

MHSR & WD 2010-11 Ground Rules

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 and cutting are optional.

**W/D: 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 piggin string, chute dogging, ribbon roping and team roping. 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 \$55 for two days with the option to enter for one day at an entry fee of \$42.00. Of that, \$14 goes for the committee, \$3.00 for rodeo secretary, \$2.00 for state secretary, \$10.00 for association, and \$13.00 for jackpot. 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. **At any given rodeo, an optional jackpot may be available to the contestants to earn additional pay off. The optional jackpot will be available on an event by event basis and not always possible.**

**Jr high: Consider each day a separate rodeo with fees and points paid each day. Fees in which we have two rodeos in one weekend are \$50 per event with \$14 going to the committee; \$7.00 goes to the association, and \$12.00 for jackpot and \$3.00 to the rodeo secretary, \$2.00 for 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 \$38.00 per event. Of that amount, \$14.00 goes to the committee, \$7.00 to the association; \$12 goes to the jackpot and \$3.00 to the rodeo secretary, \$2.00 for state secretary.*

The payoff will be based on the number of contestants in the event.

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%

The maximum number of points which could be earned per event at a sanctioned qualifying rodeo (excluding the state finals) would be 10 points and points for 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.

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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.

** Jr High: For Calf Roping and Breakaway roping two loops will be allowed and there will be a 60 second time limit. In Team Roping three loops will be allowed and there will be a 60 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. Entrapment: Intentional entrapment or excessively running a steer in Steer Wrestling may result in a No Time from the judge.

7. Stock: On no weekend will contestant have same head of stock drawn twice in the same event except re-rides.

** Jr High: If there are two rodeos held on the same weekend at no time will contestant have same head of stock drawn twice in the same event except re-rides.*

8. Ties: All ties at State finals will be run off, except 4th place.

9. State Finals Awards Presentation: At all awards ceremonies including state finals contestant must be present 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 after books close. 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: *High school and Wrangler Contestants*, whether competing or not, will wear western attire (as stated in the rule book) in the spectator area until any High School or Wrangler performance, including cutting and the queen contest, has ended.

12. Points for National Qualification: Option II in the National rule book will be in effect for the 2010-2011 State Finals. 100% **less 2 rodeos** will carry to the Finals. 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 earn at least 1 point in an event in order to go to finals in that event.

** **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. Points for National Qualification: Option II in the National rule book. 100% of the rodeos scheduled will carry to the Finals. Of the 100% 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 after 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 doctors out, he/she must have a doctor's release to enter the next rodeo.

14. Disqualification: If a contestant is disqualified at the first rodeo of a weekend, he/she will lose points from that performance only. All fees must be paid for turnout events before being allowed to compete further. If all obligations are met, contestants will be eligible to compete in the second rodeo of the same weekend.

15. Team Jacket: If team jackets are given to the National team members and injury causes a national team member to doctor release/draw out, the jacket remains the property of the contestant.

16. Home School: Students eligible for NHSRA membership according to guidelines set forth by NHSRA with grading performed by a state certified educator that is not a parent of the contestant.

** **Jr High:** cards for the first semester of the current year must be given to the Wrangler Secretary by the first rodeo of the spring season.*

17. **High School Fundraisers:** Each contestant is required to raise \$300 in sponsorship money to go towards awards. **Half of the sponsor money (\$150) shall be due at the first fall rodeo.** Students may sell 15 calendars at a cost of \$20 each or garner donations. For those joining in the fall, calendar money must be turned in by March 1 or by first Spring rodeo. Contestants joining after Jan. 1 will be required to turn in their donation or sponsorship money before their second qualifying rodeo. If money has not been turned in by the deadlines, contestants will be ineligible to compete further. Contestant selling the most calendars will be awarded \$200 incentive money.

** **Jr High:** All Wrangler Division members are required to raise \$100 in sponsorship to go toward awards. This must be paid by March 1st or the 1st scheduled Spring Rodeo. Members joining after Jan 1 will be required to turn in their donation or sponsorship money before their second qualifying rodeo. If money is not 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 enter either a queen contest or queen clinic one time during the year to be eligible for State Finals.
20. Return Checks: The MHSR treasurer, WD Treasurer, and the rodeo secretary have the authority to put members on a cash only basis in the event of an insufficient funds check. Those members put on a cash only basis will remain there for one year. ***A \$25.00 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. 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, helpers, 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 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 after 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. Should that person be unable to attend a rodeo, they are responsible to obtain their substitute.
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.

* ***Jr High*** denotes Junior High division