

## Team Cinch Process- 2016-2017

This process is for Jr. High and High School Division Members

### Rodeo Team

1. State/Provincial Secretary will identify Team Cinch for their state or province based on specific criteria:
  - a. Student cannot be an upper-classman (8<sup>th</sup> grade/senior) when they competed at the state/provincial finals.
  - b. Student has to have finished in their state/provincial finals in the 8<sup>th</sup> position or higher.
  - c. Student has to be in good standing academically
  - d. Student has to declare/join NHSRA or NHSRA Junior High Division by **September 10, 2016**.
  - e. 1 student is selected per event (except in the Ribbon Roping and Team Roping Events). Selection goes in a specific order based on events with the least number of contestants for the entire membership database per event. For the High School Division, the order of events is as follows:

Boys: 1. BB, 2. BC, 3. RCH, 4. SB, 5. SW, 6. TD, 7. TR  
Girls: 1. QC, 2. GT, 3. RCH, 4. GC, 5. BK, 6. PB, 7. BA, 8. TR

For the Junior High Division, the order of events is as follows:

Boys: 1. BBSR, 2. SBSR, 3. BR, 4. CD, 5. BGT, 6. RR, 7. BBK, 8. TD, 9. TR  
Girls: 1. GBK, 2. PB, 3. BA, 4. GGT, 5. RR, 6. TR

- f. For example: Start with boys events – go to the BB results first. Select 1 member, who meets all the criteria above, and then move to BC and repeat. Continue through the process until you have established your Boys team. Repeat the same process starting with QC for the Girls team. Keep in mind, you may not have “full” teams and it does happen that an event will be vacant (without a Cinch Team Member).
- g. For the Ribbon Roping event, select the first boy or girl who meets all other criteria and his/her partner (as long as he/she meets all other criteria). If for some reason one of the ribbon roping contestants does not meet the criteria, then drop down to the next team in line. If the girl or boy from the first place team does not meet all criteria, select the one that does, if applicable and then move down the list to the next boy or girl who does. If you select one person on the next team and the other member meets the criteria, select the other member as well (which may result in 3 members selected assuming there were no ties).
- h. For the team roping event, work down through the selection process as normal. Once you have 2 team ropers chosen, check to see if the partner of the last one selected also meets the criteria. If so, place that person on the team as well if they have not already been selected for another event on the team. You will do this process twice (once to select a boy or boys and once to select a girl or girls if applicable. This could result in selecting as many as 4 team ropers to the team depending on the team standings.

- i. If the member you have selected in any event is tied with the next person in the standings, you need to include them as well **as long as they have met all other criteria.**
- j. **You will also include your State All-Arounds (if they have not already been selected and IF they meet the upper-classman criteria) and National Student Officers (if they reside in your state).**
- k. Once you have established your team, send your Cinch Team members their agreements to fill out, sign and return to you. It is imperative that they fill in all the information completely, including their shirt size. **PLEASE NOTE: The Cruel Girl women's shirts have darts sewn in the front and the back that makes them very form fitting; please make sure the student orders the correct size even if this means going into a storefront and trying on shirts prior to ordering. We will NOT do ANY exchanges this year as the shirts are ordered from the information we send to Cinch- even if that means ordering 1 size larger for that student who is growing!** If a student has transferred out of your state and should be placed on the team based on the criteria set above, the state secretary for the student who transferred out of the state will need to get that form to them anyway. That student still qualified for a spot on the team and will represent the state they rodeoed in during the previous season on the Cinch Team.
- l. We recommend that you establish a deadline of no later than **September 20, 2015.**
- m. Provided you use the recommended deadline in step 'l', on **September 21, 2015**, any forms that were not returned will be removed from your team and you can begin the "roll-up" process. Remove the student from the event they qualified in and check the finals report for the next student in line that can be put in that spot based on the same criteria you used above. Roll-Up team agreements need to be sent out and received by you **September 28, 2016.** **The complete team list (preferably on an excel spreadsheet) including the names of your team captains needs to be in the National Office by October 1, 2016.**
- n. **Your state will select one girl and one boy as team captains. The team captains will receive a patch from Cinch that they can put on their shirt they receive. These names MUST be included with the information you send back to the National Office by October 1, 2016.**
- o. **It is critical that you immediately open the box(es) you receive to check your orders for accuracy (quantity and sizes ordered).** Again, if there is a student who has transferred out of your state, but will be representing your state on the Cinch Team, it is critical that they receive their apparel from you.
- p. Each Jr. High and High School Division student will receive 1 shirt (that will be delivered to each state secretary to give out to each member) and 1 jean certificate (certificates and optional order forms for additional shirts and jeans will be mailed to each student directly). In addition, Team Captains will receive a team captain patch (from the state secretary).
- q. The deadline for reordering Cinch Team Shirts and/or jeans will be **December 20, 2016.** All reorders need to go through the National Office and shipments will be sent directly to the team member.

## **2. Shooting Team**

- a. State/Provincial Secretary will identify Team Cinch for their state or province based on specific criteria:
  - i. The state or province MUST have had a qualifying shoot for the National Finals (students who competed at the National Level but did not compete at a state or provincial qualifier are NOT eligible for this team)
  - ii. Select the Champion from the Junior High Division in the Rifle Competition provided they are not an upper classman. If they are an upper classman, move to the next place until the spot is either filled or no one is eligible to fill that position resulting in the spot being left vacant for your state. It is possible that shooting team members may also be rodeo team members.
  - iii. Select the Champion from the High School Division in the Rifle Competition provided they are not an upper classman. If they are an upper classman, move to the next place until the spot is either filled or no one is eligible to fill that position resulting in the spot being left vacant for your state.
  - iv. Select the Champion from the High School Division in the Trap Competition provided they are not an upper classman and have not been chosen already for the rifle team. If they are an upper classman or were already chosen for the rifle position, move to the next place until the spot is either filled or no one is eligible to fill that position resulting in the spot being left vacant for your state. It is possible that shooting team members may also be rodeo team members.
  - v. The student(s) selected cannot be an upper-classman (8<sup>th</sup> grade/senior) when they competed at the state/provincial finals and be qualified for the Cinch Shooting Team.

## **3. Cinch Scholarships**

- a. Cinch would like to award scholarships to 2 students in Junior High (1 boy and 1 girl) and 2 students in High School (1 boy and 1 girl). These scholarships are worth \$2000 each.
- b. Applications will be accepted for any NHSRA or NHSRA JH member (they do not have to be on the Cinch Rodeo team or Cinch Shooting team to qualify).
- c. These scholarships are open to US Citizens only.
- d. Applications for these scholarships will be sent directly to Cinch and will be judged by their panel of experts.
- e. Applications and details for applying will be on the NHSRA website as well as the Cinch website by 10/1/16.