

MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

*****IMPORTANT REGULATIONS*****

CONTESTANTS AND PARENTS - PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION

1. At the first Rodeo that you enter you will receive the following: (a) NHSRA Rule Book-Read it and know it; (b) NHSRA Membership/Insurance Card; and (c) Permanent Contestant Back Number for the year. You will be given 2 numbers for the year. The fee to receive your 3rd number will be \$25.00.
2. **ENTRY FORMS WILL BE MAILED IN.** The postmark dates are listed on your schedule and on each entry form. **If not postmarked for that date you must notify the secretary after the postmark date up to that Friday and pay a late fee of \$25. After being late 3 times you will have to approach the board for permission to enter any further rodeos.**
The draw will be posted on the High School website (www.mshsra.org) on Wednesday, 1 week & 1 day after the postmark date. You will be given **5** requests for the year. Friday night requests will not count in your 5. Should you need an additional request you will need to send a letter to the board at least **two weeks** before the postmark date for the rodeo you are needing to request. **When you make a request, this request counts for you and anyone partnering with you (team roping partner, or traveling partner).** Please communicate with your team roping partner or traveling partner before entering to avoid conflicts. Team Ropers need to buddy your events with your partner if you want to be up in all events on the same night. Also if you ride someone else's horse, you must notify the secretary when you mail your entry. You may request all your events on one night, this is not considered a request unless you specify Saturday night. You may ask to have your events split between show and slack but you cannot designate which one you want to do when. You may ask to have your events split between Friday and Saturday but you cannot designate which one you want to do when without a request being used. (Example: roping events one night, running events one night or team roping one night and tie down roping one night. It is your responsibility to check the draw and contact the secretary should there be a problem. **THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES ON REQUESTS.** If you are unsure about something please call and ask.
NOTE: IN ORDER TO COMPETE IN AN EVENT AT THE STATE FINALS, YOU MUST HAVE ENTERED AND COMPETED IN THAT EVENT AT 5 QUALIFYING REGULAR SEASON RODEOS.
2. ***DRAW OUT DATE*** The Sunday prior to the rodeo performance on Friday is the latest that you may draw out without a doctor or vet excuse & get a credit. Emergency draw outs such as illness, death, etc. must be **called** in to the Secretary, ASAP! Doctor and veterinarian releases must be received by the Secretary **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MORNING OF THE RODEO.**
3. **ENTRY FEES*** Entry fees are to be paid with your entry form. Fees can be paid in money order or check. Returned checks will be charged the fee that the bank charges for a chargeback. **Anyone who writes a bad check will not be allowed to pay by check in following the 1st offense.**
5. ***PHONE CALLS*** the rodeo office number is 225-241-2693. If no answer, leave a message and your call will be returned.
6. ***DRESS CODE REMINDER* CONTESTANTS MUST BE IN FULL WESTERN ATTIRE NO LATER THAN ONE (1) HOUR PRIOR TO THE START OF THE RODEO and DURING ANY SLACK or any scheduled Cutting or Reined Cow Horse.** This means that if you are on the rodeo grounds by 6:30pm you must be in full western attire (this does not mean you have to be at the rodeo by then). This applies even if you are not competing that night. Your back number must be worn on your **BACK** at all times when at the rodeo. If you wear a jacket, your number must be on the outside of your jacket so that it is visible at all times.
7. ***GRADE REQUIREMENTS*** If you are joining the MHSRA for the first time or you did not ride at the State Finals Rodeo this past summer, you must have passed at least five (5) subjects in school last year, or all subjects if taking less than five. To verify this, you must **HAVE YOUR SCHOOL SEND** a copy of your school transcript, in a sealed envelope, to the Secretary, before you will be allowed to ride. If you **DID NOT** pass five subjects, you will not be able to ride in a MHSRA rodeo until after you receive your first nine weeks grade report and it shows you are passing five subjects at that time. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE YOUR SCHOOL SEND THE MHSRA SECRETARY A COPY OF YOUR SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AT THAT TIME.**
8. ***FUND RAISERS*** Each Contestant will be **required** to participate in designated fund raisers each year. At this time known fund raisers will be the calendar raffle sales and state finals program ad sales. It is possible that other fund raisers will be introduced during the year. Specifications for each project will be given to each contestant at a later date. Each contestant is also **REQUIRED** to bring an item for the Silent Auction or National Basket prior to check-in at State Finals.
9. ***GRAND ENTRY*** You are **encouraged** to ride in the Grand entry on the night you are entered if you are in an event with a horse. This shows your team spirit and shows appreciation to the sponsoring committees for putting on the rodeo. The Queen would also appreciate your volunteering to carry a sponsor flag during the grand entry
10. ***VIOLATORS*** of the above **REGULATIONS** or the **NHSRA RULE BOOK** can be **DISQUALIFIED.**
11. **MESSAGE BOARD: PLEASE CHECK THE MESSAGE BOARD ON OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY.**
THERE ARE SOME NEW GROUND RULES POSTED THERE!