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Western Greetings!

Welcome to the 2010-2011 high school rodeo season! Hopefully everyone is ready to begin the new rodeo year. There are six rodeos scheduled for this fall—Mandan (2)-August 28th and 29th; Bottineau (2)-September 4th & 5th; Watford City-September 11th; and Velva-September 12th. Watch the website for further details! Mandan & Bottineau will start on Saturday at 7 a.m. with two cuttings and rodeo performances at 11 a.m. CT; Sunday rodeo start time will be 9 a.m. Watford City start time is 8 a.m. CT; Velva will have two cuttings at 7 a.m. and rodeo start time 11 a.m. Remember that your **entry blanks** must be in to the office **two weeks** prior to the rodeo date (postmarked or faxed), and *draw outs* must be in by the Monday before each rodeo at 11 p.m. CT! If you do not draw out by 11 p.m. on Monday, you will be responsible for those fees.

The ND High School Rodeo Association Board of Directors has not filled the position of the Executive State Secretary. All National and State membership forms and entry forms have been placed on the website. Download the forms, complete entirely and return to Tim Peterson at the address above at the required deadlines. Continue to watch website for updates and changes.

When you fill out the National and State membership forms, it is VERY important that you have *both* biological parents' signatures! The *only* exception is when the signing parent has FULL custody or the other parent is deceased. You must note which is the case on the forms—Nationals will not accept your membership if this is not filled out correctly!! If one parent doesn't live close by, but does have partial custody, then we can have them sign and notarize a separate form.

Please include your Membership Dues of **\$150** with membership forms. The \$150 (total) includes \$74 insurance, \$26 state dues, and \$50 National Dues and the Times magazine. DO NOT send rodeo entry fee money to the NDHSRA office. The rodeo fees are paid to each separate rodeo committee. REMEMBER that your entry fees MUST be paid before you compete in any events! The only exception to this may be for the early morning cutting events if the local rodeo secretary is not ready.

We will also continue the jackpotting of events; if you wish to participate in the jackpot in a certain event mark the JP of the event also. Jackpotting is \$10 in addition to regular entry fees. All jackpot money is paid back to the contestants that place high enough—most of the rodeos will pay 3-4 places, depending on the number of contestants that enter the jackpot. Entries and drawouts for the jackpot follow the same guidelines as your rodeo entry times/dates.

The rodeo program draw will be posted on the website around Tuesday before the rodeo date. If you notice any discrepancies with your entry, please contact me ASAP so it can be corrected.

Every member is also responsible for selling at least \$50 (10) brand ads for the state finals program in addition to their membership fees. The brand ad form will be available on-line. The fundraiser incentive for members is again voluntary—just note that if you do not sell at least \$100 in calendars or raffle tickets that you are not eligible for any Nationals apparel or travel money. **You must request items to sell—they will not automatically be sent to you.** Please note that you must return any unsold items; you are responsible for the cost of any lost, stolen or items not returned!! More information to come.

The NDHSRA has a western dress code; contestants are to be in **FULL** western attire when they are on the rodeo grounds during a High School Rodeo competition. This includes hat, long sleeve shirt, long pants and western boots—remember that one “purpose and aim” of the NHSRA is to “keep the Western Heritage alive in America.” Let’s be *cowboys* and *cowgirls*, not just **contestants**! You will also receive an ARIAT back number at your first rodeo; please keep it through the fall season!!! New numbers will be available in the spring. Most members laminate them so they don’t get ruined right away.

Review all of the materials noted on the website and refer to the following check list to insure all forms are returned.

- _____ **\$150 Membership Fee – Check payable to NDHSRA**
- _____ **2010 State Fall Member Form with copy of spring 2010 report card (do not need if you competed at the 2010 State Finals!)**
- _____ **Waiver of Liability/Release of Information Form**
- _____ **2010-2011 NHSRA Membership Form**
- _____ **NHSRA Minor Release Form**
- _____ **Mandan Rodeo 1 and 2 Entry Form – Received by August 14th**
- _____ **Bottineau Rodeo 1 and 2 Entry Form – Received by August 21st**
- _____ **Watford City Rodeo Entry Form – Received by August 28th**
- _____ **Velva Rodeo Entry Form – Received by August 28th**

Other forms available on the website for various items or awards. Please pay attention to the deadlines and submit forms directly to the National High School office, NOT to me.

- 2010-2011 HS Transfer Form
- 2010-2011 Student Athlete Application HS
- 2010-2011 Elite Equine Athlete Application HS
- 2010-2011 Horse of the Year (HOY) HS Front and Back forms revised
- 2010-2011 Build a Brick
- Dodge Flyer
- Travel Flyer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any other Board of Director. We have tried to cover all the bases.

Thank you!

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National Director