

July 22, 2024

Hello Cougars,

We are having our **General Membership Meeting on Thursday, August 21st , 2024 at 6 pm in the Madonna Inn Garden Room**. Please try to make this meeting, as there is critical rodeo information you will receive only at this meeting. This is the only club meeting we have during the season and it's a good time to meet your fellow competitors. We also use this time to help students find their team roping partners.

There are two sets of paperwork that need to be completed by you and your parents in order to compete in college rodeo. The first is the "**Rodeo Club Signature Packet**", the second is the "**NIRA Membership Form and Certificate of Clearance Form**". Both forms are "fillable" however, the NIRA forms need to be filled out on your computer and then printed for your signature, your high school signature (if applicable), and both parents signature. The Rodeo Club Packet is a bit easier, as you can fill out online, electronically sign, save and email back to me. You can also print that Rodeo Club Packet, fill out and bring to the rodeo meeting.

These forms are attached to this email. They can also be found at the website www.cuestacollegerodeo.com

There is no fee to be a part of the Cuesta Cougars Rodeo Club, however, there are fees associated with being a NIRA member/contestant participating at the rodeos (i.e. Rodeo Vest approx. \$80.00, NIRA Membership \$300, Travel Costs, Rodeo Entry Fees - \$80 first event and \$40 each additional events, etc). As a contestant competing in college rodeo on behalf of Cuesta College, these are non-negotiable fees due from you, the student competitor.

The process to get your mandatory NIRA Membership is long. You will need all the time you have to get your cards before the entries are due for the first rodeos. As a safety measure, *be sure to keep a copy of your application for your files before mailing.*

We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. Until then, please feel free to text, email or call if you have questions. If you manage to get the forms finished early, please scan and send to us prior to the meeting.

Regards,

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