



Immediate Release

NHSRA adds fifth Grade to the Junior High Division

The NHSRA enjoys watching kids grow through the association and is excited to welcome fifth graders.

Denver, Colorado | February 12, 2021 - Each year, the National High School Rodeo Association staff, national directors and the executive board meet to discuss and plan the future of the NHSRA during the Association's annual Mid-Winter Meeting. A lot of discussion arose over the course of the week and after multiple positive conversations the NHSRA is happy to announce the Junior High Division will be allowing fifth graders to join starting with the 2021-2022 competition season.

The fifth graders will be able to compete in any of the already present Junior High Division events. They will be able to compete for all-around titles, state/provincial titles and qualify for the National Junior High Finals Rodeo.

“This topic is one I have personally presented for the past few years, so getting this approved feels great,” states NHSRA Executive Director James Higginbotham. “We try to make all of high school rodeo a welcoming family experience and we are hoping this adds to it. I think it's safe to say there might be a few happy younger siblings that get to participate on rodeo weekends, rather than watch their older siblings.”

To see a full list of Junior High Division events click here: <https://nhsra.com/jr-high-division-events/>

To learn more about the Junior High Division click here: <https://nhsra.com/junior-high-division/>

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