texasyouthrodeo@gmail.com). As I'm sure many of you have heard, TAHC is seeing a rise in the number of positive coggins (EIA) cases in Texas. TYRA requires that you provide a current negative coggins for each horse that you will have on the premises of any TYRA rodeo. You will also be required to certify on each entry form that you will have current coggins on hand for each horse you bring to any TYRA rodeo. NO EXCEPTIONS.

**W9 FORM** - Please fill the W9 form out with your contestant's information on it. These will also be required with your membership on NextGen. Any contestants winning over \$600 will receive a 1099 from TYRA for 2025.

If you have any questions regarding anything in this package, do not hesitate to contact Brittney Brunner, TYRA Secretary, or any Board Member.

From the TYRA Board of Directors, we wish you and your family a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! We look forward to seeing you after the New Year!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,  
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