Maryland High School Rodeo Association, Inc. Trial Member Information and Instructions 2024-2025

We are very glad you are considering joining the Maryland High School Rodeo Association (MDHSRA). We offer a one time trial membership for potential members. The cost of the trial membership is \$25 plus the cost of each even you enter per day. Your trial membership is good for one, two-day rodeo. Points are not awarded to trial members and will not carry over if you decide to join. On Page 2 you will find a set of instructions and links forms that must be completed to join or renew your membership.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our State Secretary, Tammy Walbert at <u>marylandhighschoolrodeo@gmail.com</u> or 443-783-3937, our National Director, Kurt Walbert at <u>kwalbert68@gmail.com</u> or 443-978-0327 or see our website (<u>www.mdhsra.org</u>).

Trial Member Eligibility Requirements:

- 1. Must currently be attending school: kindergarden-12th grade or participating in an approved home school curriculum.
- 2. Must maintain a passing grade in 70% of your classes throughout the year.

General Information:

Generally, we have two performances in one rodeo weekend/day – when you call-in you will be entered in both performances unless you specify otherwise. Check-in times and other event information will be posted on the website prior to call-ins. Every rodeo has a mandatory contestant meeting before the start of the rodeo – roll call will be taken, if you miss this meeting you may not be permitted to compete. During check- in and the contestant meeting, contestants must be in dress code, including back number, and must remain in dress code until after the performance. All information regarding call-ins and performance details and schedules will be posted to the MDHSRA website (www.mdhsra.org).

Rodeo Call-ins and Entry Fees:

Details on how to enter an MDHSRA hosted rodeo will be posted on www.mdhsra.org and other social media outlets, including a specific time period for call-ins. After the call-in time period, entries are closed. If you miss call-ins you will not be permitted to sign up for a rodeo.

Entry fees are required for EACH rodeo and MUST be paid in cash or with a credit/debit card – checks are not accepted for entry fees. Entry fees for all performances during the weekend must be paid during check-in prior to the start of the first performance. Entry fees will be posted on the event info sheet.

If we rodeo at events hosted by other states, the entry fees may vary and will be set by the host state. If you have called-in and turn out or are a no-show, you are still responsible for entry fees which must be paid before you will be allowed to rodeo again. If you have called in and vet-out or med-out (injury or illness to the horse or contestant), you are not responsible for entry fees (must provide letter from a vet or doctor to the MDHSRA secretary-see MDHSRA handbook for more information).

Rodeo Dress Code

- Western hat/helmet, long-sleeve western shirt, jeans, cowboy boots, belt
- Back number (provided at first attended rodeo)

Once again, we are excited that you are considering joining MDHSRA. Please follow the steps on page 3 carefully to complete your trial membership.

MDHSRA Trial Membership Instructions:

MDHSRA Trial contestants must print all forms and submit prior to the rodeo. All forms are available on MDHSRA.org/membership, under the Trial member section. Forms should be emailed to marylandhighschoolrodeo@gmail.com or mailed to MDHSRA: P.O. Box 415, Ellicott City, MD 21043

- NHSRA One Time Minor Release Form signed by contestant and both parents MUST BE NOTARIZED.
- MDHSRA Trial Membership Application 2022-2023
- MDHSRA Code of Conduct (MUST BE SIGNED)
- Copy of birth certificate
- Copy of most recent report card (last report card from previous quarter/grade)
- 🏶 Trial fees payable to Maryland High School Rodeo Association, Inc. \$25.00