

July, 2023

Dear NIRA Rodeo Student:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. You must be aware that it is your responsibility to know the requirements of both the region and the association.

The following must be completed in order for you to compete:

1. NIRA Membership application
2. Release of Liability signed by applicant and parent/guardian signatures if you are under 21 years of age.
3. Certificate of Clearance
4. Verification of high school graduation or GED if you are a first year member.
5. Official transcripts from each institution attended, including any college courses taken while in high school. No emailed or faxed transcripts will be accepted.
6. Enclose a money order or cashier's check. No personal checks will be accepted.

Please note the additional requirements for all independent athletes:

1. The President or Dean of Students at the institution that you are currently attending must sign and affix a seal on the release on the back (reverse side) of your application prior to membership approval.
2. If you are attending a nonmember school the membership fee is \$280.
3. You are required to be enrolled in and complete twelve academic credits, and pass nine of those each term while you are competing.
4. It is your responsibility to send a hard copy official transcript after each term. If you are unsure of the deadline, contact our office or your Regional Faculty Director.

Please contact your Regional Faculty Director at least two weeks before the first rodeo in which you plan to compete. The director will provide information about entry procedures and any eligibility deadlines or requirements that exist.

The NIRA 2023-2024 rule book can be found on our website at www.collegerodeo.com. Rulebooks are also available through our office for an additional \$10.

The NIRA Board of Directors has elected to designate a portion of the individual membership fee to be used as \$50,000 added money to the College National Finals Rodeo. Additionally, the remaining revenue will be used as prize fulfillment; a new RAM pickup will be drawn in the spring from the pool of NIRA student members in good standing. The award will be presented at the 2024 College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming.

Please feel free to contact the NIRA National Office with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Josilyn Fullerton
NIRA Membership Coordinator