

TO: MRCA Top Thirty Contestants  
SUBJECT: MRCA Finals Information

Sept 6, 2024

This year's MRCA Finals Rodeo will be held October 17-19th at the Wilson Logistics Arena at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds in Springfield, Mo. Doors open at 6:00 and the performance starts at 6:45. 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. If you would like your name and event/s competing in on your jacket please include \$10 for this. **Entry fees, must be received (postmarked if sending a check) no later than Tuesday Oct. 1st.** Keep in mind that there have been a lot of problems with the US Postal Service lately. Entries will be taken via Google Doc this year and must be received on or before October 1st, late entries will not be accepted, **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** Fees can be paid by check and mailed to the MRCA Secretary at 19962 Magnolia Ave Marshall, MO 65340 or you may pay by credit card by calling or texting Kari at (660)631-0041 (there is a 4% charge for using a card). Once the top 15 has been set you will receive an invoice which you must pay immediately. **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 fill out the form and submit payment. **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. The 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 3) 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:**

Tuesday, October 1, 2024. Entries and fees must be received/postmarked on or before this date & Monies must be included

## **Access & RV HOOKUP AND STALLS**

Each contestant will receive one arm band for themselves and one for a companion each night. (Color will change each night) Contestants are required to wear their back numbers while inside the Wilson Logistics building. The rodeo office will not have extra armbands so don't come in asking for more than you receive in your packet. 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). Thursday night is kids night, one child 12 and under will be admitted free with each PAID adult. The Ozark Empire Fairgrounds will be at all doors and every person must either be wearing a back number, an arm band or have a ticket. Please do not come into the office and ask for arm bands other than the one in your packet, we cannot give you any more.. The Ozark Empire Fairgrounds are in charge of ticket sales and security.

Check in is **Thursday, October 17th from 9AM until 4 PM. If you are not able to be there during this time please text Kari 660-631-0041 and let her know.**

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

Each timed event contestant will receive 1 free stall for each event in which they qualify. Additional stalls will be \$75 for the weekend. Shavings are NOT included and will be available for purchase on site, or you can bring your own. Stalls are mandatory for horses on the grounds overnight. Please be considerate of stalls used. The MRCA has to pay for every dirty stall so if you are not boarding a horse, please do not dirty a stall.

RV hookups are available for **\$35.00 per night** (this includes dry camping/not hooking up to electric/generator use). Water is not guaranteed after October 15. **NEW THIS YEAR::** Please call Ozark Empire Fair at (417)833-2660 to reserve your spot. Departure by Sunday October 20th by noon. ALL rigs that stay overnight on grounds will be charged \$35 per night.

## **Performance Times**

Performances begin promptly at 6:45 pm each night. THEIR WILL NOT BE A HORSEBACK Grand Entry this year.

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 2024 Awards Ceremony in the Triple S Bar and Grill to present all of the Finals Awards and crown the 2024 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**

ABSOLUTELY No outside alcohol is allowed, IF YOU ARE CAUGHT WITH IT YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE. 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.

***JACKETS: The jackets will be given out at the event meetings. The Jacket size you order is what you get. If you would like your name/event on your jacket there is a \$10 charge for that. Please indicate this on the finals entry form.***

There is a cash bar downstairs in Triple S bar and grill Friday and Saturday nights and will stay open for 2 hours after the performance finishes. ABSOLUTELY no outside alcohol allowed. If caught with it you will be asked to leave.

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

## FINALS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Approx @7:00 PM      Run Timed Event Cattle

### Thursday, October 17, 2024

9:00 AM-4:00 PM      Finals Check-In

11:00 AM              MRCA Board of Directors Meeting

4:00pm.                Chute/Back Pen Help meet with Dakota

4:30 PM                Production/Grand Entry Rehearsal

5:00 PM                Mandatory event meeting 5:00pm at Wilson Logistics Arena-after meeting pictures will be taken  
if you do not attend this meeting you will be fined \$25

6:45 PM                **1<sup>st</sup> Performance - MRCA Finals Rodeo**

### Friday, October 18, 2024

10:00 AM-12:00 PM    Exceptional Rodeo

6:45 PM                **2<sup>nd</sup> Performance - MRCA Finals Rodeo**

### Saturday, October 19, 2024

9:00 AM                **MRCA General Membership Meeting**

**Judging Clinic immediately following the General Membership Meeting**

**1:00 start**              **Missouri's Toughest Cowboy (Future of Rodeo)**

6:45 PM                **3<sup>rd</sup> Performance - MRCA Finals Rodeo**

**2024 Awards Ceremony immediately following Performance**

## 2024 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 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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