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Finals at Red Horse Ranch a Hit!

The MRA would like to thank all of the sponsors, spectators, volunteers, and contestants that made the 2008 finals great!

Many great awards were given out and lots of fun was had by all.

To view and purchase photos from the finals visit:

www.freewebs.com/gregmikk

Hopefully we can make it happen at the Red Horse next year.

Start thinking about next year now! Remember that it is the job of the whole event to gather sponsorship money for year end awards.

View complete results on the web at
www.mnrodeo.org



2008-2009 MRA Hall of Fame

2008 Inductees:

Buffington Rodeo Co.
Triple B Rodeo Co.
Tim Tierney
Ryan Melby
Sam Scott

2009 Nominees:

David Slipka
Johnathan Colt
Paul Luedemann
Mike Grinager
Tom Suhnenstahl

We would like to thank all of these people who have been a great influence for rodeo in Minnesota through out the years.

Rule Changes 2008-2009

Articles of Incorporation Changed too

All Board of Directors will receive a free MRA membership card, including the secretary, point standings secretary, and Treasurer. Director complimentary memberships would be on a contingency basis. A Director will pay for their membership, as normal, in advance. Then, they earn back their membership by attending meetings at \$10 credit per meeting and/or securing \$1000 in sponsorships. At which time they will be issued a check for their membership amount.

Barrel Racing pg. 50 #14 Changed too:

All digits beyond hundredths will be ignored. In the event the electric eye fails to operate; time from each of the two stopwatches shall be averaged, and a zero will be added to the tenth. (15.1 becomes 15.10)

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

Rule Proposals: To be voted on at the November meeting.

Under the Membership Requirements:

Proposed to ADD: If a contestant pays his/her membership at a rodeo he/she will be considered a "Paid Member". The permit fee at this rodeo will be then waived. Once the paper work is received in the MRA office and has been processed, he/she will now be considered an "Active Member", as long as he/she is in good standings with the MRA. Once an Active Member, "His/her points will then be counted along with the MRA first approved rodeos.

Point System & Finals Qualification #8:

Existing Rule: To compete at Finals contestant must enter and compete at a minimum of 3 first sanctioned rodeos.

Proposed Rule: To compete at the MRA Finals a contestant must enter and compete in their said event at a minimum of 3 first sanctioned MRA rodeos. Team Roping Heading and Heeling will be considered separate events.

Calf Roping #4:

Existing Rule: A stopwatch will be used by the field judge. The time starts after the roper has remounted the horse and given calf complete slack. (Rope must lay on the ground not just touch it.) If the roper or horse takes the slack out of the rope during the 6 second time period the roper will be disqualified.

Proposed Rule: A stopwatch will be used by the field judge. The time starts after the roper has remounted the horse and given calf complete slack. (Rope must lay on the ground not just touch it.) If the roper or horse takes the slack out of the rope during the 6 second time period the roper will be disqualified. At Judges Discretion.

Membership Requirements:

Pg. 8 #7:

Existing Rule:

In order for points to count towards the MRA year end and Finals Rodeo the member must be in good standing with the association. All fines, fees, and signed

applications must be post-marked before the entry date of the MRA Rodeo wishing to compete.

Change to read.....:All fines and fees must be post-marked before the entry of the date of the MRA rodeo wishing to compete. Memberships may be purchased at the rodeo you are competing in. All points will count if you buy your membership before you compete.

Slack pg. 14 #1:

Existing Rule:

Slack must be designated before it can be offered at any time other than after a performance.

Proposed Rule:

Slack must be designated before it can be offered at any time other than after a performance. If slack is after a performance it is NOT designated. Positions for performance and slack will be drawn if a slack directly follows a performance.

Rule Changes 2008-2009 continued from page 2.

Day Money pg. 30

Changed too:

Day money will be available to each MRA rodeo that has 2 or more performances at a fee of \$5 per event entered

Stock Contractors:

Add:

1. A new rodeo stock contractor making application for approval by the MRA must pay annual dues of \$35.00.

A. Submit a detailed resume giving company's complete rodeo history, production experience, number of stock owned, rodeos under contract and possible new MRA rodeos.

B. Submit a list of all his rodeos held the previous year.

2. All new stock contractors will be permit stock contractors and will not be allowed to bid MRA rodeos until full approval is granted. Final approval of all new stock contractor will be made during the annual meeting by a majority vote of the existing stock contractors and MRA board.
3. The MRA Board will review each approved stock contractor annually to see that their stock
4. The stock contractor will be certain that all contract personnel (Judges, secretary, timers, pickup men, etc) working their rodeos are members in good standing, have met all necessary approval

standards and is a current member of the MRA.

5. All MRA stock contractors must have at least 4 approved MRA sanctioned rodeos at least 1 MRA first approved with all sanction fees paid up to date, for their stock to be eligible for the MRA finals.

Team Roping Pg. 59 #31

Add:

If one partner in the team roping does not show, contestant can choose a partner from a team that is only entered once or any contestant that is already entered in another event in that rodeo. No contestant may go more times then allowed to make up the team. The rodeo secretary must be notified before the performance begins. After one man is declared not there and another partner is substituted, you cannot change back to the original partner. The partner that does not show will be fined equal to the amount of the entry fee plus \$25 (as stated by the MRA TO rule). The team will draw stock in the original position

Rodeo Entry Pg. 23 #4

Changed too:

Maximum of a \$8 stock charge and \$2 per contestant per event Finals charge will be added to all members competing at MRA sanctioned rodeos. The \$2 Finals charge will go towards the MRA Finals Rodeo.

Rodeo Entry

(PG. 28 #29) Add:

All nine events to follow entry fee scale by added money. <\$300 ADM EF \$50; \$301-\$500 ADM EF \$60; >\$501 ADM EF \$70.

BULL RIDING:

(PG. 38 #8) Changed too:

If a qualified ride is made by a contestant and the animal is scored by both judges at 16 or under, falls on side, belly, rear-end drops to the ground or stops, then the contestant will have the option of a ride. Judge will notify the announcer if a ride is to be given.

BULL RIDING:

(PG. 41 #1) Changed too:

Bull must be ridden 8 seconds. Time starts when any part of the bull breaks the plane of the gate.

MEMBERSHIP

REQUIREMENTS:

(PG. 9 #10) Changed too:

A current member in good standing of the MN High School Rodeo Association and Little Britches Association will receive full member status for a fee of \$10 upon receipt of a stamped notarized MRA release of liability and copy of membership status to the MNHSRA or Little Britches Association.

Reminder to contestants it is a common curtsey to have entries paid well in advance of the rodeo starting. As stated in rulebook contestant will be disqualified if fees are not paid before competing.

"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



NOTE: MEETING DATE CHANGE

Meeting days are changing from Tuesday nights to Wednesday nights. So come and let your voice be heard!

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Date of next meeting: **November 19th**

Place: **Godfather's Pizza, St. Cloud**

Time: **7:30 pm**

All are welcome!



Current MRA Fine List

*Alten, Jason	*Freeman, Amanda	*Jimetez, Kenny	Vigen, Bryce	*Pika, Chris
*Bergeron, Brandon	*Froughling, Kelly	*Job, Jason	Vigen, Brent	*Schugel, Isaac
*Binias, Nick	*Gaines, Mickey	*Johnson, Seth	*Marcheck, Zach	*Turner, Tonya
*Claughbaugh, Thad	*Glover, Jason	*Julin, Ryan	*Morrell, Brandon	*Sharp, Travis
*Dreyer, Jason	*Guy, Nick	*Kietzer, Jesse	*Most, Nick	*Stevens, Todd
*Duclose, Bethany	*Haaven, Jared	*Knapper, Melita	*Myran, Cory	*Uphoff, Chris
*Engstad, Joleen	*Houwer, Sherry	*Knuth, Mike	*Nygren, Joe	*Wieberg, Jeremiah
*Evers, Cody	*Huwer, Sherry	*Knutson, Brent	*Parmalee, Rusty	*Wright, Sherri
*Ferrell, Charles	*Iverson, Brandon	*Kowalzek, Brandon	*Linam, Colt	*Wyle, Robyn
Knudson, Blaine	Simmons, Cole	Ryan, Gabrielle	Wojonowski, Tyler	Wiese, Justin
Raggots, John	Gaarder, Alisha	Cummings, Jodi		

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