

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! It is also online at www.NHSRA.com; (b) this regulation page and other important flyers; and (c) **Permanent Contestant Back Number** for the year. You will be given 2 numbers for the year. **The fee to receive an additional number will be \$25.00 each time requested. The NHSRA Membership/Insurance Card can be printed from your NHSRA membership profile;**
2. **ONLINE ENTRY:** We will be using an online entry this year for all rodeos and RCH events. The schedule is posted on www.mshsra.org under forms and links. This schedule has the deadlines for entry and dates late fees are assessed. **The late fee is \$25 for the last 3 days to enter a rodeo or RCH.** The online entry will use PayPal to collect entry fees. You can use this with or without a PayPal account set up. PayPal will add a 4% service charge. If you go into the online entry and are selecting events and decide you don't want to checkout right then, go to the bottom of the page and click the "GET ME OUT OF HERE" button, so you do not corrupt your entry form.
3. **REQUESTS:** You will be given **6** requests for the year. Friday and Saturday are both considered a request. Keep in mind: **THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES ON REQUESTS, but we try our best!! 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 in the notes section. You may request all your events on one night or split them between nights by clicking the event and moving the bar to the night you prefer for this event. (Example: roping events one night, running events one night or team roping one night and tie down roping one night.) 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 to explain the situation.
4. **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. REMEMBER: **THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES ON REQUESTS!!** If you are unsure about something, please email and ask.
 - a. **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 & receive a refund of entry fees. Emergency draw outs such as illness, death, lame horse, etc. must be **called** in to the Secretary, ASAP! Doctor and veterinarian releases must be received by the Secretary **NO LATER THAN NOON on FRIDAY OF THE RODEO to receive a refund of entry fees.** You may text the message and send a photo of the release through text or email.
 - b. **STOCK DRAW & DRAGS:** This information is posted outside the secretary's office and/or announcer stand 1 hour before the rodeo. Other posted items are the arena stake dimensions, the official breakaway string for the rodeo and the prior nights unofficial times.
5. **STATE FINALS:** **IN ORDER TO COMPETE IN AN EVENT AT THE STATE FINALS, YOU MUST ENTER AND COMPETE IN THAT EVENT AT 5 QUALIFYING REGULAR SEASON RODEOS.**
6. **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 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 this time, but if you are be fully dressed. 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 are part of the dress code. Shirt tails tucked in is also part of the dress code. Make sure any of your helpers in the arena are dressed

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appropriately, too. Read your National rule book so you do not get in trouble.

- a. **Enforcement of Dress Code Violations:** 1) A verbal warning will be issued for the first violation. 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.
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 pass at least five (5) subjects/credits last year, or all subjects/credits, 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.
 - a. ***Home school contestants: You must submit a "Verification of Compliance form" from your county's office of compulsory school attendance officer. This is in accordance with the MS Code of 1972 and NHSRA rules. This is a new requirement for 2020-2021. Please forward to the secretary ASAP. If these are not received by 10/1/20, you will be notified and held from entering the next rodeo until the paperwork is received.***
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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/5 credits, or all subjects if taking less than 5.
8. **FUND RAISERS:** Each Contestant will be required to participate in designated fund raisers each year. At this time known raisers will be the cash raffle ticket sales and _____ state finals program ad sales. It is possible that other fund raisers 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.
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 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. **NHSRA RULE BOOK: VIOLATORS* of the above REGULATIONS or the NHSRA RULE BOOK can be DISQUALIFIED.** We have a NEW rule book this year. New rules are underlined. Read your rule book and know the rules, if you have questions ask one of our Board Members, National Director or Secretary for clarification. One example: Tie Down Roping, Scoring and Penalties; No JERK DOWN – a five (5) second penalty will be added to the time.
 - a. The Patch Policy will be enforced at State Finals, the Southeastern Showdown in Perry, GA and the NHSFR.
11. **FACEBOOK:** Go like us on Facebook so you will get a notification of posts ASAP.
12. **MHSRA WEB PAGE and FACEBOOK:**
 - a. **MESSAGE BOARD: PLEASE CHECK THE MESSAGE BOARD ON OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY!** The web page is the official communication tool. We try to keep Facebook up to date, but it maybe delayed. This is where we will post arena addresses, where to call for stalls/camps and so much more.
 - b. **PAGES:** As the season goes on Pages may be added, so please browse the site as often as possible.
13. **SECRETARY CONTACT:** The preferred day to day contact method is email! You may call or text to say you sent an email, but email is preferred. This will be easier to keep up with for you and me. I do have a day job, so answering a call or text may be delayed. Please be patient. Please enter my contact information in your phone for future reference if you haven't already: Christy Roberts c) 251-510-8763 mshsra1967@gmail.com