

MINNESOTA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

2004 – 2005 GROUND RULES

A MINNESOTA NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

CURFEW – Contestants are required to be on the campgrounds or at their motel by 1:00 a.m. at all rodeos and quiet.

GRAND ENTRY - The reigning Queen will be responsible to either appoint someone to organize the Grand Entry or will herself assign flags (trying to use contestants from region holding the rodeo), locate pivots, and make sure there are enough flags carriers ready and waiting at the assigned times.

POINT SYSTEM - We will be using the accumulative point system awarding all points earned at all approved rodeos

STATE FINALS - With the exception of cutting, contestants must enter and compete in a minimum of four regional rodeos in each event they enter in the State Finals. **EXCEPTIONS:** Illness, injury, new residence, and new members joining after May 15. For cutting events, to compete in the State Finals the contestant must compete in one MHSRA sponsored cutting prior to the State Finals.

- a) State Finals rodeo will be two go-rounds and a short go.
- b) Points earned at regional rodeos in events entered in at State Finals plus points earned in the first two go-rounds of the State Finals will qualify the top ten (10) point earners for the short go.
- c) Top point earner, after the short go, average and year end points in each event will become the state champion and number one qualifier to the National Finals.
- d) The top four point earners will qualify and are expected to participate at the National Finals Rodeo. Alternates 5th thru 8th place may enter if any of the four place winners cannot attend. Fourth place ties all qualify and are eligible to compete at the National Finals Rodeo.

WSCA QUEEN CONTEST : Our retiring queen will be our designated representative for the fall's WSCA Queen Contest if she so desires.

TIME LIMITS : The time limits will be as follows:
30 seconds for all events in all regional rodeos (fall and spring) and State Finals

LATE ENTRY/LATE CHECK-IN: A \$50.00 fine for late entries postmarked after the postmark deadline or for late check-in. This fine must be paid at check-in and the contestant will run in slack, if there is slack. This includes rough stock riders.

STUDENT MEETINGS: Contestant meetings are mandatory for contestants entered in the rodeo at which the meeting is held. You must attend in Western attire. Not attending is grounds for disqualification. Contestants who miss the meeting due to not being entered at the rodeo during which the meeting

was held are responsible for contacting student directors for general contestant information and their entered event information.

Contestant meetings are held just prior to the first rodeo at a two day run. Occasionally students miss the meeting because they are not entered for the rodeo on the first day, or as with cutting, their event isn't included at the rodeo. The contestant should not be penalized in these situations but they are responsible for getting information for their event(s) from the rodeos in which the meeting was addressed.

SAFE DRIVING PRACTICES : This needs to be enforced. If infractions occurs, the driver may be disqualified for the remainder of the rodeo.

ON RODEO GROUNDS – There is to be no excessive speed or careless driving.

OFF RODEO GROUNDS – State laws are to be followed. No one is to be in the box of a pickup off of the rodeo grounds

CUTTING: At the qualifying/regional level (i.e. regional rodeos and/or cutting only type events)

1. Must have a minimum of 3 MHSRA sponsored cuttings throughout the year at the qualifying/regional level (does not have to occur at a rodeo – does not require a one-for-one relationship between number of rodeos and number of cuttings conducted within the rodeo year).
2. Group cuttings are encouraged to increase number of cuttings and to keep costs down.
3. With optional cutting no cutting points earned at the qualifying/regional level will be used toward all-around at the qualifying/regional rodeos. The qualifying/regional rodeos may still have cutting but points will not be awarded towards the All-around points.

At the State Finals

1. All state finals must offer Boys and Girls cutting.
2. All-around points in cutting will only be awarded at the state finals.
3. Cutting points earned at the qualifying/regional levels will be used to determine final placement at the state level.

ONE-TIME CONTESTANTS: One-time contestants may enter up in two rodeos during the period of any two-consecutive day rodeos. This would include paying the required entry fees, the one-time \$12 insurance fee (paid whether entered in one rodeo or two) and the ground fees.

STOCK DRAW: Draw stock for Performance before doing the draw for Slack

NOTE: The draw for performance would not be posted with the Slack draw.

FALL AND SPRING RODEO SCHEDULES: Fall region rodeos must be presented and approved by, or at, the Annual meeting prior to the upcoming rodeo season. Spring region rodeos must be presented and approved by March 1st of the current rodeo season.

STATE FINALS POINTS DISTRIBUTION: The presentation of Finals Points Distribution options need to be introduced by the August Board meeting with confirmation being completed in the September Board meeting of the current rodeo year.

SELECTION OF EVENT DIRECTORS: Event Directors will be chosen from the highest placing contestant, other than a graduated senior, of a specific event from the previously completed rodeo season. Individual can be a director of only one event with the contestant having the option to select which event if they qualify in more than one event. If the individual declines the event director position, the next highest placing individual will be given the option. The transfer of position will occur at the completion of the State Finals.

FUNDRAISING REQUIREMENT: A \$100 check (post dated to State Finals) per family deposited at the beginning of the rodeo year. Fundraising efforts would offset the deposit with credit given to the individual contestants. Checks would be held through State Finals and only cashed in the event the contestant did not participate in the fundraising program.

BARREL RACING BARRELS: For all region-run rodeos, the region is responsible for providing the barrels required for the barrel racing event. In State-run rodeos, the State will have state barrels available for the barrel racing event.