

TO: MRCA Top Thirty Contestants
SUBJECT: MRCA Finals Information

August 25, 2018

Dear _____

You are currently in position _____ in the _____ event. This years MRCA Finals Rodeo will be held October 11-13th at the National Equestrian Center in Lake St. Louis, Mo. The Top 15 contestants in each of the standard events will be eligible to compete. Payoff will be posted at the Finals.

Entering

The fee due to the MRCA office is **\$200.00 per qualified event.** This includes a \$195.00 entry fee and \$5.00 office charge. **Entry fees, ballots, and contestant questionnaires must be returned to the MRCA office no later than Tues Sept. 25th.** This does **not** mean postmarked by September 25th, it means that all fees and information must be **received by Sept. 25th, 2018** or they will not be accepted. If you mail your fees at a late date, contact the MRCA office **before** Sept. 25th to be sure they have been received. You may need to make further arrangements to insure your entry is received without delay. **NO EXCEPTIONS! If you are in the 16 to 30 positions, it is very important that you send in your entry fees and meet all of the requirements; because if someone in the Top Fifteen decides not to attend, you may be eligible.** If you know of any MRCA member who may win some money in September that could possibly move them up in the standings, have them contact the office to receive the finals information or download from the MRCA Website. **Don't wait** for the office to make contact, as results may arrive in the office making it too late! If you do not get to compete, your entry fees will be promptly returned to you or check voided. Emergency Phone Number for the finals is 314-608-3557. If anyone is on the suspended list, owes a fine, any funds or a no-show, etc., this will be required to be taken care of or they will not be eligible to compete at the Finals. If you feel there is a discrepancy in your winnings...please don't hesitate to **contact the office before the finals** to double-check them. If you wait until we get to the finals we won't have the rodeo results on sight to check.

Call-In

Books Open for official MRCA Finals **call in on Wednesday October 3rd at 314-608-3557.** (If you receive a voice mail keep trying-do not leave a message.) Books open from **7pm to 10 pm** and you **MUST** call during this time to **ENTER THE MRCA FINALS.** (Please notify the MRCA office due to injury or other commitment if you do not plan to compete in the finals.) If you are bordering towards the top 15 and think you possibly could have moved up, you need to call in to enter. If someone in the Top Fifteen decides not to compete, or fails to meet all of the requirements, the spots will be filled with the next person in line who has successfully met all the requirements, beginning with those in the 16th position or below. **PLEASE call** as positions change frequently! Call in is a requirement to attend the MRCA Finals.

Finals Positions

If necessary, you may call Thursday, October 4th from 7pm-9 pm to check your Finals Positions at 314-608-3557. Finals contestants will be posted on the website www.missourirodeo.com as soon as possible when all are confirmed.

Drawing Out

You may Draw Out of the Finals without penalty anytime after entering until 24 hours after books close. Drawing out after this period you will forfeit your Finals Entry Fees to the MRCA General Fund. The MRCA will then contact the next qualified contestant to fill the performances for the event. Any contestant who turns out stock at the finals with a doctors or vet release shall be fined, declared ineligible, or both if evidence shows he competed in another rodeo within 72 hours after the performances. All doctors releases must be dated and turned in to the MRCA within 10 days of the finals. Any release dated prior to entry may not be used to draw out of the finals. If a contestant does not compete in all 3 performances, on all three head of stock with the exception of an official release, contestant may be subject to a fine and/or forfeiture of any winnings and will forfeit eligibility to all year end awards. A contestant must compete on every head of stock drawn for him in an event to place in the average. Fines at the finals are double the normal fine rate for any offense.

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, , September 25, 2018 - Entries & Money due at MRCA Office –
Wednesday, October 3, 2018 - Call in from 7 pm to 10 pm, 314-608-3557
Thursday, October 4, 2018 - (optional) Call back for Positions 7pm to 9 pm, 314-608-3557 or check website.

Access & RV HOOKUP AND STALLS

The contestant and one buddy will be issued an armband for the finals. Any additional Friends and family members must pay \$20. for a wristband for the weekend. If this is not paid now then each spectator will have to pay per performance at the gate.

The armbands will be in your finals packet and must be worn at all times on the rodeo grounds. If you lose this band, you must purchase a new one at a cost of **\$20.00.** Please check in early **beginning Wednesday, October 10^h at 1 pm** until 9 pm.

Stalls for the weekend are \$100.00 includes 2 bags of shavings. Additional shavings may be bought from the National Equestrian Center. Stalls are mandatory no tie-outs will be allowed. Day stalls are mandatory for locals not spending the night this will be \$50 for the weekend (3 days) includes 2 bags of shavings. Tack stalls will be available for \$45 for the weekend. 65 RV hookups are available for \$35.00 per night this must be paid to the MRCA Office you will be issued a RV

tag which must be visible or you will be asked to move via the NEC staff. This will be available to the first 65 paid. Departure by Sunday October 14th by noon.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Holiday Inn Express 636-300-4844 tell them you are with the MRCA for special rate that weekend.

Performance Times

Performances begin promptly at 7:00 pm each night. Contestants will be required to ride in the Grand Entry each night.

We will run each event from the number fifteen position to the number one position each performance. Barrel Racing positions will be posted. Positions will change if you move up or down in money won in the average. Positions and draw will be posted at the rodeo office daily.

Immediately following the final performance of the rodeo, we will have the 2018 Awards Ceremony to present all of the Finals Awards and crown the 2018 Year-End Champions. Please be present to accept your awards, the sponsors expect and deserve that courtesy. The top-earning Rookies should be present.

Ground Rules

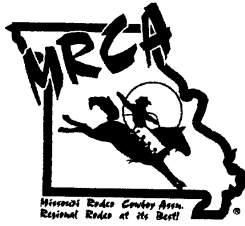
There will be **NO ALCOHOL** in the arena, behind the Bucking Chutes, or behind the Roping Chutes at any time. A. Anyone caught with alcohol in restricted areas will be subject to a minimum \$25.00 fine for each offense. This will be in effect 1 hour before each performance until the completion of the performance.

There will be NO Circling of your horses in the arena or you will be subject to a fine! All persons with horses on the grounds will need a current, negative coggins test paper on your horses. Timed event contestants need to be in the arena and ready to compete when the contestant before you rides out! Rough stock contestants need to be getting ready when the bull or horse before you leaves the chute. **FINES** may apply for contestants not ready to perform in a timely matter when called upon. NO ONE besides contestants, contractors, and personnel will be allowed behind the bucking chutes! We want this rodeo to run as smooth as possible. It is a showcase of the best contestants and stock in each event. Listen to your arena directors and they will assist you in any way possible. We are on a strict time schedule!

Payoff checks for the first 2 performances will be available the next day **the third performance and average checks will be mailed.**

RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS:

Rule Change proposals need to be submitted by September 25th. in order to be put on the ballot for the general membership meeting Saturday at the finals.



THE ORDER OF EVENTS

Bareback Riding
Calf Roping
Breakaway Roping
Saddle Bronc Riding
Steer Wrestling
Team Roping
Barrel Racing
Over 40 Calf Roping
Bull Riding

(Thurs. Night over 40 cr will be run last)

FINALS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 11, 2018

1:00 PM - 9:00 PM Finals Check-In
Approx @7:00 PM Run Timed Event Cattle

Thursday, October 12, 2018

9:00 AM-4:00 PM Finals Check-In
10:00 AM MRCA Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 PM Stock Contractors Meeting
4:00 PM Sound Check/Announcer & Sponsorship meeting
5:30 PM Finals Personnel Meeting
6:00 PM Contestant Event Meeting
7:00 PM **1st Performance - MRCA Finals Rodeo**

Friday, October 13, 2018

12:00 PM Stock Contractors Meeting
6:00 PM Finals Personnel Meeting
7:00 PM **2nd Performance - MRCA Finals Rodeo**
DJ after the performance

Saturday, October 14, 2018

12:00 PM Stock Contractors Meeting
9:00 AM **MRCA General Membership Meeting**
11:30 AM Exceptional Rodeo
1:00 PM Judging Clinic
6:00 PM Finals Personnel Meeting
7:00 PM **3rd Performance - MRCA Finals Rodeo**
2018 Awards Ceremony immediately following Performance

2018 Finals Entry Form

Finals Entry Fees: \$200.00

This fee is NOT YOUR ONLY ENTRY REQUIREMENT, this only reserves your space.

You MUST call in during the ENTRY CALL IN TIME!

Fees & Ballots Due in Office September 25th with Finals Call In on October 3rd, 7pm-10 pm, 314-608-3557

If you may have moved up in the standings, send your fees and call-in accordingly to be entered in the finals

Phone: 314-608-3557

Emergency No: 314-608-3557

Fax: 314-822-9448

Email: mrca.secretary@gmail.com

Card # _____

Name _____

County _____

Hometown _____

Email (for updates & questions) _____

Fees & Forms Returned
by Tuesday
September 25th to:
MRC A OFFICE
249 Green River Trail
Pacific MO 63069

Payments to include:

Finals Entry Fee **\$200. per event** _____ (required)

Contestant will receive their armband and 1 extra for a buddy any additional armbands must be purchased

Additional armbands # _____ at \$20es Total _____.

Stalls are \$100 for the weekend if staying the night this includes 2 bags of shavings. If not spending the night per the NEC facility, no tie outs are allowed. The charge for the day stall will be \$50 for the weekend which includes 2 bags of shavings.

All stalls will be paid at the finals. Tack stalls are available for \$45

Camping: \$35.00 per night

Thurs.- Saturday (Departure by noon Sunday) You may arrive on Wednesday

Camping and stalls may be purchased at the time of registration.

Total Enclosed: (minimum \$200.00) _____

Payment by Credit Card: Visa / MasterCard / Discover Card Number: _____

Name as it appears on Card: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Security Code _____

Add \$13.00 to your amount due for Credit Card processing of your total payment transaction Total Charge: _____

Jackets will be given out at the event meetings. The Jacket size you order is what you get.

MRCA Finals Personnel BALLOT UPDATED BALLOT

Card # _____

Event(s) _____

*** VOTE ONLY ON THE EVENTS THAT YOU COMPETE IN. ***

MRCA 2018 FINALS PERSONNEL

Rough Stock

MRCA Finals Judges

Rough Stock Contestants vote for **TWO judges.**

Place an "X" on the Line of the Judge(s) you are voting for.

Randy Littrell _____

Todd Crase _____

Lucas Lehde _____

Jeff Smith _____

Danny Hicks _____

Timed Events

MRCA Finals Judges

Timed Event Contestants vote only for **ONE Flag Judge.**

Place an "X" on the Line of the Judge you are voting for.

Randy Littrell _____

Todd Crase _____

Lucas Lehde _____

Jeff Smith _____

Danny Hicks _____

Horse Riders

MRCA Finals Pickup Men

Bareback and Saddle Bronc Riders only vote for two Pickup Men.

Place an "X" on the line of the two Pickup Men you are voting for.

Josh Phillippe _____

Lance McCollum _____

Justin Patterson _____

Jeff Crouch _____

Robert McClaren _____

Bullriders

MRCA Finals Bullfighters

Bull Riders only vote for two bullfighters.

Place an "X" on the line of the two bullfighters you are voting for.

Michael Early _____

Derrick White _____

Josh Phillippe _____

Tyler Simpson _____

Mike Coy _____

Matt Metz _____

Lance Genenbacher _____

Kale Triplett _____

*Personnel must meet guidelines and qualifications prior to working the MRCA Finals, regardless of the voting outcome.
Personnel must be in good standing with the MRCA.*

2018 MRCA FINALS CONTESTANT QUESTIONNAIRE

Name _____ Nickname _____

Occupation _____ MRCA Card Number _____

Events in the MRCA _____ Hometown _____

Year you joined the MRCA _____ Biggest Fan _____

Number of Years you qualified for MRCA Finals _____ Biggest Payoff of 2017 _____

Awards won in the MRCA _____

Other Associations you belong to _____

Other Awards _____

My Inspiration _____

My favorite thing about rodeo is _____

Family Information _____

Most Proud of _____

Thankful for _____

Hero/Idol: _____

Something Funny or Unforgettable _____

Favorite Pastime: _____

Favorite Memory _____

Sponsors: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS WITH ENTRY FEES AND BALLOTS BY September 25th, 2018