

MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION 2023-2024

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

At the first Rodeo that you enter you will receive the following: (a) **NHSRA Rule Book**-Read it and know it! It is also online at www.NHSRA.com; (b) this regulation page and other important flyers; and (c) **2 Permanent Contestant Back Numbers** for the year. **There will be a \$25 charge for any additional back numbers.**

ONLINE ENTRY: We will be using an online entry for all Rodeos, Cuttings, RCH and Shooting Sports events. The schedules are posted on www.mshsra.org. Schedules have the deadlines for entry and dates late fees are assessed. **There is a \$25 late fee for the last 4 days to enter a Rodeo, Cutting, RCH or Shooting Sports event.** If you go into the online entry and are selecting events and decide you don't want to complete your entry at that time, go to the bottom of the page and click the "GET ME OUT OF HERE" button.

ENTRY FEES: All entry fees, admin fees, and any late fees owed must be paid at the rodeo by cash or check. All fees must be paid BEFORE the rodeo starts (if you are competing in Saturday slack, fees must be paid before slack starts).

DRAW OUT: You may draw out of a rodeo by the Sunday prior to the rodeo on Friday without a doctor or vet excuse & receive a refund of entry fees. Doctor and veterinarian releases must be received by the Secretary **BEFORE THE STOCK DRAW AT 5:30 P.M. ON THE NIGHT YOU ARE COMPETING** to receive a refund of entry fees. You may text the message and send a photo of the release through text or email.

NON-NOTIFIED TURN OUTS: If you turn out of a rodeo and do not notify the secretary before the stock draw at 5:30 p.m., you will be charged a \$25 fine, plus entry fees. All fines and entry fees must be paid before you will be allowed to compete at a subsequent rodeo.

REQUESTS: You will be given **7** requests for the year. Friday and Saturday are both considered a request. **THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES ON REQUESTS.** **When you make a request, this request counts for you and any team roping partner or traveling partner.** You may request all your events on one night or split them between nights. If you specify which night you would like to be up in a certain event, this is considered a request. **Use the Secretary's Notes section to request events all one night or to split events (if no preference is selected) or to notify us that you are sharing a horse with someone (barrel racers and pole benders may not share a horse).**

If you need an additional request, you will need to send a letter to the board at least **two weeks** before the entry deadline for the rodeo you are needing to request to explain the situation.

DRAW: The draw will be posted on www.mshsra.org under Draw & Results. The draw should be posted the week before the rodeo on Wednesday. It is your responsibility to check the draw and contact the secretary should there be a problem. If you are unsure about something, please email and ask.

STOCK DRAW & DRAGS: This information is posted outside the secretary's office and/or announcer stand 1 hour before the rodeo. Arena stake dimensions, the official breakaway string for the rodeo and the prior night's unofficial times are also posted.

DRESS CODE REMINDER: CONTESTANTS MUST BE IN FULL WESTERN ATTIRE NO LATER THAN ONE (1) HOUR PRIOR TO THE START OF THE RODEO, DURING ANY SLACK and any scheduled Cutting or Reined Cow Horse events. 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, i.e., visible at all times. Boots must be worn and shirt tails must be tucked in. Arena helpers must be in dress code too. Read your National rulebook for further details.

- a. **Enforcement of Dress Code Violations:** 1) A verbal warning will be issued for the first violation.

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2) A \$25 fine will be due for the second violation. 3) You will be scratched from/draw out of the next rodeo you enter.

STATE FINALS: IN ORDER TO COMPETE IN AN EVENT AT THE STATE FINALS, YOU MUST ENTER AND COMPETE IN THAT EVENT AT 5 REGULAR SEASON RODEOS.

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 pass at least five (5) subjects last year or all subjects if taking less than five (5).* 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.

- b. *Home school contestants: You must submit a “Verification of Compliance form” from your county’s office of compulsory school attendance officer. This is in compliance with the MS Dept. of Education and NHSRA. Please forward to the secretary ASAP.*
- c. 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. It must show 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.
- d. State Finals: To enter state finals you will need to send an updated/end of school year transcript. This is to verify the passing status before you are allowed to ride at finals: 5 subjects or all subjects if taking less than 5.

FUNDRAISERS: Each Contestant will be **REQUIRED** to participate in designated fundraisers each year. At this time known fundraisers will be the cash raffle ticket sales and state final sponsorships. It is possible that other fundraisers might 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 to the mandatory check-in at State Finals.

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. The Queen would also appreciate your volunteering to carry a sponsor flag during the grand entry.

NHSRA RULE BOOK: VIOLATORS* of the above **REGULATIONS** or the **NHSRA RULE BOOK** can be **DISQUALIFIED**. Read your rule book and know the rules. Any changes from the previous NHSRA rulebook are underlined. If you have questions, ask one of our Board Members, National Director, or Secretary for clarification.

- a. The Patch Policy will be enforced at State Finals, the Southeastern Showdown in Perry, GA and the NHSFR. Refer to the NHSRA rulebook for more information and clarification.

MHSRA WEB PAGE:

- a. **MESSAGE BOARD:** PLEASE CHECK THE MESSAGE BOARD ON OUR WEBSITE **REGULARLY!** The web page is the **official** communication tool. This is where we will post arena addresses, where to call for stalls/camps and much more.
- b. **WEBSITE PAGES:** As the season goes on Pages may be added, so please browse the site as often as possible.

FACEBOOK: Our Facebook page is updated as often as possible but is not the official means of communication. The Message Board on the website will contain all needed information or direct you to important information.

SECRETARY CONTACT: The preferred contact method is email so that we have a written record of communication. Answering a call or text may be delayed during weekday business hours, so please be patient. Please enter my contact information in your phone for future reference: Lisa Ladner (601)916-7016; mshsra1967@gmail.com