

# Rodeo Season Opening Agenda

**Welcome**

**Season Opening Prayer**

**Roll Call**

**Introductions**

- **Officers**

- Treasurer – Trista Garton
- Secretary – Joe Gibson
- Vice President – Jason Needham
- National Director – Brandon Gibson

- **Student Officers**

- President - Cole Walker
- Vice President – Zane White
- Secretary – Bethany Stallons
- Treasurer – Brett Deere
- Queen – Mattie Pinkerton

- **Event Directors**

- Todd Garton – Bulls, Bareback & Saddle Bronc
- Bob Tays – Break Away & Calf Roping
- Brian White – Team Roping & Steer Wrestling
- John Johannes – Barrels & Goats
- Trista Garton – Poles
- Brandon Gibson – Cutting
- Arena Director – Keith Wilder

- Open communication with the Event Directors is encouraged on event concerns (and praise for an awesome event when earned...)

## **2018 Top 20 World Finalists from TN returning this year**

- Bethany Stallons, 16<sup>th</sup> place, Break Away
- Cole Walker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Calf Roping
- World Champion Steer Wrestler Jessie Keyser

## **Notable Changes & Reminders**

- Mentor program is in full swing
  - If you are a Rookie your mentor should have been in contact
  - There will be a new member “Meet & Greet” 30 minutes after slack
- We have applied for 501(c)3 (charitable organization) Status. Expect to hear back in November
  - Reason for the W-9 and 1099's
  - Opens the door for broader sponsorship and hopefully lower cost burden on the parents
  - Part of that process was also approving our by-laws
- Adult membership is due **12/31/2018**
  - Remember that you must be a member to vote or exercise your opinions on the direction of the Association
- **Revitalized rules for the arena floor** (who is to be there). Event Directors will coordinate who they need for help on the arena floor prior to the event and let Keith know who that is.

- **Check-in** - You must be checked in 1 hour before the beginning of the slack or performance depending on where you have been drawn. This rule still stands even if you have extenuating circumstances that has caused for all of your runs to be put into the slack or performance.
- **In the timed event**, if your stock is released from the chute without your call you must **check up** and let the Student Event Director know about the foul. If you pursue the stock, it's yours.
- **Mandatory meetings** – If you miss a mandatory meeting, you will be suspended from competition for the next rodeo. If you're having any form of travel problems or equine/personal health problems that will make you late/absent you must contact the Secretary or Treasurer one hour prior to the meeting, their numbers are listed on the website. Obviously catastrophic events will be given due consideration.
- The Association has created basic **Contractor / Producer Guidelines** to ensure high quality and efficient performances (as well as create a level playing field for contractors to bid on). If you will be producing an event this year, please touch base with Jason to get a copy.
- **Contestant Fees**
  - Every year each **contestant is required to raise \$300**

- (If multiple contestants in one family, **\$300 for first contestant and \$100 for each additional**)
- This fund raising was traditionally done thorough the ad sales
- As of right now, **no one has volunteered** to put together the ad book.
- We are seeking a volunteer again this year. If interested please get in touch with me today or tomorrow
- If we are not able to secure a volunteer by the close of the weekend there will 3 other ways for contestants to raise the money:
  - Contestants can pay the fee through individual sponsorship (i.e. Mom & Dad can pay it)
  - Sell 40 NHSRA tickets for the truck and gun
  - Sell Arena Banners (\$300 per banner with sponsor providing the banner)
  - *We will confirm if there will be an ad book by 9/15/18. Please refer to the website.*
  - **Contestant Fees Are Due 12/31/18**
- **Safety Check** - There will be a safety check 1 hour before the Performance (6:00) behind the bucking chutes.

## **Notes from the Secretary**

- Entries will be due on Monday morning 2 weeks before the rodeo
- Returned check fee - \$35 must be paid before entering
- Credit card payments accepted at the rodeo or to pay fees if you miss a rodeo (3% fee)

- If you miss a rodeo, you will not be allowed to enter the next one until your fees for the last one are paid - mail a check or call and give the secretary a card number.
- Back numbers - 2 will be given out at check-in. \$10 fee if you lose or forget it.

## National Director Address

### Event Rules, Changes & Reminders

- New Rule book this year
  - Please ensure you *have one* and are familiar with rules 2018-2020.
    - One change to point out is they have restricted the use of any type straps or seat belt apparatus without prior approval from the Association.
- **Break Away** – We have historically taken the state option to limit 1 loop in the Break Away event. The Board has agreed to carry this option forward. Option does not apply to the State Finals.
- **Team Roping** - We have historically taken the state option to limit 2 loops in the Team Roping event. The Board has agreed to carry this option forward. Option does not apply to the State Finals.
- **Tie Down Calf Roping** - We have historically taken the state option to limit 1 loop in the Calf Roping event. The Board has agreed to carry this option forward. Option does not apply to the State Finals.

## Election of Student Event Directors (Clinton)

- Special note on ensuring your event is always covered
- Bull Riding Kassie Carpenter
- Bareback Taylor Zeiman
- Saddle Bronc Cole Walker
- Break Away Lane Webb
- Calf Roping Janice Osbrink
- Team Roping Keilee Garton
- Steer Wrestling Josey Vogen
- Barrels Bryson Tays
- Goats Tyler Brooks
- Poles Brett Deere

## Let's Rodeo!

### Recap of the Motions approved at the Pre-Season Meeting not included in the announcements

- *TNHSRA will move to an online entry system for all rodeos. No draw outs will be allowed after the entry deadline except with a note from a Veterinarian or medical doctor. Any contestant who enters but does not show must pay all fees (entry, stalls, hookups, and any other fees) before being allowed to enter the next rodeo.*
- *The secretary was allowed \$1200 to purchase a new computer and any software that may be needed.*
- There will be an event director meeting approximately 1 hour before the first slack or performance of each rodeo weekend to discuss any needs or issues.
  - The new rule books will be printed, bound and kept in the office and with the arena director. The new rule changes will be announced.
  - Student officers will be asked to be responsible for removing banners after each rodeo.
  - A Facebook page will be set up and managed by Brandon Gibson. It is to be used for one way communication and will NOT be used as a method of Official communication. It will be used primarily to direct people to our website when new information is available, marketing/advertising, and for emergency communication such as cancellations or last minute changes.