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2009 Finals Rodeo

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It is that time of year again and the Minnesota Finals rodeo in Fergus Falls is quickly approaching. The MRA board has decided this year there will be 2 performances and no slack. All contestants will run in the performances. It is our goal to run this rodeo in under 3 hours to put on the best show possible. In order to reach this goal the MRA board is writing ground rules that will pertain specifically to the finals. Look at the MRA website for these rule postings.

Rule Changes/Additions 2009-2010

The rulebook online has been updated with all the new rule changes and additions made in the past few years. This winter we will be printing new rulebooks and will distribute new rulebooks for 2010. In the meantime, use the rulebook on our website as your up to date rules and regulations for the MRA.

All events must have their sponsorship money in to the MRA office by September 1st, 2009. If money is not in the office by this date then the remaining balance will be divided up among the finals contestants in that event and added on to their finals entry fees.

It is the responsibility of all the members to get sponsorships for your event. So talk with your director to see how you can help out.

Please use our website as

your information guide to the MRA.

Finals personell will be voted on by the board at the August 19th meeting. If you would like to be considered for a personell job at the finals please fill out the appropriate form online or contact one of our directors.

Stock for the finals will also be picked at this meeting. Talk with your event directors about what stock you would like to see at the finals in your event.

Rulebook inserts may also be obtained by contacting the MRA office.

Any rule changes or additions that you would like to see go into effect for the 2010 year must be submitted to the MRA office in writing by September 1st, 2009. In order for these rules to be

voted on at our General Membership Meeting in October at the finals these rules must post for 30 days in advance. Please submit your rule change/addition proposals exactly as you would like to see them written in the rulebook.



Rachael Peterson
2009 MRA Queen

*"Dream as if
you'll live
forever. Live
as if you'll die
tomorrow."
James Dean*

MRA Website

Please remember that newsletters are available online and by email. In order to help save the MRA money and because of the rising cost of postage we are using our website as the information guide to the MRA.

We also post our schedule and important information in The Wrangler. You may obtain subscriptions to this publication by contacting the MRA office. Subscriptions for members are \$7.

The most up to date information pertaining to the schedule and news will be found online at www.mnrdeco.org. Because of the short delay in publishing the information in The Wrangler will not be as current as the information you will find online at our website.

Each event has their own specific webpage. If you have information pertaining to your event that you would like to see on your event's website please email the MRA office and we would be glad to publish it online. Check your event webpage as your directors post important information for you regarding your event.

Finals Pre-Entry

2009 Finals pre-entry forms may now be obtained online. These forms must be filled out and mailed to the MRA office by September 11th with full payment of fees.

Even if you are not sure if you are making the finals we encourage you to submit your entry form. Many times there are circumstances where people in the top 15 are unable to make it to the finals. In that case we take the next contestant in the standings who sends in their entry form.

If you do not make the finals you will receive a full refund of your entry fees.

MRA Finals Qualifications

The MRA Board would like to remind everyone of the requirements you must meet in order to be eligible for the 2009 finals at the Red Horse Ranch on October 2nd & 3rd.

1. The top 15 in the point standings will be taken to the finals.

2. To compete at Finals contestant must enter and compete at a minimum of 3 first sanctioned MRA rodeos. In order for a Rodeo to count as one of the contested MRA first sanctioned rodeos the contestant card must be purchased before competing at that rodeo.

3. The Finals event must bring in funds for the finals & yearend awards, if award funds are not supplied a fee will be divided between the MRA finals contestants at entries for that event.

"You are never given a dream without also being given the power to make it true. You may have to work for it, however."

Richard Bach

2009 MRA Memberships still available!

It is not too late to purchase your membership for this year. There are still MANY rodeos left in the season. The end of July and month of August is a very busy time for our association. Membership forms can

be obtained online. Minnesota High School Rodeo members and Little Britches cardholders are eligible for a dis-

counted \$10 membership. Memberships will not be activated without proper notorization and proof of youth association membership.



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**Meetings are always held on the 3rd
Wednesday of the month unless pub-
lished differently.**

Date of next meeting: August 19th
Place: Godfather's Pizza, St. Cloud
Time: 7:30 pm

All are welcome!

Rodeo in Minnesota!



Fine List.... (Also available online)

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| Alten, Jason | Evers, Cody | Julin, Ryan | Melvin, Jenny | Pika, Chris | Welch, Jacole |
| Belkham, Brent | Freeman, Amanda | Kepker, Jarod | Melvin, Jenny | Pulak, Jake | Wilson, Bradey |
| Belkham, Jeff | Froughling, Kelly | Keuntjes, Chase | Mittlien, Nick | Pulak, Jake | Winters, Sunny |
| Bergeron, Brandon | Gaarder, Alisha | Knapper, Melita | Miller, Dana | Raggots, John | Wojocowski, Tyler |
| Binias, Nick | Gaines, Mickey | Knapper, Melita | Monson, Alison | Ryan, Gabrielle | Wright, Sherri |
| Burnstad, Kyle | Glover, Gason | Knudson, Blaine | Morrell, Brandon | Schrandt, Stacy | Wyle, Robyn |
| Coon, Karla | Glover, Jason | Knudson, Blaine | Most, Nick | Schrandt, Stacy | |
| Cummings, Jodi | Granny, Matt | Knuth, Mike | Myran, Cory | Sharp, Travis | |
| Davis, Ken | Houwer, Sherry | Koptke, Luke | Myran, Cory | Simmons, Cole | |
| Duclose, Bethany | Huver, Sherry | Linam, Colt | Nygren, Joe | Stevens, Todd | |
| Engstad, Joleen | Iverson, Brandon | Marcheck, Zach | Oase, Justin | Turner, Tonya | |
| | | | | Uphoff, Chris | |

HEADS UP! The MRA Fine List goes to the website. MRA Fine list is public. The Board has cracked down on those competing even though being on the fine list. Contestants on the suspension list will not receive points at rodeos competed in while on the fine list if fine is not paid within 14 days notice. A letter of suspension will be sent to all active/competing members on the fine list to confirm the removal of points. If fine is not paid within 14 days of acceptance of said letter all points during the 2009 season will be forfeited. The rulebook is to be enforced as written.

Listed above are all the fines that are owed to the MRA office. You may owe another association and must still pay those fines before you may be able to compete and receive points at MRA rodeos