

2026 TJHRA STATE FINALS

In addition to the 2024 – 2026 RULE BOOK OF THE NHSRA & THJHRA, plus GROUND RULES FROM THE CITY OF GONZALES: the following will be Ground Rules at the 2025 TJHRA STATE FINALS – Gonzales, Texas – May 22 – May 30, 2026.

1. **All contestants** must bring either their final report card for the 2025-2026 school year, or the **last previous six weeks report card**, or a letter from the school (on school stationary with school seal) stating that they are passing 70% of their subjects. The letter must be signed by **school counselor, principal or superintendent**.
2. Any contestant having a problem making the check in time on Sunday, May 24th, 2026 needs to call Anne Dollery (State Secretary) at 979-412-2551. ANY LATE ARRIVAL MUST BE **PREAPPROVED**. **If you show up without talking to Anne Dollery (state secretary) YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE FINALS!**
3. Check in will be Sunday, May 24th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Expo. You must be checked in by 12 p.m. Campers and/or horses cannot be brought in and left on grounds or in stalls before Friday **morning, May 22, 2026, starting at 8:00 AM** This is open to anyone who wants to come on Friday but please note that the entrance gate will **close at 7:00 PM on Friday** and will not open back up until 7:00 AM Saturday morning. The City of Gonzales will have staff available 24 hours to help you with RV and stall assignment. **When they take you to your assigned stall they will then take you to your region's RV area, anyone refusing to park in that area or move after they are parked they will be asked to leave the grounds and will not be allowed to park their trailer on the grounds.**
 - a. There will no refunds after **May 1st (entry fee, stall or rv reservation)** without a medical release, and there will be no moving up after **May 15th** if a contestant drops out for any reason.
 - b. Each contestant will have a morning and afternoon run. The order will be reversed for the second go. The second go will not start until the first go is complete.
 - c. The first performance will be on Sunday, May 24 at 5pm, then we will go to 2 performances a day. The morning perfs will start at 8:30 a.m. and the afternoon perfs will start at 2:30p.m. The Short Go will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 30th and will be the only performance that day.
4. Proof of negative coggins test, taken within the 12 months prior to the State Finals, must be furnished along with a proper and current Health Certificate issued **if you are crossing state lines** by a licensed veterinarian within 45 days of the opening of the State Finals. Only one (1) horse will be allowed in each stall. **A copy of these must be turned in when you get your stall assignment.** PLEASE BRING A COPY!
5. The price of admission will be \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for a child for a performance. Season passes are \$60 for adults and \$40 for child and may be purchased from your region secretary when you turn in your entry form. Passes can be picked up when you check in. They will also be available for purchase at the finals.
6. The Dress Code will be as follows:
 - a. Full Dress code inside the fenced arena (hats, boots, long sleeves, and back numbers) while competing or sitting in the stands.
 - b. Back Number only in the stalling area and jack pot arena.

7. There will no tolerance for alcohol/drug/tobacco consumption or in presence thereof.
8. Saving RV Spaces – No vehicle may park in areas where RV hookups are located. There will be no “saving” of RV spaces for your friends or family etc. If you want to park by someone, you must arrive there together. **Again, anyone caught moving their trailer and/or camper once parked by the City of Gonzales personnel may be asked to leave the premises.**
9. Non-Licensed Vehicles – There will be no scooters, personal golf carts, mules or 4 wheelers are allowed on the grounds without prior written approval of the Executive Board. The only non-licensed vehicles will be golf carts rented on premises. The first fifty registered through Metro Golf personal golf carts will be allowed, the charge will be \$250 and they will be stickered. **ANY CARTS THAT ARE CAUGHT WITHOUT A STICKER WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS.**