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Welcome, LHSRA Member!

I am very pleased and excited to welcome you as a member of both the 2008-2009 Louisiana High School Rodeo Association (LHSRA) and the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA). I feel confident that you will enjoy your year and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Please review everything very carefully, or you may miss something important! Be advised of the jackpot option which is available again this season.

The information on the Central Entry System (CES) is very detailed. The primary goal of CES is to assure fairness in the draw and give everyone an equal opportunity for the best positions. Joey and Sheryl Roberts of Rodeo Sports Network continue to work with us to make this program as efficient as possible. In addition, I've made you a "Quick Reference Sheet" to post in a handy place where you'll see it every week and be reminded to enter, and a Preference Menu for the first six rodeos. You will not be changing once the draw is completed, so please make sure that you carefully decide what are your first and second preferences before you call in your entry. Although this shouldn't happen, if you don't show up at a rodeo or you don't pay your fees, you will have to pay the total amount for that rodeo when notified. Also, please be advised that late entries on Wednesday, from 8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon will incur a \$25.00 penalty. The late penalty will apply to single entries, as well as all contestants in a buddy group, team ropers whose other events were entered on time and multiple contestant entries who call in late on Wednesday. As always, there will be no preferences for late entries on Wednesday.

Call-in Times

Weekly call-in times are as follows:

Monday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tuesday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Wednesday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon (Late Penalty applies)

In addition to call-in entries, the opportunity to enter online is available. Info and instructions is posted at www.rodeosportsnetwork.com, as soon as all details are finalized.

Passwords for all interested members will be disseminated through Rodeo Sports Network by calling 1 (800) 547-6336, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday: I do not have access to that information.

You will be required to have your valid 2009-2010 card number to receive your password. Callers with multiple card numbers will receive passwords for all members for whom they have card numbers.

Your back number and the bulk of your membership packet will be waiting for you when you get to your first rodeo. You will need to show your membership card, included in this packet, to get in your first rodeo at no charge (contestants only). After your first rodeo, your back number will suffice. A copy of the draw for the rodeo will be posted on the website, typically on Wednesday evenings.

The LHSRA Board is committed to bring you an efficient and enjoyable rodeo season. Please let us know if we can help you in any way or answer any questions that might have.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Rodrigue

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO CALL IN YOUR ENTRY.

How to Enter an LHSRA Rodeo

- ✓ Have your NHSRA card number (not your back number) and the Preference Menu for the rodeo you are entering in front of you.
- ✓ Remember that this is not first come, first served (like LRCA or IPRA), so it doesn't matter when you call during call-in times. Random preference means that everyone's opportunity is the same to get their first choice.
- ✓ Before calling, decide which slack or performance is your first preference (choice) and which is your second preference. Preferences are requested per event so that you can split up your events, if you prefer.
- ✓ Before calling, determine whether or not you are "buddying" with family members or another group with whom you are riding to the rodeo. The system is designed to allow for up to 4 people in one buddy group. However, understand the following:
 - ⊗ All buddies are up in the same performance or slack for each event in which buddying is requested. When the computer program draws, if one buddy doesn't get his/her first preference, everyone in the buddy group goes to the second preference (or closest slack).
 - ⊗ The person calling in a buddy group must have all of the names, NHSRA numbers, and events of everyone in the buddy group (no more than 4).
- ✓ Before calling, decide if you wish to jackpot any or all of your events. Jackpotting involves a \$15.00 additional fee with \$100 in each event in added money provided by the sponsoring rodeo, in addition to buckles for the Champion and Reserve Champion in each event which are awarded at the rodeo, whether or not you choose to jackpot. The jackpot fee, if you choose to participate is \$15.00 per event with the entire \$15.00 going into the jackpot. Numbers of places paid will depend on numbers of entries. All payouts will be in checks which will be distributed at the next rodeo or mailed. Specifics will be included in your packet at your first rodeo.

Note: There is no limit on the number of individual contestants that one person may call to enter. That person must know the names, NHSRA numbers, events and first and second preferences of everyone whom he/she is entering.

YOU SHOULD BE READY TO ENTER. FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

1. Call 1-800-547-6336 (Rodeo Sports Network)
2. An operator will answer. (It will be a "real live person". This is not an automated system).

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT EVERY CALL TO RODEO SPORTS NETWORK (1-800-547-6336) IS TAPE-RECORDED. THIS IS FOR BOTH YOUR PROTECTION AND THAT OF THE COMPANY.

In some order, the following information will be gathered.

- ▶ The operator will ask for the name of the rodeo you are entering.
- ▶ The operator will ask for your NHSRA card number.
- ▶ The operator will verify your name.
- ▶ The operator will ask for the first event that you are entering.
- ▶ The operator will ask for your first and second preference for that event.
 - Note:** If the event is team roping, the operator will ask for the name of NHSRA card number of the header and the heeler. Your partner is then entered in team roping. You may also enter him in his other events, if that is what the two of you have decided. This will eliminate double entries.
- ▶ The operator will ask for other events for that card number and first and second preferences for those events.
- ▶ The operator will ask if there is anyone else that the caller wishes to enter and follow the same procedure for any other contestants the caller is entering.
- ▶ The operator will give the caller a confirmation number.
- ▶ The same information will then be requested for the second rodeo of the weekend.

3. Write down your entry confirmation number. Keep it in a handy place in case there is a discrepancy. If there is, both your confirmation number and the tape recording will be used.

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THINGS TO REMEMBER

- * Anyone may enter for you, if they have your NHSRA card number and name. There is no limit on the number of contestants that one person can enter.
- * Buddying should only be used when necessary. Probability plays a large role in random computer draws and it is more unlikely that everyone in a buddy group will get their first preference.
- * If you are buddying, the operator will walk you through the same format for all events buddied, then the operator will go through non-buddied events.
- * If you request Friday night, you will either get Friday performance or Friday night slack. (If you don't request Friday, you cannot get Friday!)
- * If you absolutely only have only one time that you want to ride and if you don't get that, you don't want to be in the rodeo, your second preference must be "out". Just remember, "out" means you are not in the rodeo if you don't get your first preference. You can always draw out, but once you're "out", you cannot get back in!
- * In the slack(s), the number of available stock will be determined by the number of entries per event and that amount will determine how many contestants will be in each performance or session of slack.
- * The draw will be posted on www.lhsra.info and www.rodeosportsnetwork.com.
- * Please check the draw carefully. If you feel there is an error, call Rodeo Sports Network on Monday morning and ask that they research the problem. You must have your confirmation number.
- * To get results of the previous rodeo and the standings visit www.lhsra.info.
- * On double rodeo weekends, every effort is made to give first preferences.
- * If you enter a queen contest, do not request Saturday slack. If a rodeo is hosting a queen contest, it will be noted on the preference menu.

AT THE RODEO

☆ Report to the designated area to pay your fees. Please understand that your fees should be paid before you ride, but there is no requirement to arrive at a certain time. Fees may be paid in cash or by check. (Money orders are accepted, but they are not required!) NSF checks will include a \$20.00 charge. Please try to have the right amount of money, if you are paying in cash!

Fees at the Rodeo:

1 event = \$32.00	2 events = \$47.00	3 events = \$62.00
4 events = \$77.00	5 events = \$92.00	6 events = \$107.00
Cutting = \$50.00		

*** Add \$15.00 per event jackpotted.

Breakdown of Total Fees:

\$17.00 per rodeo	\$ 9.00	LHSRA State Finals Awards
	\$ 5.00	Central Entry
	\$ 3.00	LHSRA Scholarships
 \$15.00 per event		
	\$10.00	Qualifying Rodeo Committee
	\$ 5.00	Rodeo Personnel
		\$ 1.00 Judge (with barriers)
		\$.90 Judge
		\$ 1.00 Secretary
		\$.90 Announcer
		\$.60 Timer
		\$.60 Timer
 \$15.00 jackpot per event		
	\$15.00	Paid out in Jackpot

Central Entry System

QUICK REFERENCE

CES Toll-Free Number 1-800-547-6336
(1-800-54RODEO)

Write in your NHSRA 4 digit card number here: LA_____

ENTRY DAYS AND TIMES

(the week of the rodeo)

MONDAY 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

TUESDAY 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

ONLINE ENTRIES

Friday before the week of the rodeo through
Wednesday of the week of the rodeo at www.rodeosportsnetwork.com

Late Entry (no preference)

WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM – 12 NOON

\$25.00 penalty (first offense)

DRAW-OUTS

If you call in on the Thursday of the week of the rodeo, no reasons are needed to draw out of one or more events or the entire rodeo and you are not responsible for fees.) After THURSDAY at 4:00 PM, you will be billed for entry fees if you draw out or turn out (no show). There are no reasons to excuse you from fees after 4:00 PM on Thursday. After that time, the fees are guaranteed to the qualifying rodeo. So, there is no need to produce doctor's or vet's excuses or other documents. They will not be accepted.

THURSDAY 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

POSITION DRAW AND RESULTS

To find out when you are up and the results of the rodeo visit www.lhsra.info

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ★ There is NO GUARANTEE that you will receive your first or second preference, especially in a 3 day or Saturday/Sunday rodeo!
- ★ The more events you have and the greater the number of contestants in an event, the less likely you are to receive your preference.
- ★ You can enter all events individually, especially if you plan to be in attendance for the entire rodeo.
- ★ Buddying contestants may decrease your chances of getting your first or second preference, especially with multiple events.
- ★ No matter what the reason, if you forget or are unable to enter during the times above, YOU CANNOT ENTER THE RODEO. There is no one, nor any reason, to call and ask. So, try to stay on top of your rodeo schedule.

According to NHSRA Rules, Constitution, and By-Laws

- ★ There will be no trading out by contestants in any event.