

Welcome to the 2018/19 Tennessee High School Rodeo year. As you may know, a new officer team and national director were elected at our finals in June. We have been working throughout the summer to strengthen and grow our association. By making a few immediate changes to the administrations infrastructure, we will be better positioned to ensure top notch rodeo productions and listen to you, the members. One of the most exciting changes is online entries. Be sure to pay close attention to the change in rodeo entry process below. We ask that you work with us and be patient as we implement these changes. If you have any problems, questions, or find that something isn't working as intended, please let us know.

Below is a list of some of the changes that have been passed by the Board of Directors at the Pre-Season Meeting that will affect contestants at or before the first rodeo.

### FACEBOOK

- A Facebook page for TNHSRA has been set up. If you haven't liked it yet, please do. The Facebook page will be used for one-way communication from the officers/board to contestants and families.
- Our Facebook page is only meant to complement our TNHSRA website. The website will remain our official communication method. For example, we intend to post when entry forms are available, but contestants are still responsible for checking the website for entries.

### ONLINE ENTRIES

- This year all entries will be on-line. A link to the entry form will be on the website with a deadline of approximately two weeks before the rodeo. Once you complete the entry, you will be given a total amount due, and you will be sent an e-mail confirmation. If you do not get a confirmation, please e-mail the secretary at [TNHSRA@yahoo.com](mailto:TNHSRA@yahoo.com) to confirm your entry.
- You will pay the FULL amount you owe at check-in (Entry Fees, Stalls, Hookups, and any other fees). This feature of the new process will help keep money in your pocket a little while longer
- You can make changes to your entry during the period that the books are open. No changes are allowed once the books are closed. All deadlines will be clearly marked on the website.
- If a contestant enters and does not show, he/she must pay the full balance due before being allowed to enter the next rodeo.
- TNHSRA will charge a \$35 fee for any returned checks. This fee along with the amount of the check must be paid before entering the next rodeo.
- We do plan to be able to accept credit and debit cards to pay fees at check-in. However, TNHSRA will pass along the payment processing fees by charging an additional 3%.

## BACK NUMBERS

- Contestants will be given two paper back numbers at the first rodeo.
- We will attempt to assign returning contestants the same back number as last year
- If a contestant loses or forgets their back number, a \$10 fee will be charged for the replacement. Only official TNHSRA back numbers can be used at our rodeos.

## GATE FEE (in lieu of tickets)

- TNHSRA will be adjusting the way tickets are sold by charging a “gate fee” for most rodeos.
- A \$25 fee will be assessed on the entry form.
- The fee will show on the entry form for each contestant. However, it is PER FAMILY and will be adjusted at check-in if you have more than one contestant in your family.
- Admission for any family members of the contestant will be covered under the fee (Parents, siblings, grandparents, etc).
- Producers for each rodeo will be given the option of charging for tickets, as normal, for other spectators. However, there will no longer be pre-sale of tickets or wristbands given for the family members.

The Officers and Board are working on other changes and will be making those announcements leading up to and at the mandatory meeting at Harriman. Don't miss roll call as we will be communicating some really exciting stuff including the kick off of our new Mentor Program for first year competitors! This is going to be an awesome year. We look forward to seeing you there!