

## **MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **I UNDERSTAND AND WILL ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES OF CONDUCT AND ALL RULES IN THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION RULE BOOK AT ALL HIGH SCHOOL RODEOS**

1. I will be responsible about call-ins. I will have needed information (stalls, campsites etc. needed) and call-in on the appropriate date and time for each rodeo I am performing in. I understand that if I miss the posted call-in times I will not be able to compete in that performance.
2. I will be responsible for any and all fees. If I am unable to attend a rodeo which I have called in for, I will contact the rodeo secretary as soon as possible. I will be responsible for entry fees unless otherwise excused due to injury of my horse or myself. In case of injury or sickness, I will provide within 24 hours a signed excuse from a doctor or veterinarian.
3. I must be in rodeo attire one hour prior to performance prior to check in, during and one hour after rodeo. Dress code includes hat, long sleeve shirt (buttoned and tucked in), back number (on back), western boots, belt and jeans. No clothing can be worn with another trademark that conflicts with the National Sponsors. (This means that the logo can be read from outside the arena when you are competing).
4. I understand that if I am under the age of 18 I must wear a helmet to compete in rodeos held in the state of Maryland.
5. I must be on time for posted rodeo check-in. If an unforeseen circumstance will cause me to miss the posted check-in time it is my responsibility to notify the rodeo check-in secretary and to find another contestant to check in and pay my fees prior to close of check in or I will not be able to compete.
6. At each rodeo hosted by MDHSRA, I will help put up banners and/or help take them down or any other arena duties defined.
7. I understand it is mandatory to attend all student meetings at the rodeo. There will be student meetings at every rodeo. If I am not in attendance at the meetings I understand that I may not be allowed to compete.
8. I will be conscious of the fact that my attire any time I am on the rodeo grounds is a reflection of the association and therefore should be age-appropriate and in good condition.
9. I understand that no profanity of any kind is allowed on the rodeo grounds. I must always display team support and good sportsmanship. Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to other contestants, the best interest of the rodeo association or the sport of rodeo while in attendance, or coming to and going home from a rodeo may result in disciplinary action.
10. I may not use or have any association with alcohol, tobacco or illegal substances while on the rodeo grounds, while representing MDHSRA or during such time as my behavior could reflect poorly on the association. Rowdy behavior, quarreling or fighting on the rodeo grounds at anytime will result in disciplinary action.
11. I will not discipline my horse in the arena nor abuse any stock in any way. Training my horse should take place at home and not in front of spectators. If my horse is injured in any way I will seek appropriate veterinary care and will notify the Rodeo Secretary if I cannot compete.
12. I will follow all event rules as outlined by the National High School Rodeo Association rulebook. I understand that if I have any issues during an event I must go to the event director before the event itself ends. Event directors will be appointed during the contestant meetings.

13. I understand that I will help pick up trash after the rodeo and am responsible for the overall condition of the area around my trailer and camping site.
14. I understand that payback money will be available only after the rodeo is complete.
15. I understand that parent and guardian misconduct will not be tolerated.
16. I understand that although MDHSRA sends alerts about rodeo information (for example via Facebook or texts), it is ultimately my responsibility to check the host state's website for updates in information.

Initial next to the acknowledgment clauses below and sign/print as indicated below:

I understand the above rules apply in addition to the rules outlined in the National Rules, Bylaws and Constitution under the Contestant Disqualifications section. I understand that disciplinary action may include censure, probation, removal, suspension, or permanent expulsion. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the above and acknowledge that the first time abusing any of the above rules or rules outlined in the National Rules, Bylaws and Constitution will result in a warning and the second offense may result in the removal of any and all points or other appropriate disciplinary action at the discretion of the National Director and Executive Board of the Maryland High School Rodeo Association. \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

