ILLINOIS JUNIOR

RODEO ASSOCIATION

Hello and welcome to the 2022 Illinois Junior Rodeo season!! We are so glad to have your family be a part of “our family” this year. In this letter you will find some helpful information as well as tips from some of our veteran families.

You will be receiving emails from myself, Krysti Rinaldi, as I am the IJRA secretary this season. My job includes: communication, finances, taxes, etc.

Sheri Kindred is the IJRA rodeo secretary. She receives your entry forms, stall forms, inputs points, etc.

We are both more than happy to help you out with anything!

We ask that you familiarize yourself and your contestant with the IJRA rulebook. Not only does it contain the event rules, it also gives insight as to how the organization runs and operates.

**General info:**

* Your contestant will receive a back number at the 1st rodeo during check in. This will be his/her back number for the entire year. Back numbers must be worn by contestants at all times, from the start of the rodeo on Saturday am thru the conclusion of the rodeo and awards ceremony on Sunday pm.
* Western attire is required in the arena. This goes for everyone (contestants, help, parents, etc.). If you plan to help your child in & out of the area, please dress accordingly.
* Entry forms will have a “postmarked by” date on them. Please pay close attention to that date so you don’t miss the deadline or get stuck paying a late fee.

* Stall forms (when applicable) can be mailed in with your entry form to Sheri Kindred. (2 separate checks.)
* Info sheets for each rodeo will be emailed to you as well. I highly recommend printing these out & bringing them to the rodeos. These will include the weekend schedule, fun events for the kids, and general info about each rodeo location.
* Check-in is required for each contestant. Check in will be the Saturday of the rodeo 7-8am. (No required check in on Sundays.)
* Grounds meetings are required. IJRA has a grounds meeting each Saturday before the rodeo starts. Grounds meetings typically start around 8am. A minimum of 1 parent is required to attend check in and the grounds meeting at each rodeo.
* Grand entry happens the Saturday and Sunday mornings of the rodeos. All contestants are encouraged to participate but it is not required. Grand entry starts at 8:45am both days.
* State finals rodeo is in August. Your contestant needs to participate in 50% of the rodeos to be eligible to compete at state finals. (One day = 1 rodeo.)
* State finals sponsorship of $150 will be due by DuQuoin rodeo in July. State sponsorship forms can be found on the website.
* There will be a princess pageant on Friday, August 6th open to any girl (K-7th grade). More info to follow closer to state finals. There is additional info on the princess position in the rulebook as well.

Recommended purchases:

Clipboard with storage

Duct tape (used to tape your contestant’s boots on for goat events in mud)

Safety pins (pinning back #s on)

Stampede string (youth hats tend to fall off)

SCHEDULE

**May 28-29 June 4-5 July 2-3 August 6-7 (state)**

**Delavan, IL Monticello, IL DuQuion, IL Rochelle, IL**

INFORMATION

Facebook: Illinois Jr Rodeo

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