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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

The Minnesota Rodeo Association will be back at the Red Horse Ranch in Fergus Falls again this year for the MRA Finals. The event will be held Friday, September 25th and Saturday September 26th.

We are looking forward to a great year of rodeos with great things to come. Check the website soon for schedule of rodeos for this year.



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.

Thank you to all our sponsors in 2008!

RULE PROPOSAL:

Rule Page 8 #6:

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

ADD: 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.

(See Rule page 8 #6)

(To be voted on at Feb. meeting.)

2008-2009 MRA Hall of Fame



2008 Inductees:

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

2009 Inductee:

Congratulations to Paul Luedemann on his induction into the MRA Hall of Fame. We appreciate everything he has done for rodeo in the state of Minnesota!



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



Wes Jensen
2009 MRA Saddle
Bronc Champion

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

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)

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.

2008-2009 Rule Changes Continued from pg. 2

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 reride. Judge will notify the announcer if a reride 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.

"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

Buy your 2009 MRA Memberships now!

Download your 2009 MRA Membership Application on the web at www.mnrodeo.org. Buy your memberships now. Reminder to all members: Anyone who raises \$500 in cash sponsorships earns a free MRA membership. After April 15th all renewals cost another \$10.

So don't be late, buy your memberships now to avoid late charges.

All Minnesota High School



Rodeo members and Little Britches Members, your memberships only cost \$10. Just fill out your application and send it in with a signed notary and copy of membership to youth association and you will receive a full status MRA membership.

2009 Board of Directors

President: Dan Bergerson

Vice President: Karl Johnson

Secretary: Heidi Gunderson

Treasurer: Jamie Johnson

Point Secretary: Julie Thoring

Bareback: Dustin Schilling

Jason Lenzen

Saddle Bronc: Morgan Dwire

Bull Riding: Ryan Harrison

Trevor Osterbauer

Steer Wrestling: Matt Tellegan

Ken Davis

Calf Roping: Toby Boeta

Matt Otto

O40 Calf Roping: Jeff Thurlow

David Slipka

Breakaway Roping:

Jessie Otto

Corey Wulf

Barrel Racing:

Sabrina Haugen

Christine Nevela

Queen Director:

Rita Hamilton

Team Roping:

Cory Borman

Bill VanLith

Judge:

Greg Caron

Stock Contractor:

Scott Berends

PR Director:

Mike Grinager

Finals Director:

Paul Luedemann



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Rodeo in Minnesota!

NOTE: MEETING DATE CHANGE

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

Date of next meeting: January 21st
Place: Godfather's Pizza, St. Cloud
Time: 7:30 pm

All are welcome!



Fine List....

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| *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 | *Huver, 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