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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.

**STATE FINALS RODEO ENTRIES:** Online entries will open, May 6th, 2024, and will close May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 PM! If you have 1 point in an event, you are eligible to enter the state finals rodeo only if you sold the necessary raffle tickets by the deadline. Phone entries will be May 28<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 PM if there are any problems with the online entry or if a contestant is needing help with finding a partner.

**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:**

- Contestants are welcome to start arriving at the host facility as early as Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **CHECK IN Times:**

- **Cutting & Cow Horse Contestants** – Must CHECK IN on Tuesday, June 4th between the hours of 12:00 - 2:00 pm.

**No earlier – No later.**

- **Queen Contestants** – Must CHECK IN on Monday, June 3rd between 8:00 – 10:00 AM. **No earlier – No later.**

➤ **Timed Event & Rough Stock Contestants** – Must CHECK IN on Wednesday, June 5th between the hours of 2:00 – 6:00PM. **No earlier – No later. ALL contestants must be checked in by 6:00 PM Wednesday.**

- **Shooting Sports:** Check in Monday, June 3rd from 4:00-5:00 pm. **NO LATER.**

**Mandatory Rough Stock Equipment Check\*\*:** All Rough Stock Contestants – Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in front of office.

#### **Contestant Meeting: \*\***

Who: ALL MHSRA State Finals Rodeo Contestants

Date: Thursday, June 6, 2023 Time: 7:00 AM (DO NOT be late)

Place: Grandstands

\*\*Rodeo Attire must be worn to the contestant meeting and to the rough stock equipment check.

**Please note the Contestant Disqualification Rule in the MHSRA 2022-2024 Rule Book, page 37. “(8) Missing any mandatory meeting, safety seminar or equipment check in.” Please be certain to attend the meeting and rough stock equipment check. We do not want any disqualifications due to being absent from these.**

**Schedule:** See Attachment

**Entry Fees:** Fees are \$100.00 per event with an additional mandatory jackpot fee of \$30.00, total per event is \$130.00.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter final grades or 4<sup>th</sup> quarter midterm. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE GRADES HAVE YOUR NAME, THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL AND DATE ON THEM. You must be passing 70% of your classes to compete.**



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**Camping and Stalls Registration:** Camping and stalls registration can be found on our website under State Finals.

**ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS AFTER REGISTRATION.** A form is also attached to this email.

**\*\*\* This registration is not a rodeo entry. You still must enter online at [mhsra.org](http://mhsra.org), May 6<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to enter the State Finals Rodeo. Enter all events you plan to compete in at the State Finals.\*\*\***

**STATE RODEO ADMISSION:** Each contestant will receive 1 wristband for the weekend for their helper and contestants back number will serve for their admission. Additional wristbands for the weekend can be purchased at [www.mhsra.org](http://www.mhsra.org) under the state finals tab. Individual performance tickets can be purchased at the ticket office the day of the event. Admission will be charged for the evening performances on Thursday and Friday and for the Championship Round on Saturday. Admission prices are:

Adult - \$10 or \$25 for Weekend Pass  
Kids 12 & Under – FREE 13 & up - \$5 or \$10 for Weekend Pass  
Senior/Military/First Responders - \$7 or \$15 for Weekend Pass

**MOTELS & LODGING:** A list of motels is listed on our website: [www.mhsra.org](http://www.mhsra.org) under the State Finals Tab.

**National Basket:** Members are asked to generously do one of two things, to be turned in at check in (this is optional):

1) Donate \$15 toward the National Basket,

or

2) Bring an item to donate to the National Basket. Please do not bring homemade canned goods.

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. NHSRA's National basket has always been highly successful in raising funds to benefit NHSRA members facing a crisis. Let us keep up the good work by supporting our National Basket! Many NHSRA members have benefited from this Crisis Fund in the past. Questions can be directed to Debbie Lund, 557-2610, 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 awards presentation on Saturday. 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 35 in the 2022-2024 NHSRA rule book.

**Sponsor Patches:** Many contestants are wearing sponsor patches on their shirts. Please be aware of the following rule from pg. 151-152 in the NHSRA Rule book and make sure your sponsor patches are following the rule.

" For all NHSRA State/ Provincial/ National Finals and any televised or livestreamed events:

- National Sponsors Advertising: All NHSRA National Sponsors can have any type of garment, vest, hat, tack, or helmet advertising in any size, including stick-on, sew-on or embroidered patches.



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• Non- National Sponsor Advertising in the arena and at awards presentation areas: – non-sponsor advertising may not be larger than a 2.5”X3.5” area. This includes garments, hats, protective vests, helmets, and tack. There will be no stick-on or sew-on patches for non-national sponsor advertising.

– Garments, protective vests, hats: advertising must be embroidered into the fabric. Advertising on tack must be permanently carved or pressed into the item and meet the same size requirements. A saddle may have a larger sponsor area but must be pressed or carved into the area. A saddle pad may have the standard branding on the wear leather.

– Protective helmets: no non-sponsor advertising on helmets.

– No more than one non-sponsor embroidered area per garment per sponsor. Penalty for violating these policies will be disqualification from this event. The NHSRA will not be responsible for covering or taping unauthorized advertising.”

**Seniors:** Scholarship applications are available on the MHSRA website. Applications are to be mailed or emailed to the State Office. Applications MUST be postmarked or emailed no later than May 15, 2024. No late applications will be accepted, no exceptions. All scholarship interviews will be done on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 AM. Each applicant will be assigned a time and notified by email. 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 2022-2024 Rule Book, pages 36, #6b. STOCK: “(2) Mistreatment of Rodeo Stock or contestant’s horse.” This rule should be taken very seriously and is closely watched and enforced.

**Trailer Raffle Fundraiser:** Members can sell Raffle tickets up to and during the State Finals Rodeo. Please Contact State Secretary, Debbie Lund, if you need more raffle tickets. The Trailer Raffle Fundraiser winning tickets will be drawn during the Championship Go Round performance on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**NHSFR Registration:** It is critical each contestant comes 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 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 stalls, 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.

**NHSFR Housing Information:** Please be prepared to make a housing decision when you fill out the NHSFR paperwork at the State Finals. RV Reservations are for Contestants Only (limited to one each).