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PURPOSES ONLY.

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Membership Incentive

Goals:

- To increase overall membership in the AHSRA
- To make high school rodeo more affordable to all families
- To support the mandate of family bonding
- To reach “outside the box” to other youth who are not “rodeo families” (4-H, Light horse, Local gymkhana clubs,)
- To promote the sport of rodeo
- To preserve western heritage
- Offer the opportunity for WD and HS unite under one entity

Discussion Topic:

Divide the province and membership into 5 districts, with WD and HS members competing on the same weekend at the same venue.

The current AHSRA membership is 470 members including HS & WD

District 1 139 HS 32 WD

District 2 171 HS 73 WD

District 3 51 HS 4 WD

District Divisions

The province was tentatively divided in 5 districts with existing 2009 membership:

- **District 1** being all areas from Nanton West to the border, Nanton North to Hiway 1A (561) and East to the border.
- **District 2** being all areas from the intersection of Hiway 561 East to the border and Hiway 21 North to Hiway 595, West to Red Deer to Hiway 2 North up to Hiway 53 East to the border.
- **District 3** being all areas from Nanton west to the border, from Nanton north up hiway 2 to Hiway 1A east to Hiway 21 north to Hiway 595 West to Red Deer, North up Hiway 2 to Leduc and west on Hiway 39 to the border.

- **District 4** being all areas from Leduc West on Hiway 39 to the border, from Leduc South on Hiway 2 to Hiway 53 East to the border and north boundry will be a line from Grovedale east through to Cold Lake.
- **District 5** being all area's north of the top district 4 line to the east and west.
- With the Districts divided as above the current membership numbers would look like:

D1	HS 94	WD 26
D2	HS 70	WD 26
D3	HS 101	WD 24
D4	HS 60	WD 20
D5	HS 40	WD 0

- The final decision on which district members close to the borders would complete in would be up to the families. Each family would have to declare at the beginning of the season which district they have picked.

Rodeos/Season Leader/Finals Changes with regard to the 5 district proposal

- Each district would consist of WD & HS members.
- Each sanction rodeo in each district would have 2 WD perf's and 2 HS perf's each 2 day weekend.
- Each district would cap the number of rodeos at 12 perf's per year. 3 – 2day rodeo's in the fall and 3-2-day rodeos in the fall.
- Membership fees would be increased to \$175.00 for WD to mirror the HS division fees.
- Provincial finals for HS & WD would continue to be separate events.
- The WD finals could be moved to the 2nd weekend in June and the HS finals to the 3rd weekend in June.
- This would allow committee's to have to the end of May for sanctioned events.
- Each district would be allowed to bring the top 8 in HS & WD each event to provincial finals.
- This would increase the finalists to a maximum of 40 contestants in each event, giving more members the opportunity to experience provincial finals.
- The roll up procedure would be used like it is now to fill positions if the district cannot fill them.
- The district season leader award program would have to be re-considered and possible changes made to accommodate the downsizing in district size and numbers of contestants per event. E.g.: eliminate district hipt and rookie awards and the number of awards given.
- All provincial finalists could receive a team shirt.
- The top 4 national qualifiers would receive the team jackets.

- Provincial hi point boy, hi point girl, rookie boy and rook girl will be awarded a provincial finals for both HS & WD.
- The provincial event champion and reserve champion would receive buckles.
- Whatever point system is developed for the HS finals will be used for the 5 district proposal finals for both the HS & WD.

District Executive Changes with regard to the 5 district proposal

- Each district will have a student president (to be elected out of the HS members)
- Each district will have a student vice president (to be elected out of the WD members)
- Each district will have a student secretary (to be elected out of the HS members)
- Each district will have an adult president, vice president and secretary to be elected out of the parents of the district members. (either HS or WD parents)
- This will increase the district board member numbers from the present 24 to 30.

Pros:

- ✓ Will be less expensive for families with members in HS and WD.
- ✓ Will allow the families to travel together
- ✓ Will allow the families to share horses
- ✓ Will allow for less travel, time and miles to rodeo's, less family expense overall
- ✓ Will allow more options for families to determine which district they compete in.
- ✓ Will give more youth the opportunity to succeed at the district level.
- ✓ Will free up more dates for members who have other association commitments
- ✓ Increases membership over all
- ✓ Will increase the number of all star team opportunities for the members
- ✓ Will increase the number of members who will have an opportunity to compete at finals as provincial qualifiers.
- ✓ Will encourage the "buddy system" with the WD & HS members
- ✓ Will encourage more of a mentorship between the youth members
- ✓ Will encourage more interaction between the HS & WD.
- ✓ Will reduce committee costs for the rough stock events

- ✓ Will increase the number of board members to 30 plus the national director, wd director, and provincial secretary at the provincial level allowing for more provincial wide input into AHSRA policies and decisions.
- ✓ Will decrease the amount of season leader sponsorship dollars needed and will allow more youth the opportunity to become a district season leader champions.
- ✓ Will shorten the length of performances
- ✓ Entry call in would be the same time/date for WD & HS members in each district.
- ✓ Will be able to extend the WD season to mirror the HS season and cap the number of rodeos to 3 2-day rodeos in the fall, 3 2-day rodeos in the spring.
- ✓ Will allow the WD finals to be moved to June, instead of early May.
- ✓ Would not expect districts to host cuttings, a series could be developed for cutting province wide.

Cons:

- Weakens the competition at the district level
- Issues with the age range of youth and blending together
- Will the quality of stock be an issue, to work with preferred contractors as to lower numbers in each event?
- Will the overlap of dates between districts cause concerns with stock and personal
- Will decrease the number of season leader award placing
- Will increase the number of event directors needed overall.
- Will not give the committee's the option for HS or WD, they will be one unit.
- Will not have cutting at district rodeos
- Will increase costs of director travel for meetings
- Could increase costs of rough stock entries
- Could decrease the season leader awards program currently in place.
- Will increase the cost of operating the CES
- Will have to have another complete set of boxes and equipment.
- Sanctions fees would possibly have to change.

