

Montana Junior High Rodeo Association

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IMPORTANT STATE RODEO INFORMATION

STATE FINALS RODEO ENTRIES: Online entries are **open and will close May 23rd at midnight!** If you have 1 point in an event, you are eligible to enter the state finals rodeo and if you sold the necessary raffle tickets by the deadline. Phone entries will be May 24th from 12-2 PM if there are any problems with the online entry or if a contestant is needing help with finding a partner.

Camping: All Dry Camping - No Registration needed

Stalls Registration: Please fill out the Registration form for stalls. **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS AFTER REGISTRATION.** *** The registration form is not a rodeo entry. You still must enter online at mhsra.com, to enter the State Finals Rodeo. Enter all events you plan on competing in at the State Finals. ***

State Arrivals and Check-In Schedule: Contestant Arrival and Check-in times are listed below. Please pay attention to this schedule. It will be strictly enforced.

ARRIVAL Times:

- Contestants are welcome to start arriving at the host facility as early as Thursday, May 26th.

CHECK IN Times:

- Timed Event & Rough Stock Contestants – Must CHECK IN on Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.. **No earlier – No later.**

ALL contestants must be checked in by 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

- Remember that entry fees and jackpot fees are to be **paid separately**. If you are paying by check, **bring two checks** to check in

Mandatory Rough Stock Equipment Check: All Rough Stock Contestants – Friday at 11:30 a.m. in front of office.

Contestant Meeting: **

Who: ALL MTJHRA State Finals Rodeo Contestants

Date: Friday, May 27th Time: 12:00 p.m. (DO NOT be late)

Place: Grandstands

If you miss the meeting and break any rules gone over at the meeting, disqualification will occur. Please note the Contestant Disqualification Rule in the NHSRA 2020-2022 Rule Book, page 36. “(8) Missing any mandatory safety seminar or equipment check in. Please be certain to attend this meeting. We do not want any disqualifications due to being absent from this meeting.

Schedule of Events:

1:00 p.m. Friday, May 27th 1st Go

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Contestants Dance

1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 28th 2nd Go

9:00 a.m. Sunday, May 29th - Short Go and National paperwork

Following Short Go Performance – Award Presentation

Entry Fees: Fees are \$50.00 per event with an additional mandatory jackpot fee of \$30.00. total per event is \$80.00. please make sure if you are paying by check you have two checks to pay fees with. One for the jackpot fee and one for the event fee which goes to the state finals committee.

Grades: Bring your final Spring Semester grades to the State Rodeo check-in. **No Grades – No Rodeo.** If your school has not processed final semester grades, you must bring your 3rd quarter final grades or 4th quarter midterm. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE GRADES HAVE YOUR NAME, THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL AND DATE ON THEM.**

National Basket: Members are asked to generously do one of two things: either **1)** Donate \$15 toward the National Basket, or **2)** Bring an item to donate to the National Basket. Please do not bring homemade canned goods. These items will be accepted during check in or brought to the State office during the State Finals Rodeo week. The value of the item you bring must be declared to the State Office when checking your item in. These state baskets are auctioned off at the Foundation Auction during the National Junior High School Finals Rodeo. The proceeds go to the NHSRA

Crisis Fund. Let's keep up the good work by supporting our National Basket! Many MHSRA members have benefited from this Crisis Fund in the past. Questions can be directed to Billie Harms, 406-421-5658, State Secretary.

Back Numbers and Attire: Each State Finals Rodeo contestant will be issued a back number upon State Finals check in. Back numbers must be worn from the moment of check in until after the awards presentation on Sunday. Note that the NHSRA rule states, "Contestants must wear numbers on their backs and number must be visible at all times while competing in their events, when at rodeo grounds or any rodeo function and at the motel." If you lose your back number, please report immediately to the State Office and you will be issued a new number. Please also review the rodeo attire rules on page 28 in the 2016-2018 NHSRA rule book.

Animal Cruelty: No animal abuse or cruelty will be tolerated. Please note the Contestant Disqualification Rule in the NHSRA 2016-2018 Rule Book, pages 28, #6b. STOCK: "(2) Mistreatment of Rodeo Stock or contestant's horse." This rule should be taken very seriously and is closely watched and enforced.

NJHSFR Registration: It is critical each contestant come to State prepared to fill out paperwork for the NJHSFR. **NJHSFR qualifiers MUST come to the State Office immediately following their event to receive an NJHSFR packet and in order to start filling out the paperwork. This is VERY important as the awards ceremony cannot begin until all contestants are registered for the NJHSFR.** The following paperwork regarding NJHSFR must be completed before leaving the State Rodeo: 1. **BOTH PARENTS** need to sign and have notarized the NJHSFR release, unless one parent is deceased or one parent has sole custody. **The National Entry Form will be on the Website under "Forms", if you need to fill it out in advance.** 2. Be prepared to decide whether they are camping or not at the NJHSFR. These decisions will need to be made upon registration for NJHSFR before leaving the State Finals competition. 3. All NJHSFR stall, jackpot and camping fees must be paid during NJHSFR registration prior to leaving the State Finals competition. If paying by check, you will need to bring three separate checks.