

Maryland High School Rodeo Association: Mustang Events

Below is a brief overview of the Rodeo events open to Mustangs in the Maryland High School Rodeo Association. Please refer to the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA) rulebook for a complete version.

Barrel Racing

- 🐎 Fastest time wins
- 🐎 Run a cloverleaf pattern starting with either barrel first
- 🐎 5-Second Penalty for every down barrel
- 🐎 A single horse cannot be used by two different mustang riders in the same event.
- 🐎 Time starts and stops when horse's nose crosses the timer line

For a full list of event rules see the NHSRA rulebook

Breakaway Roping

- 🐎 Fastest time wins
- 🐎 Rope is tied to saddle horn with string
- 🐎 Calf is roped, as calf continues to run, horse and rider stop, which causes the rope tied to horn to break
- 🐎 When the rope is set free, time is stopped
- 🐎 10-Second time penalty for broken barrier
- 🐎 Horse must clear box before loop is thrown
- 🐎 If contestant carries two ropes, two throws are acceptable

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Calf Riding (MDHSRA utilizes mini-bulls for this event) –

- 🐎 Must ride one handed with bull rope, for 6 seconds
- 🐎 Highest score wins
- 🐎 See NHSRA rulebook for equipment rules
- 🐎 Score is 50 off of the bull and 50 off the rider
- 🐎 Cannot touch bull with free hand

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Goat Tying –

- 🐎 Fastest time wins
- 🐎 Goat is tied to a stake with a ten foot rope
- 🐎 Time starts when horse and rider pass starting line
- 🐎 Rider dismounts
- 🐎 Catches goat
- 🐎 Flanks goat
- 🐎 Ties any 3 legs, with goat or piggin' string
- 🐎 Time stops when contestant throws hands up and walks away from goat
- 🐎 Goat must stay tied for 6 seconds

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Pole Bending –

- 🏇 Fastest time wins
- 🏇 Serpentine through a set of six poles
- 🏇 Start on either left or right side
- 🏇 Each pole is 21-feet apart, including from timer line
- 🏇 Time starts and ends when horse's nose crosses the timer line
- 🏇 5-Second penalty for every downed pole
- 🏇 A single horse cannot be used by two different mustang riders in the same event.

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Lil' Miss Contest – This contest is held at the MDHSRA State Finals each year. The reining Lil' Miss serves as a rodeo ambassador for the following rodeo season. Contestants are judged in the following categories:

- 🏇 Modeling
- 🏇 Personality
- 🏇 Appearance
- 🏇 Two-Minute Speech
- 🏇 Impromptu Speech
- 🏇 Horsemanship
- 🏇 Personal Interview
- 🏇 Written test of rodeo knowledge

The Contestants are graded on their performance by judges.

