

The Point System and Out of Province Rodeos

The OHSRA passed at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday June 14, 2014 a change to their Out of Province Rodeos. A motion was put to the membership that we not participate in any Co Sanctioned Out of Province Rodeo's and in lieu of this that we allow our members to bring 4 out of province rodeos into their final number of rodeos that our members are allowed to carry into Provincial Finals. This motion was carried by the whole membership.

Also at the AGM on June 14, 2014 it was put forth to the membership that no matter how many rodeos we hold in Ontario for our members, members will be expected to take 2 less rodeos into their Provincial Finals numbers.

1. If we hold 12 Rodeos in Ontario, members would be able to take 10 rodeos into Finals with them. 4 of those 10 rodeos can be from out of Province rodeos. OR
2. If we hold 10 Rodeos in Ontario, members would be able to take 8 rodeos into Finals with them. 4 of those 8 rodeos can be from out of Province rodeos.

Our members are welcome to participate in Rodeos out of our Province – Michigan and New York State have a number of Rodeos that would allow for our members to participate in and possibly gain points and they would be able to use these rodeos as OUT OF PROVINCE rodeos if they wish. However, it is the members responsibility to get the entry forms off of the other associations website. Put their entries in and pay for those rodeos. They must also ask for a copy of the rodeo points be forwarded to our Membership Secretary, Shelby McEachern @ shelbymceachern3@gmail.com or Provincial Secretary, Vicki Pilkington @ pilkingtonfamily@execulink.com who will make certain they get to the Points Secretary.

At the end of the year , a competitor who has attended all of our rodeos plus out of province rodeos can choose which rodeos to drop so that the total number of rodeos they are taking into finals is 2 less than the total number of rodeos provided by our association for that year. The member will need to declare which rodeos they are taking into Provincial Finals by the date given to them and by sending those chosen rodeos to the Points Secretary. Normally you would choose the rodeos in which you placed the highest so you accumulate the highest points available to you going into Provincial Finals.

At the end of our Provincial Finals, out top 4 competitors in each High School Event and each Jr High Event will be eligible to compete in the National High School Rodeo Finals and National Jr High Rodeo Finals respectively. Any ties in the top 3 placings will roll down, ie a tie for 3rd spot, those competitors would take the 3rd and 4th place spots and the 4th place person would no longer be eligible. However, all ties in 4th place would be eligible to attend. Placings will only roll down as far as 8th place if necessary. Ie If the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings choose to attend but 4th place does not then that spot can roll down as low as 8th place until someone fills that spot.

At our Provincial Finals all the paperwork and entry forms for the National High School and Jr High Finals must be completed. You must be able to make a decision at our Provincial Finals

should you have the opportunity to go and this should be something that you and your family have discussed at length and must be prepared to sign all the paperwork and write the cheque for all the expenses that day.

A Few Ground Rules for New Members

1. You must be dressed in appropriate western attire as per the rulebook, 1 hour before the rodeo begins until 1 hour after the rodeo is completed. This includes shirts tucked in, hat or helmet on head, back number of shirts, belts and boots.
2. You must wear your back number at all times at a rodeo.
3. Competitors are expected to be on the Rodeo grounds a minimum of 1 hour prior to a rodeo starting. By the 1 hour prior to the Rodeo starting competitors must have checked in with the Membership Secretary, Shelby McEachern or Provincial Secretary, Vicki Pilkington. There are day sheets available which list all the competitors in order as well as the order of events. Please make sure you get one of these so you know when you are running.
4. There will be a brief contestant meeting at the beginning of each rodeo. This will take place approximately 30 minutes prior to the rodeo start time. This meeting is mandatory. We request that all members be present for this meeting. At this time any changes in ground rules, running orders for that specific rodeo will be announced. Unless otherwise announced this meeting will take place behind the Bucking Shoots.
5. Contestants are expected to participate in Grand Entry in some form if possible. If your horse will not do grand entry or carry a flag, or you do not have a horse, please make sure you are at the arena entrance for Grand Entry, you can stand inside the arena and or assist with the flags going into the arena or out of it. Please be respectful of National Anthems and Cowboy Prayer.
6. All contestants are expected to assist with the setup of the arena banners and take down after the rodeo of the banners.

I would encourage everyone to read their rulebooks. You are expected to be familiar with the ground rules and general rules pertaining to your event(s) and any event in which you are the Student Event Director.

If you have further questions please speak with one of the Adult Directors or Event Directors.