

# MISSOURI HIGH SCHOOL RODEO INC. GROUND RULES

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1. Events: The events for MHSR-approved rodeos are: bareback, breakaway, calf roping, goat tying, steer wrestling, pole bending, saddle bronc, team roping, barrel racing, and bull riding. Queen contest, Cutting and Reined Cow Horse are optional. *\*Jr High: The girl's events will be the following: barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, breakaway roping, ribbon roping and team roping. The boy's events will be the following: junior bull riding or steer riding (Jr. bulls will be used at nationals), calf roping or breakaway roping (contestant can't compete in both in any one rodeo), goat tying with a pigging string, chute dogging, ribbon roping and team roping, Steer Bareback Riding and Steer Saddle Bronc Riding. Rules for each event are in the NHSRA Rulebook.*

2. Entries: Contestants may be required to give the Rodeo Secretary current valid NHSRA card number when entering each rodeo. Your entry and payment of fees will be your registration. Each contestant shall be responsible for his/her entry during hours the books are open. Contestants may call in up to 24 hours late and pay a \$50 fee in order to participate in the rodeo.

3. Fees & Points: Consider each day a separate rodeo with fees and points paid each day with the option to enter one or both days. Fees are \$65 for two days with the option to enter for one day at an entry fee of \$52.00. For each \$65 two-day entry, \$19 goes to the host rodeo committee, \$4.00 for the rodeo secretary, \$4.00 for the state secretary, \$12.00 to MHSR, and \$26.00 for the payback(\$13 for payback for one day entry). If not enough contestants qualify for the number of places to be paid in any event, the remaining places shall be divided according to payout schedule. If there are no qualified rides or scores all ground money goes back to the association. If a non-member earns a position that receives points, those points will not be awarded. Example: If a non-member wins an event, they will get the payback for first place, but the 10 points for first place will not be awarded to anyone. Another example: If a team roper asks a non-member to rope with him/her and they get 3rd place, they will receive payback for 3rd place. The member will receive 8 points in accordance with the current ground rule, but the 8 point the non-member holds will be thrown out. At any given rodeo, an optional jackpot may be available to the contestants on an event by event basis to earn additional pay off. *\*Jr high: Consider each day a separate rodeo with fees and points paid each day with the option to enter one or both days. Fees in which we have two rodeos in one weekend are \$60 per event with \$19 going to the committee; \$9.00 goes to the association, and \$12.00 for jackpot and \$4.00 to the rodeo secretary, \$4.00 for the state secretary. If you can't compete on both rodeo days you will not have to pay the jackpot fee for the day you are not competing. On weekends in which we have only one rodeo the fees are \$48.00 per event. Of that amount, \$19 goes to the committee, \$9 to the association; \$12 goes to the jackpot and \$4.00 to the rodeo secretary, \$4.00 for state secretary. ).*

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1 entry, 1 money 100% 2 – 4 entries, 2 monies 60%, 40% 5 – 8 entries, 3 monies 50%, 30%, 20% 9 – 12 entries 4 monies 40%, 30%, 20%, 10% 13 -29 entries 5 monies 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10% 30 or more entries 6 monies 29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, 5%

Points are earned per event at a sanctioned qualifying rodeo (excluding the state finals) for up to 10 places. Points per event: 1st – 10, 2nd – 9, 3rd – 8, 4th – 7, 5th – 6, 6th – 5, 7th – 4, 8th – 3, 9th – 2, and 10th -1.

4. Rough Stock: Rough stock equipment maybe inspected at each rodeo at the judges' discretion, but will be mandatory at the first rodeo in fall and the first rodeo in spring. Bareback horses may wear halters. Riders will furnish their own halters. *\*Jr High: Rough Stock: Rough stock equipment may be inspected at each rodeo at the judges' discretion, but will be mandatory at the first rodeo in fall and spring.*

5. Calf Roping, Breakaway Roping, Team Roping, and Steer Wrestling: At invitational rodeos, calf ropers and breakaway ropers are allowed only one loop, only two loops for team roping and only one jump in steer wrestling. If there are more than 25 contestants in the roping or steer wrestling events at invitational rodeos that are qualifying for the majority of the states, the one loop per roper/one jump rules may apply. Calf Roping and Breakaway Roping at regular MHSR qualifying rodeos and state finals will have a 30 second time limit, with one loop. Team Roping at regular MHSR qualifying rodeos and state finals will have a 30 second time limit with 2 loops. In the breakaway and team roping, the open gate rule will be in effect. *\* Jr High: For Calf Roping and Breakaway roping one (1) loop will be allowed and there will be a 30 second time limit. In Team Roping two(2) loops will be allowed and there will be a 30 second time limit. In Ribbon Roping only one loop will be allowed and there will be a 30 second time limit. Please refer to your rulebook for further specifics on each event.*

6. Steer Wrestling: Intentional entrapment or excessively running a steer in Steer Wrestling may result in a No Time from the judge. At regular MHSR qualifying rodeos and state finals contestants will be allowed one (1) jump with a 30 second time limit in the Steer Wrestling.

7. Stock: During the State Finals contestants shall not draw the same head of stock twice in the same event except for re-rides.

8. Ties: All ties at State finals will be broken by taking the fastest time in the average, for the first 3 places only.

9. Awards Presentation: At all awards ceremonies including state finals a contestant must be present in dress code at the awards ceremony or forfeit his/her awards. Contestants will be excused if they provide a medical release or have death/sickness in the immediate family.

10. Draw Outs: Contestants must notify the office listed no more than 24 hours a er books close at 9 PM on the Monday before the next rodeo (except for State Finals) . Failure to notify or compete will require payment of entry fees. Failure to pay fees may result in disqualification from future sanctioned rodeos. SIGNING THE BOOK OR EMAIL IS A VALID ENTRY, YOU MUST DRAW OUT OR YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY YOUR ENTRY FEES. EMAIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE RODEO SECRETARY BY 12:00 NOON ON THE MONDAY OF CALL IN. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTESTANT TO CONFIRM THAT

THE EMAIL HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

11. Dress Code: Contestants, whether competing or not, will wear western attire (as stated in the rule book) in the spectator area until any High School and/or Jr High performance, including cutting and the queen contest, has ended. The Rule applies to High School competitors during the High School performance only and it applies to the Jr High Competitors during the Junior High Rodeo only. Failure to comply to this rule may result in a \$25 fine per occurrence or disqualification.

12. Points for National Qualification: Option I in the National rule book will be in effect for the 2018-19 State Finals. The Rodeo Secretary will drop every competitors 2 worst rodeos. Of the points possible, 10 more than that number will be the total points possible at State Finals. There will be 15 points possible for each of the three rounds, 15 for the average and the remainder paid out for bonus points. Points carried in to State Finals plus points earned in the first two gos of State Finals will determine who goes to the short go. You must attend at least 50% of the rodeos in an event or earn at least 1 point in order to go to finals in that event. For finals in Cutting, there will be 10 more points than possible for the regular rodeo points, having a maximum of 15 points per round possible, plus max of 15 average points; thus any remaining points will be added as bonus points. \* *Jr High : To qualify to compete at state finals, a contestant must have participated in at least one rodeo in the specific event they are entering at State Finals. They must compete in 6 rodeos in an event to be eligible for buckles and other year end prizes. Points for National Qualification: Option I in the National rule book. The Rodeo Secretary will drop every competitors 2 worst rodeos Of the points possible, 10 more than that number will be the total points possible at State Finals. There will be 15 points possible for the first round, 15 points for the second round, and 15 for the average. The remainder paid out for bonus points. Bonus points will be awarded a er the final placing in each event has been determined. As required by the rulebook 100% of the points will be used to determine all-around points and rookie points .*

13. Doctor/Vet Release: A contestant may drop out of an event due to illness or injury to contestant or horse; however, a doctor or DVM's excuse must be presented to the Rodeo secretary. If a contestant withdraws from an event due to an illness or injury, he/she must have a doctor's release to enter the next rodeo. If a contestant or his/her horse is injured during the rodeo the judge may at his/her discretion declare a visible injury and the contestant will be refunded \$13 per event in which they cannot compete as a result of the visible injury.

14. Disqualification: If a contestant is disqualified at the first rodeo of a weekend, he/she will not earn points from that performance only. All fees must be paid for turnout events before being allowed to compete further. If all fees are paid for the turn-out events, contestants will be eligible to compete in the second rodeo of the same weekend.

15. If National team prizes are given to the National team members and injury causes a national team member to doctor release/draw out, the prize will become the property of the replacement contestant. This only applies to the prizes handed out at the National Finals.

16. A HARD (no email) copy of a contestant's grade card must be turned in with the contestants fall paperwork and at the first spring rodeo a contestant competes in. Contestant will not be eligible to compete until the grade card has been turned in to the state secretary. \* *Jr High: A HARD (no email) copy of a contestant's grade card must be turned in with the contestants fall paperwork and at the first spring rodeo a contestant competes in. Contestant will not be eligible to compete until the grade card has been turned in to the state secretary .*

17. High School Fundraisers: Each contestant is required to raise \$400 in association money to go towards awards. Half of the association money (\$200) shall be due with your fall paperwork. The remaining half (\$200) shall be due at the first spring rodeo. Contestants joining a er Jan. 1 will be required to turn in their association money before their second qualifying rodeo. If money has not been turned in by the deadlines, contestants will be ineligible to compete further. *\* Jr High : All Jr High Division members are required to raise \$200 in association money to go toward awards. Half of the association money (\$100) shall be due with your fall paperwork. The remaining half (\$100) shall be due at the first spring rodeo. Contestants joining a er Jan. 1 will be required to turn in their association money before their second qualifying rodeo. If money has not been turned in by the deadlines, contestants will be ineligible to compete further.*

18. Performance Preference at Call In: Contestants will be allowed to request performance preference; however this doesn't mean you will receive it. Once the rodeo is drawn, no changes will be allowed. Members of the same family and team-roping partners will be given preference on the buddy system. Positions must be drawn for, and under no circumstances will a trade out be allowed in the position draw. Performance with slack will be considered the same performance and a contestant must compete in the position he or she draws up in, whether in the slack or the performance. Performance preference should only be used when necessary.

19. Queen Contest: A contestant must participate in 10 of the regular season rodeos by: competing in a regular event, or attend an MHSR queen contest/clinic, or represent the association by either selling tickets or carrying a flag, etc. to be eligible to compete for queen at the State Finals. Queen contestants must be a member in good standing of MHSR.

20. Checks Returned for Insufficient Funds: Should a contestant's check be returned for insufficient funds, the MHSR treasurer, Jr High Treasurer, the state secretary and the rodeo secretary may require that member to make all future payments using a cashier's check or money order or cash for the remainder of the rodeo season. In the event of a second check returned for insufficient funds the MHSR treasurer, Jr High Treasurer, the state secretary and the rodeo secretary may put that member and the family's membership on a cashier's check or money order basis for the remainder of the family's membership in MHSR. *A \$65.00 bad check fee will be charged and must be paid before the contestant is allowed to compete again .*

21. Rodeo Office: Committee must provide the rodeo secretary a weather proof room with lights. The Director who lives nearest to the arena will inspect and supervise the ground condition.

22. Check-In Time: Unless otherwise stated, check in time will be before the rodeo starts, with the exception of cutting/reined cow horse. It is up to the Rodeo Secretary's discretion of how she will penalize contestants who fail to check-in in a timely manner.

23. Gate Fees: If relatives or helpers of contestants attempt to avoid paying gate fees, fail to pay gate fees, or refuse to pay gate fees, the contestant will be disqualified.

24. Rough Stock: Rough stock may not be loaded into the chutes during any timed event. Rough stock riders will be given time to prepare.

25. Drags: Ground conditions permitting, the goat, barrel and pole pattern will be dragged prior to the first contestant running. *In addition, there will be no practice on the pole or barrel pattern stakes a er the arena has*

*been staked. Doing so may result in the contestant's disqualification.*

26. Each year an adult arena director will be appointed for each event, this will be the parent of the contestant who won the event in the previous year unless that contestant graduated in which case it will go to second place and down until the position is filled. Should that person be unable to attend a rodeo, they are responsible to obtain their substitute. The event director is responsible for finding help to work the event during each rodeo and is to be knowledgeable of the rules.

27. In accordance with the National rule book, MHSR will make every attempt to accommodate a graduating senior, to allow the contestant to attend their high school graduation. We will also accommodate siblings of the graduates. Seniors/siblings of graduates will have one day exception if he or she provides proof of commencement to the secretary and informing the secretary at call in time. The Seniors/siblings of graduates can run both of his/her rodeos in one day.

28. Fall membership paperwork must be postmarked at least 3 weeks prior to the first fall rodeo, 100% complete and notarized with money, or the contestant will be assessed a \$50 late fee. This rule applies only to returning members and members moving up from the junior high division.

29. A team roper may draw a partner to rope with if they don't have a partner or their partner will be missing a rodeo. The rodeo secretary will randomly draw the header or heeler from a list of headers or heelers that have requested to be in the pot, for the single contestant. The drawn partner will be required to pay their fees for the additional run and can receive payback but will not receive points for that run. A team roper may use the drawpot 4 times. Anyone wanting to be an option in the drawpot should sign up with Barb

30. There will be a zero-tolerance policy on the use of alcohol, tobacco, vape products, drugs, and/or immoral or lewd conduct for contestants. Failure to abide will result in immediate review by the board and severity of consequences will be determined by the board.

31. There will be a zero-tolerance policy on bullying/inappropriate action towards a contestant. Failure to abide will result in immediate review by the board and severity of consequences will be determined by the board.

32. Duties of the event adult directors:

- Understand the rules of the event
- Personnel needed for that event
- When a disagreement is brought to the student director, the adult director will step in to assist the student director with the judge. If an agreement is not reached, the national director will step in to communicate with the judge.
- Responsible for transporting of event equipment.

33. Student officers will receive a scholarship in the year that they serve on the student board upon completion of their duties. The president will receive \$300 and the rest of the board will receive \$100.

34. In the goat tying, the goat will always be staked at least 50' off of any fence.

35. Abuse of any animal by a contestant or parent as determined by a judge will be subject to a \$25 fine.

36. There shall be \$7,500 left in the account after all bills are paid for the current year, through nationals, for the next seasons start up funds.

37. If there is extra money left in the account at the end of the year, beyond the \$7,500 startup fund, then it will be paid out as added money at finals first and then any additional money beyond that can be paid in national team travel money.

*\* Jr High denotes Junior High division*