

April 3, 2019

TO: Jr. High Division Members

Re: State Finals Information

Fundraiser Raffle Tickets - In order to be eligible to enter the Jr. High State Finals, each member must sell 30 raffle tickets and have them to Billie Harms by April 30, 2019 (postmarked). Members are urged to continue selling tickets up to, and during the High School State Finals, until the drawing is held Saturday, June 8th, 2019. You can check your raffle tickets sales on the website under "Fundraisers".

State Finals Sponsorship - Sponsors are much needed and appreciated, and all of the money goes back to the kids. If you or anyone you know would be interested in becoming a Sponsor please contact **Erin Ellingson (406) 489-3463** or **Tim Larson (406) 480-2666**.

State Finals Rodeo – The Jr. High State Finals Rodeo will be held in Sidney on May 31st – June 2nd, 2019. Entry fees at State are \$50/event for the weekend, with a mandatory \$30/event Jackpot. Jackpot - \$10 goes into 1st Go, \$10 into 2nd Go, and \$10 into Average on Long Go #1 and Long Go #2.

State Finals Entries: Online entries open April 30th, and close May 20th at midnight. Phone entries are **TUESDAY**, May 21, 2019, from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm. **CALL ENTRIES TO BILLIE HARMS AT 406-421-5658.**

Grades: You must bring your 2nd semester grades with you to Check-In at State Finals. For those of you who will just be getting out of school right before the Finals, and you can't get your 2nd semester grades, you may bring in your 4th quarter mid-term grades. **NO GRADES, NO RODEO.**

Points to State: You take your 7 best rodeos, per event, into the State Finals, for a maximum of 70 points per event. Points are doubled at State. Year-end winners are points coming in, maximum 70 pts + 1st go (20 pts) + 2nd go (20pts) + short go (20 pts) + average (20 pts.), (1 pt.) for a maximum of 150 pts/event. You must have at least 1 point in an event to enter that event at State.

Pre-Registration for State Finals: Enclosed is a Pre-Registration Form for Stalls/Camping/Wristbands. **Fill out and return form, and payment, to RCRC**

State Finals Schedule:

- May 31: 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Check-In: **COME WITH A COPY OF YOUR 2ND SEMESTER GRADES**
- Bring in State Basket item
- 12:00 p.m.
- **MANDATORY CONTESTANT MEETING**
 - **Rough Stock Equipment Check** (Riders need to bring all equipment to the meeting for the judges to inspect.)
 - **DRESS CODE: (Very important!!)** Show up to the mandatory meeting with your back number on and in proper rodeo clothes. From the beginning of the mandatory meeting until after the awards you must have your back number on at all times!
- May 31: 1:00 p.m.
- Long Go #1
- June 1: TBA
- Shooting Sports - It will be in the morning – time to be determined by number of shooters
- June 1: 12:00 p.m.
- Long Go #2
 - Fun arena games that evening
- June 2: 9:00 a.m.
- Short Round
 - Awards will be about an hour after Short Go.

(Contestant will have the opportunity to finish National paperwork after short go. We are asking that all contestants have this paperwork filled out and notarized prior to attending the State Finals. This will speed things up and get families back on the road quickly.)

Paperwork for going to Nationals: Will be done after the Short-Go on June 2, 2019. **IF YOU LEAVE WITHOUT DOING YOUR PAPERWORK, YOU WILL FORFEIT YOUR SPOT AT NATIONALS!!** If you place 1st through 4th, you qualify for Nationals. If you are 5th or 6th, you might want to stay to see if there is someone who cannot go to Nationals –

we can move contestants up into spots if we need to. **I need BOTH parent's notarized signatures on paperwork**, unless someone has sole custody, or a parent is deceased. The National Entry Form will be posted on the website to print out under "Forms", and then "State Finals".

Jr. High National Finals Rodeo is in Huron, SD June 23rd through June 29th, 2019. I do have some hotel info, if anyone needs it.

Rifle Shoot: There will be a rifle shoot to qualify kids to Nationals. 1st through 4th places qualify for Nationals, just like the rodeo events. It will be held on June 1st in the morning (time to be determined by number of shooters). Shooters are encouraged to bring their own rifles and ammo. If you need to borrow a rifle, please contact Erin Ellingson (406) 489-3463 in advance to make arrangements. If interested, call and enter with Billie Harms (406) 421-5658, by the end of phone entries on May 21st. Specifics on the Shooting Sports is on the MHSRA website. I have the rules and requirements for the shoot and the rifles. You will have to provide your own rifle and ammo at Nationals.

State Basket: We will be taking a State Basket to Nationals. The theme is "Outdoor Fun in the Big Sky". Bring your items to check in. If you don't have an item, you can donate \$10. We have a size limit of 3 x 3 x 3, so bring items that will fit. The State Baskets are auctioned off at Nationals. **I will be needing someone, or someones, to organize the basket, and be responsible for getting it to, and setting it up at, Nationals. Any help is very much appreciated.**

If you have any questions, give me a call at 421-5658.

Sincerely,

Billie Harms
Jr. High State Secretary