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IMPORTANT STATE RODEO INFORMATION

Queen Candidates: Potential Queen contestants need to contact Bernette Wagner, 498-2053, as soon as possible. You must enter the queen competition Through Bernette Wagner only. 406-498-2053

STATE FINALS RODEO ENTRIES: Entries are open on line, May 8th, 2018, and will close May 28th at midnight! If you have 1 point in an event, you are eligible to enter the state finals rodeo. Call in time will be May 29th 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 and Stalls Registration: Camping and stalls registration can be found on the host committee website, www.MTrodeofinals.com. The registration for camping and stalls is **due in their hands** on or before May 31, 2018. No late registration and no 'at the gate' registration will be available. If you do not register for stalls or camping prior to this date you will not be able to camp OR stall your horses at the fairgrounds, you will need to find other accommodations. **This registration is not a rodeo entry. You still must enter online at mhsra.com, May 8th – 28th 2018, to enter the State Finals Rodeo. Enter all events you plan on competing in at the State Finals Rodeo. Cutting, Reined Cow Horse, Timed events, and rough stock. You only have to enter one time.**

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:

- All Contestants are welcome to start arriving at the host facility as early as Sunday, June 3rd at noon with the last arrival time on Sunday being 7pm. Arrival times on Monday-Wednesday will be from 8am to 6pm daily.

CHECK IN Times:

- Cutting & Reining Contestants – Must CHECK IN on Tuesday between the hours of 10:00 - 11:00 am. **No earlier – No later.**
- Queen Contestants – Must CHECK IN on Monday Morning 8:00 AM-10:00 am **No earlier – No later.**
- Timed Event & Rough Stock Contestants – Must CHECK IN on Wednesday between the hours of 2:00 PM – 6:00PM. **No earlier – No later. ALL contestants must be checked in by 6:00 PM Wednesday.**
- Remember that entry fees and jackpot fees are to be **paid separately.** If you are paying by check, **bring two checks** to check in. No sponsor checks will be taken at check in.
- **Shooting Sports:** Check in during check in times. There will be a bus to take you to the range at 6:00 PM on Wednesday.

Mandatory Rough Stock Equipment Check: All Rough Stock Contestants – Thursday, June 8th, 2017, 6:00 AM.

Contestant Meeting:

Who: ALL MHSRA State Finals Rodeo Contestants
Date: Thursday, June 7th, 2018 Time: 7:00 AM (DO NOT be late)
Place: Grandstands, Fallon County Fairgrounds Baker MT.

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 2016-2018 Rule Book, page 28-30. "(9) 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.

CC/RCH Time Schedule:

Tuesday - Cutting/Cow Horse 1st go 1:00 PM, 2nd Go, 1 hour after the end of the 1st go.
Wednesday - Cutting/Cow Horse Short Go, 9:00 AM

Rough Stock and all Timed Events:

9:00 AM Thursday, 1st Go - all events
Friday is REACT DAY - Wear Red that day.
9:00 AM Friday, 2nd Go Slack - Goat Tying, Steer Wrestling and Pole Bending
4:00 PM (approximately), ReAct Dinner – Speaker Christy Follmer

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6:30 PM Friday, 2nd Go Performance - Bareback, Tie Down, Breakaway, Team Roping, Barrels, Bull Riding and Saddle Bronc
12:00 PM Saturday - Short Go (GT, SW, BB, PB, SB, TD, BK, TR, BA, BR)
4:30 PM Saturday (approximately) – Award Presentation

Entry Fees: Fees are \$100.00 per event with an additional mandatory jackpot fee of \$30.00. total per event is \$130.00. 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. Home school members must submit their curriculum/grades to Nicki Knerr prior to the State Finals with enough time so that she can notify the State Office of approval. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE GRADES HAVE YOUR NAME AND THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL ON THEM.**

National Basket: The theme for the National Basket this year will be ‘Rodeo Under the Big Sky’. Please do not bring homemade canned goods. Members are asked to generously do one of two things: either **1)** Donate \$15 toward the National Basket, or **2)** Bring an **outdoor adventure themed** item to donate to the National Basket. 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 High School Finals Rodeo. The proceeds go to the NHSRA Crisis Fund. MHSRA’s National basket has always been very successful in raising funds to benefit NHSRA members facing a crisis. 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 Laurie Harrell, 464-2686, 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 final performance 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. Back numbers can be laminated at the office for a \$2.00 fee. Please bring your back numbers in after check in to have them done.

Seniors: Scholarship applications are available on the MHSRA website. Applications are to be mailed to the State Office by Monday, May 22, 2018. Applications MUST be postmarked no later than May 22, 2018. No late applications will be accepted, no exceptions. Applicants must also sign-up for a scholarship interview appointment during check-in at the State Office. All senior members in good standing who submit a scholarship application and participate in the interview process will be awarded at least a \$300 scholastic scholarship.

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.

There will be no Battle of the Districts:

Trailer Raffle Fundraiser: Raffle tickets can be sold by members up to and during the State Finals Rodeo. Please Contact state secretary Laurie Harrell if you need more raffle tickets. The Trailer Raffle Fundraiser winning tickets will be drawn during the Championship Go Round performance on Saturday June 9th, 2018.

State Finals Host Committee Website: The State High School Rodeo Finals website is the go to place for any information that you need to know for the finals. Go to: www.MTrodeofinals.com. Please pay attention to their due dates for any forms that are required.

NHSFR Registration: It is critical each contestant come to State prepared to fill out paperwork for the NHSFR. **NHSFR qualifiers MUST come to the State office immediately following their event to receive an NHSFR 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 NHSFR.** The following paperwork regarding NHSFR must be completed before leaving the State Rodeo: **1. BOTH PARENTS** need to sign and have notarized the NHSFR 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 NHSFR. These decisions will need to be made upon registration for NHSFR before leaving the State Finals competition. 3. All NHSFR stall, jackpot and camping fees must be paid during NHSFR registration prior to leaving the State Finals competition. If paying by check, you will need to bring three separate checks.

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NHSFR Housing Information: Please be prepared to make a housing decision when you fill out the NHSFR paperwork at the State Finals. There are a limited number of camping sites and hotel room blocks available. Camp sites and hotel rooms are awarded first to returning NHSFR contestants, then senior contestants, then junior contestants, then sophomore, then freshman. Be prepared to make alternate housing arrangements if a camp site is not available. Contact Laurie Harrell at 464-2686, if you have any questions.