

Ridgewater Rodeo Club
Constitution

ARTICLE I - NAME

The official name is to be the: Ridgewater Rodeo Club. Here in, also known as the: Club.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Club is to:

- (1) Explore and expand the educational knowledge base of our student body on the rodeo industry.
- (2) Discover and promote career and employment opportunities within the rodeo industry.
- (3) Create and foster leadership opportunities within the rodeo industry and on campus.
- (4) Cultivate and share rodeo industry networking opportunities.
- (5) Educate and ensure rodeo animal health and welfare. Ensure participant health and welfare.
- (6) Build a strong social and professional foundation within the rodeo industry and on campus.
- (7) Develop opportunities for students to compete at State, Regional and National Events.
- (8) Educate and appreciate the role of the rodeo industry in traditional agriculture.
- (9) Generate and raise funds through Club Fundraisers to support Club Activities.
- (10) Participate in Campus/Student Life Functions, including Student Senate Club Liaison Meetings.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- (1) All current student enrolled status Ridgewater students shall be welcomed and accepted.
- (2) To maintain voting and active Membership Status, (good standing) **dues must be paid by the second meeting of the Fall Semester.**
- (3) Students must maintain **at least 12 academic credit hours** (9 of which are passed credits) each semester and **maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) at all times.**
- (4) Also, Members are expected to actively participate in **at least two Club Fundraisers.**
- (5) Further, Members are expected to attend **at least five Regular Meetings.**

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

- (1) The (6) officers shall consist of a duly elected president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, officer at large and liaison representative.
- (2) All elected officers of the Club shall serve a term of one year.
- (3) **Nominations of offices will be the first week of the Fall Semester. Elections shall be held during the second week of the Fall Semester,** with newly elected officers assuming their position at the next regularly scheduled Club meeting.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- (1) The **President** shall work with the Club Advisor to create an agenda and preside at meetings of the Club, determine that all duties of the other officers are performed in accordance with the constitution, and promote the function and purpose of the Club. **The President must have completed at least 1 semester in the Rodeo Club at Ridgewater.**
- (2) The **Vice-President** shall assist the president in the performance of her/her duties and act on their behalf and assume their responsibilities upon the absence of the President; etc. The vice-president may be asked to work on special projects, as determined by the Club and/or the Advisor.
- (3) The **Treasurer** shall collect the revenues owed the Club and maintain appropriate record in accordance with the SA/FAC guidelines. The treasurer shall report on Club Fund Balances and keep records on those members that have paid and/or not paid dues.
- (4) The **Secretary** shall record and publish the minutes of regular and special meetings, including members and guests in attendance. The secretary shall maintain records of members that participate in Club Fundraisers. **The Secretary must have completed at least 1 semester in the Rodeo Club at Ridgewater.**
- (5) The **Officer at Large** shall assist any officer, as needed, and in their absence. The officer at large shall maintain the Club Web Site and Club Social Media Sites.
- (6) The **Club Liaison Representative** shall attend all required Club Life/Student Senate Meetings, reporting on Club Activities and providing information from Club Life/Student Senate to the Club
- (7) An officer may be removed for non-performance of his/her duties by a 2/3rd majority vote of the Club. This may be initiated by the Advisor and must be approved by the Advisor.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Meetings shall occur on a regular basis at a time selected by the membership at large. Special Meetings and/or Executive Meetings may be called by the Advisor or officer team, with Advisor approval.

ARTICLE VII - VOTING

All members in good standing (see Article III on Membership (2, 3, 4 and 5)) are eligible to vote.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended by a majority vote of active and voting members. The proposed changes to the constitution must be submitted and discussed one meeting before a change vote can occur. (This will assure all membership a chance to review the changes and be present for the vote.)

ARTICLE IX - DUES

- (1) **All members shall pay an annual Membership Due of \$10.00.**
- (2) To maintain voting and active Membership Status, (good standing) dues must be paid by the second meeting of the Fall Semester.

ARTICLE X – PAYMENT OF BILLS/EXPENDITURES

- (1) All bills and expenditures must be pre-approved by the Membership, with approval by the Advisor.
- (2) Likewise, disbursements and payments must be approved by the Membership, with approval by the Advisor.

ARTICLE XI – REIMBURSEMENTS FOR COLLEGE RODEO COMPETITION

- (1) For members in good standing. Up to \$15.00 toward a Ridgewater Official Transcript.
- (2) For members in good standing. Up to \$65.00 toward National Membership (NIRA).
- (3) For members in good standing. Up to \$10.00 toward Region Fees/Rodeo (Great Plains Region).
- (4) For members in good standing. A Competition Vest.
- (5) For members in good standing. Up to \$25.00/Rodeo as a Travel Allowance.
- (6) Reimbursements will be made after the member has provided proof and intent of competition.

ARTICLE XII – RODEO CLUB ALUMNI & FRIENDS OF THE RODEO CLUB

- (1) A Rodeo Club Alumni will be defined as a Rodeo Club Member (in good standing) (see Article III) that has left Ridgewater.
- (2) Friends of the Rodeo Club will be defined as Individuals or Groups that support the cause(s) of the Rodeo Club.
- (3) The Club Advisor will maintain a list of Rodeo Club Alumni, names and contact information.
- (4) The Club Advisor will maintain a list of the Friends of the Rodeo Club, names and contact information.

The Ridgewater Rodeo Club does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, creed, religion, age, national origin, disability, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, program of student or membership or activity in a local commission as defined by law.

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