

How do I join MNHSRA?

The MNHSRA season runs with the school year. It starts in Aug '11 & runs thru June '12 with Nationals in July '12. You must be entering 9th grade for High School Division & entering 6th grade for the Jr. High Division.

COMPLETING MEMBERSHIP FORMS: Each member is required to complete 4 forms to join MNHSRA.

- 1) MN STATE membership form
- 2) National membership form
- 3) NHSRA Minor's release form-ALL portions completed & signed by BOTH parents, (unless 'SOLE CUSTODY' then write sole custody on the form). This form must be notarized also.
- 4) School attendance verification-Must be signed by a school representative

If you do not live in MN, you will need to receive approval from the Board to join MNHSRA so send in forms early!!

*******FEES*****:** Membership & Fundraising fee requirements

HS MEMBERSHIP FEES: \$159.00 TOTAL-includes National fees (only membership fee you pay)

OR JH MEMBERSHIP FEES: \$114.00 TOTAL-includes National fees (only membership fee you pay)

PLUS FUNDRAISING FEES: \$200.00 PER FAMILY

When the fundraising option is available, it will be given to you. Once you fulfill this option, you will receive your \$200 back. You do not have to participate, but you still have to pay the \$200! These checks are cashed right away.

Once the forms & checks are received by the Membership Secretary, you will receive a packet of information. You will more than likely receive this packet at the first rodeo you enter. If you join halfway thru the season, you are still required to pay the \$200 fundraising dues. If the fundraising (calendar sales) option is still available, you will need to contact Leanne Oftedahl-fundraising chair, to find out how you can meet up with her to receive the calendars to sell.

What you will receive:

Back number-The number you receive will be your number while you remain in HS rodeo. You will receive a couple of back numbers. SUGGESTION: Make some copies of your back number & laminate them. This way they will last longer & you will have several. Rough stock riders make a couple extra numbers for your safety vest as well.

National rule book, MN ground rules & constitution & bi-laws- These will be made available to you with your back # at the first rodeo you enter. You MUST KNOW THESE RULES! The rodeos follow these rules closely. We do not want anyone to be disqualified because they did not know of a rule. If you have questions, please ask!! Read these very carefully.

Map of MN regions- Please declare your region based on the online map. I will give your name to your region so they can add you to their membership list so you can be informed of meetings, etc. for your region. You are required to help your region put on & work at your regions rodeo. Also, if you have questions, comments, contact your region directors.

A list of Board of Directors & Officers-is available on the website. You can contact them with any questions, comments or concerns.

Membership Card- Once your membership forms are received by the membership secretary, you will receive a membership card. You can use this card as proof of membership if you plan to join MRA also.

*******ENTERING THE RODEOS*****:**The entry forms & INFO sheets for each rodeo are available on line under the schedule tab. You can enter 1 or all rodeos. Make sure you print off an entry form AND an INFO sheet for EACH RODEO. Complete all areas of the entry form & make sure both parents sign the entry form & your school representative again must sign the entry form. Write a separate check for each rodeo you are entering. If the entry form for the rodeo you are entering is not postmarked 14 days prior to the 1st day of the rodeo, you will be required to pay a \$50 LATE FEE! If you are late more than 1 time, the LATE FEE will increase to \$100! If you are just sending in your membership forms & you are also entering your first rodeo & it is past the 14 day postmark date, you do not have to pay the late fee. Once you join & enter your first rodeo, the next time your entry is late you would have to pay the late fee.

Complete the entry forms for all of the season (fall or spring) rodeos you plan to enter & write separate checks. MAIL ALL ENTRIES IN AT THE SAME TIME TO ELIMINATE LATE FEES! Suggest "return receipt requested", that way you can check & make sure entry forms were received. Please do not submit as certified mail though unless absolutely necessary. Entry checks are not cashed until the Monday following the rodeo. Once you submit your membership forms & first rodeo entries, you must comply with all other rules. This means you must submit your entry forms by the deadline dates on the form or pay the late fee.

If you are sending in your membership forms close to the first rodeo date, send in all of your entry forms as well for each rodeo you plan to enter.

If you need to draw out of a rodeo, you must do so 48 hrs before the rodeo start time to receive a refund, unless you have a Dr. note or a vet excuse. This would need to be presented right away to receive your check back. The best way to draw out is to email me at MNHSRA.Entry@gmail.com & I will send you an email back to confirm the draw out. If you are drawing out after the 48 hr deadline, calling/texting me at 218-205-6827 is preferred.

*******IMPORTANT INFO*****.**

*Check the INFO sheet for check-in, meeting & rodeo start times. If you miss any of these times, it can be grounds for disqualification.

*If you have trouble on the way to the rodeo & think you might be late for check-in, contact the emergency contact number & explain your situation. You will more than likely be excused as late as long as you call!!

*Print off an INFO sheet to have with you on the way to the rodeo so you have directions & contact numbers & start times.

*You are required to sign in 2 times at each rodeo. During the check-in time listed & again at the mandatory meeting.

*Once you have checked-in with the entry secretary, you are required to have your number on your back at all times, except sleeping or swimming. When you check-in, if your name is highlighted, DO NOT SIGN IN!! This means you need to talk to the secretary to correct something, etc.

*Full western attire is required, long sleeves rolled down, shirt tails tucked in, shirts snapped up, belt, boots, western hat at the student meeting & 1 hour before the rodeo start time & anytime you are near the arena when the rodeo is in progress.

*You can wear a helmet while riding if you choose. But bring a cowboy hat to wear when not competing.

You must compete at 4 regional rodeos (each day is considered a rodeo at a 2 day rodeo), to be eligible to compete at state finals in June. From there the top 4 points earners in each event will be qualified for Nationals in July. JH Nationals are in Gallup, NM & HS Nationals are in WY. See the NHSRA website for more info.

You can also see the 11-12 membership letter for more information.

Contact me with anymore questions you may have.

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