

# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

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## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Congratulations on a job well done, you made it to the 2018 National High School Finals Rodeo in Rock Springs! I am very proud of all of you and know that you will do your very best at the 2018 National High School Finals Rodeo. All of the information you need to have a fun and successful Finals is in your packet. REMEMBER to take that packet with you to Rock Springs! Here are some highlights and updates!

The 'Tentative Position Draw' is available on line at [www.nhsra.com/high-school-division/](http://www.nhsra.com/high-school-division/). This draw will be subject to change once the check in deadline passes. If contestants do not get checked in by the deadline, some positions may change, so please check the draw in the Rodeo Office once you get checked in (after Sunday about Noon!). There is also updated schedules, order of events, and lots of great information.

**CONTESTANTS: Mandatory check-in is 7AM Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup>! If you have ANY problems meeting that deadline, CALL the number on your packet to let them know your situation. Please give me a call as well, so I'm aware of what is going on.**

**HORSES: must be checked in by 6PM Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup>-NO EXCEPTIONS** (check-in will begin at 12:00 (noon) on Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup>). If you are stalling off grounds **YOU MUST STILL MEET THAT SUNDAY 6PM HORSE CHECK-IN DEADLINE**, then you get a pass to take your horses back off of the grounds and get them back on again!. Please be sure if you are staying off grounds that you get the appropriate paperwork done and approved before the Sunday 6 pm deadline!! If it is not done and approved you will not be allowed to come back on grounds with your horse!!! ***You must have the necessary paperwork, Coggins (within 1 yr), Health Papers (within 30 days), and Brand Papers AS WELL as Horse ID forms that must be completed prior to check in.*** Please put the contestants name on ALL paperwork. Bring 2 copies with you! There will not be a check-out procedure, so be aware that if you take your horse off grounds you must have all of the paperwork to bring them back in. Also please note that ANY alterations to a rented stall be charged a **\$100 damage fee by NHSRA**. Please read the Stalling information in your packet for all of the details.

**Rough Stock** contestants- there are **2 Mandatory safety seminars** and equipment inspections- The options are:

1) **Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:00; 3:45; and 4:30 PM** and 2) **Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> 2:15; 3:00 and 3:45 pm**, both at the **Rabbit Barn**. I would suggest you go to the one on Saturday to get it out of the way in case there are any issues with your equipment!

Tentatively we will have our **team picnic later in the week**. Details will be given when you pick up jackets and shirts. We will meet **Saturday at 5:30** in the campground. You will receive your team jackets and team shirts then and will need to wear them for the team pictures on Sunday.

The **Mandatory Contestants Meeting is at 11 AM on Sunday (Grand Stand Area)** and our team photos will follow-**PLEASE WEAR YOUR TEAM SHIRT AND HAVE YOUR JACKET WITH YOU**,

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we'll take a photo in shirts without our jackets and then one with our jackets on for our sponsors!

Our Queen Jessyka Smith will start her competition on Friday, then on Saturday the modeling is at 7pm at the **Western Wyoming Community College**, (it would be great to have a good showing to support her!), the horsemanship is at 1:30 on Friday if you are available at the **Indoor Arena (cutting arena)**. **Please get Gerda Dickinson or Jessyka \$10 for our Basket to be placed in the Crisis Fund Basket Silent Auction.**

For you seniors the Scholarship Application deadline is Sunday at 6 pm. They need to be turned into the Foundation Office in the Exhibit Hall. Don't worry about getting my signature, I'll go by and sign them after they are all in Sunday.

The College Fair will be all day on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> at Exhibit Hall, please take time to visit with the coaches if you are interested. Monday will also be the Cinch Field Day and information is in your packet.

The volleyball tournament starts on Tuesday 1:00. Please be there to help our team!

The Light Rifle competition will begin at 1:30 pm on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Green River Shooting Range and the Trap Shooting competition will be Thursday starting at 9:00 am at the Rock Springs Trap Club.

**NO Helper's Passes will be issued at check in.** If you are a contestant who needs assistance during your rodeo event, the person assisting you **MUST** have a rodeo ticket for the performance in which he/she will be assisting the contestant. Once the helper is finished assisting the contestant, he/she is asked to leave the arena areas and return to the grandstands or bleachers. No one will be allowed through the back gate to help a contestant without a wristband or rodeo ticket and must be in full western attire!

**ATV's and outside golf carts are NOT allowed on the Complex grounds.** If you have a licensed ATV (plated in the state of Wyoming and street legal) you can bring it on grounds, however you will be under the rules and regulations of the Sweetwater County Sheriff's office, so beware!

If you asked for a camping spot you got one. Please remember no horses or goats are allowed in the camping area. If you need a motel room you are responsible for making your own room reservations.

We are responsible for the goat tying event again and we are asking for everyone to sign up for a performance to help with the goats at our Saturday meeting. We need 6 helpers for every performance. Bailey Cunningham will be holding the goat this year. As of right now it looks like their will only be one goat staked. This means that we will really need help if they are switching at every goat.

I will be timing during the rodeos and helping with the queen contest through the week. If you need me please call me on my cell phone 307.351.1327. Mack Bradley is our assistant director to help me out during the week, his number is 307-231-0297. We'll go through emergency procedures during the team meeting on Saturday!

**Please remember I need student's grade transcripts ASAP!!!**

Have a safe trip and we'll see you in Rock Springs!

*Dixie*