

TO: MRCA Top Thirty Contestants  
SUBJECT: MRCA Finals Information

Sept. 8, 2023

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

You are currently in position \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ event. This years MRCA Finals Rodeo will be held October 19-21st at the Wilson Logistics Arena at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds in Springfield, 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 **\$300.00 per qualified event.** This includes a \$270.00 entry fee, a \$25 finals fee and a \$5.00 office charge. **Entry fees, must be postmarked no later than Monday Oct. 2nd.** Entries not postmarked on or before October 2nd will not be accepted, **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** Entry's can be mailed to the MRCA Secretary at 19962 Magnolia Ave Marshall, MO 65340 or emailed to mrcasecretary23@gmail.com. **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 your check will be voided. Emergency Phone Number for the finals is 660-631-0041. 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. **A CURRENT COGGINS WILL BE MANDATORY**

### **Finals Positions**

Finals contestants will be posted on the website [www.missourirodeo.com](http://www.missourirodeo.com) as soon as possible when all are confirmed.

### **COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH A COLLEGE RODEO CONFLICT**

You will compete on 2 head Thursday night, one in the performance(Round 1), one after the performance (Round 2). If you make the short round at the college rodeo you will be allowed to compete on Saturday morning during the judging seminar which will be held immediately following the general membership meeting at 9:00 AM. If you do not make the short round, you must compete during our Saturday night performance. If you draw up at the college rodeo on Thursday night you have to find a trade for the college rodeo, you must be at the MRCA Finals Thursday night. If you make the short round you must notify your event director as soon as you know so the board can make arrangements for Saturday. You must also turn in a short round day sheet into the MRCA Rodeo Office for review by the Board.

### **Drawing Out**

You may Draw Out of the Finals without penalty anytime after entering until 24 hours (October 4) after entries 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:**

Monday, October 2, 2023. Entries must be postmarked on or before this date & Monies must be included

### **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 purchase tickets EACH night of the finals. Advance tickets may be purchased through [www.stubwire.com](http://www.stubwire.com). Ticket prices are as follows: Adult Advance ticket is \$15 (nightly) at the gate \$20 (nightly); children Advance tickets are \$10(nightly) and at the gate \$15 (nightly). We have been informed that sneaking in the back will not happen this year. The Ozark Empire Fairgrounds are in charge of ticket sales and security this year.

The armbands will be in your finals packet and must be worn at all times on the rodeo grounds. Check in will **begin Wednesday, October 18th from 4 PM until 9 PM and then again Thursday October 19 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.**

All contestants must park in the areas designated by the Event Staff.

Stalls for the weekend will be \$75.00. Shavings are NOT included and will be available for purchase on site, or you can bring your own. Stalls are mandatory for overnight.

RV hookups are available for **\$35.00 per night** for 50 amp, and \$ 30 per night for **20 or 30 Amp**. Water is not guaranteed after October 15. This will be contracted onsite through the Ozark Empire check in office, and is first come first service (although they have 90+ sites available). Departure by Sunday October 23rd by noon. DRY CAMPERS will be charged \$30 per night.

## **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 2023 Awards Ceremony to present all of the Finals Awards and crown the 2023 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. VIOLATORS 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 is **NO SMOKING** allowed in the building.

There will be **NO Circling** of your horses in the arena or you will be subject to a fine! 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 if not ready will be mailed.**

## **RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS:**

Rule Change proposals need to be submitted by Oct. 1st. in writing and emailed to [mrcasecretary23@gmail.com](mailto:mrcasecretary23@gmail.com) in order to be put on the ballot for the general membership meeting Saturday at the finals.



## FINALS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, October 19, 2023

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM      Finals Check-In  
Approx @7:00 PM      Run Timed Event Cattle

### Thursday, October 20, 2023

9:00 AM-4:00 PM      Finals Check-In  
11:00 AM              MRCA Board of Directors Meeting  
3:00pm                Production/Directors Meeting  
4:00pm.                Chute/Back Pen Help meet with Dakota  
4:30 PM                Production/Grand Entry Rehearsal  
5:30 PM                Mandatory event meeting 5:30pm at Wilson Logistics Arena-after meeting pictures will be taken  
if you do not attend this meeting you will be fined \$25  
7:00 PM                **1<sup>st</sup> Performance - MRCA Finals Rodeo**

### Friday, October 21, 2023

7:00 PM                **2<sup>nd</sup> Performance - MRCA Finals Rodeo**

### Saturday, October 22, 2023

9:00 AM                **MRCA General Membership Meeting**  
**Judging Clinic immediately following the General Membership Meeting**  
**12:00 entries**  
**1:00 start**                **Missouri's Toughest Cowboy (Future of Rodeo)**  
7:00 PM                **3<sup>rd</sup> Performance - MRCA Finals Rodeo**  
**2023 Awards Ceremony immediately following Performance**

# 2023 Finals Entry Form

**Finals Entry Fees: \$300.00**

**Fees must be postmarked on or before October 4, 2023 and mailed to MRCA Secretary 19962 Magnolia Ave Marshall, MO 65340 or email [mrcasecretary23@gmail.com](mailto:mrcasecretary23@gmail.com)**

*If you may have moved up in the standings, send your fees*

Phone: 660-631-0041

Email: [mrcasecretary23@gmail.com](mailto:mrcasecretary23@gmail.com)

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Hometown \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for updates & questions) \_\_\_\_\_

Vest Size: \_\_\_\_\_ (unisex sizing)

Fees & Forms Postmarked  
on or before October 4,  
2023 to:

**MRCA OFFICE**

19962 Magnolia Ave  
Marshall, MO 65340

***Payments to include:***

Finals Entry Fee **\$300.00 per event** \_\_\_\_\_ (*required*)

Contestant will receive their armband and 1 extra for a buddy

Remember to purchase any additional tickets through Stub Wire that you will need in advance.

Stalls are \$75 for the weekend stalls \_\_\_\_\_ @ 75.00 Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed:** (*minimum \$300.00*) \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by Credit Card: Visa / MasterCard / Discover Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ 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.*

**URGENT SPONSORS NEEDED!!**

Incentive: You will receive 20% of the total amount of sponsorship monies that you sell.

**2023 MRCA FINALS CONTESTANT QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Events in the MRCA \_\_\_\_\_

Year you joined the MRCA \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years you qualified for MRCA Finals \_\_\_\_\_ Biggest Payoff of 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

Awards won in the MRCA \_\_\_\_\_

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