

WYOMING AMERICAN LEGION HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS RODEO

April 28, 2023

Dear WHSRA Members,

It is now State finals time! PLEASE review all of the information provided in this letter as our process has changed for the 2023 State HS Finals. **We are excited to be going back to Sweetwater Events Complex in Rock Springs for the 2023 State Finals and to be working with their great staff! The rodeo performance dates are June 8-10, 2023 in Rock Springs, WY. A copy of the tentative finals schedule is also posted.**

ENTRY PROCEDURE: ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED USING THE ONELINE ENTRY SYSTEM THROUGH OUR WEBSITE! YOU MUST ENTER ONLINE FOR ALL EVENTS (including Queen and shooting events)! ENTRIES WILL CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT MONDAY MAY 22nd!! No Exceptions!

MANDATORY CHECK-IN: The deadline to check in is Wednesday June 7th at 3pm. The rodeo office (located under the grand stands) will be open for check in from 1-3pm ONLY for official check-in and you must be in Western Attire. You must be checked in by 3pm in order to compete.

STATE FINALS CUTTING and the STATE REINED COWHORSE FINALS-Will be held during the State finals, in indoor barn, 1st round is scheduled for 8AM Tuesday morning; 2nd round 4PM Tuesday afternoon and Short GO on Wednesday at 7AM. This is subject to change so watch the website for updates.

ENTRY FEES: All arena entry fees are \$150.00 per event -this is the total per event for the week, stock charge \$100 & jackpot fee \$50 & includes RCH & cutting; shooting will be \$40 (no jackpot); and the Queen event will \$100 (no jackpot). Remember the fundraising benefit; for every \$150 of raffle tickets sold you will get a \$60 credit towards your State Entry Fees (Not Jackpot fees, just Entry fees). Sold tickets with corresponding money must be turned into Ken, Dixie or Shelly by the entry deadline May 22nd in order to get the credit on entry fees. More information is available on the website. You can get tickets from Ken.

JACKPOT ENTRIES: The board voted to make jackpotting mandatory at the state finals. The WSHRA will hold 3% for office charge and the balance will be split as follows: 25%-1st Go; 25%-2nd Go and 50% to the Average (on two head). There will be some added money in certain events.

CAMPING/RV & STALL RESERVATIONS- There is a RV & stall reservation form attached. Stalls \$75 per stall (one horse per stall); RV Camping \$130 per space. You will reserve and pay for you stall and/or camping space online through the Sweetwater Events Complex website.

QUEEN CONTESTANTS-If you are interested in the queen contest you will need to contact our Dixie, her email is: djhuxtable@yahoo.com. The majority of the queen contest will be held Monday of State Finals Week, so please contact us for the schedule of events.

SENIORS-A scholarship application is available on the website. The deadline for the scholarship application is May 22rd and grade transcripts are due by June 7th during the interviews. See schedule for Interview time and location. If you transcript is not ready by June 7th, contact Shelly or Dixie.

TEAM ENTRIES- A team entry form is also available on the website. We give awards to the top team(s) during the State Finals. A team can consist of 2 boys and 1 girl or 1 boy and 2 girls. You do not have to be from the same school or hometown to be on the same team. The team entry form must be turned in with your finals information, to Shelly, or the office during check-in. Team entry deadline is June 7, 2023 3:00 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS-Next year's student officers and event directors will be balloted for your vote at the rodeo office. If you are interested in running for an office or event director, complete the nomination form on the website and return it with your entry blank. You will receive your ballot to vote when you check in at Finals.

DRESS CODE-Official dress code will be enforced. **You must be in official dress code to check in, during the mandatory contestant meeting and in the designated areas:** the arena at all times; the timed event area from wood to wood; bucking chutes area in designated (fenced) area; and in the cutting arena (the indoor arena). If you have questions please ask at the rodeo office.

GENERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in singing the national anthem or saying the prayer before one of the performances, there will be sign-up sheets in the office during check in.

Please check the posted schedule of events to know when the mandatory check-in is and when the mandatory contestant meeting will be held. Also please note that the schedule for queen event has changed. It is required that you attend the mandatory contestant meeting *or make prior* (BEFORE 6/7/23) arrangements with National Director-Dixie Huxtable

EMERGENCY RODEO OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: 307.351.1327 or 308.430.3440

ENTRY DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT MONDAY MAY 22nd. YOU MUST PAY WITH CASH, A CASHIERS CHECK OR MONEY ORDER (made payable to WHSRA) NO LATER THAN MAY 22nd: Each event Fee listed covers the entire rodeo. Deliver all required forms and money to Shelly at Casper: OR upload forms to your profile on NHSRA.com. They can be mailed to (must be RECEIVED by Shelly by Midnight May 22nd):

Shelly Thompson
4180 Road 44
Yoder, WY 82244

Phone 308.430.3440
email:

The completed Waiver of Liability form is required for every contestant. Signatures must be notarized and received by Dixie or Shelly by May 22nd!

The School signed certificate of eligibility form is your grade eligibility for the State Finals & is required and due by contestant check-in June 7th at 3pm.

THERE WILL NOT BE ANY FULL REFUNDS ALLOWED FOR DRAWOUTS. An approved medical or vet release will be considered for refund of jackpot funds only. The link will be on our website soon!

Sweetwater Events Complex will be handling the camping/stall reservations. ALL RV/Camping & Stall reservations must be completed online and payment must be made on line as well.

READ THE RULE BOOK - BE FAMILIAR WITH YOUR EVENT(S) RULES!!