

Dear MKYRA Members and Parents,

As we get our 2009 season in full swing there are a couple of rules that we as an association should be keep in mind. As all of us know our stock contractors, judges, and rodeo committees are our life blood, without them there would be no rodeos. As parents of MKYRA members we know what dedication this sport takes because we are supporting our young people's passion for rodeo. Keep in mind the stock contractors, judges, arena providers, and rodeo committees are supporting them along with us. As we watch our young cowboys and cowgirls compete we are ever vigilant of how each run or ride they make turns out. At times we might find that something looks to be not right with either in the arena or with the stock. As parents we want everything to be as perfect as possible so that each run or ride is their best. If something seems to be wrong we often look for the closest person or people to bring our grievances to. Sometimes this happens to be stock contractor, judge, rodeo committee, or arena provider. On page 15, rule number 4 of the MKYRA Rule book that states:

If in the opinion of the rodeo judges/and or MKYRA Board Members, a contestant, parent and/or legal guardian is harassing the judges, rodeo secretary, rodeo contractor and personnel, or a MKYRA Board Member at any rodeo, the contestant will be fined \$50.00 immediately. The rodeo judges then have the option to eject the contestant, parent and/or legal guardian from the rodeo grounds. Ejection of a contestant will result in nullification of any points or prize money accumulated by the contestant at that rodeo.

If there are concerns about your contestants run or any other matter, Please find a board member first. Discuss the situation with us and we will be glad to work with you to resolve the matter at hand.

As rodeo parents we all know that this does not necessarily mean that we can be the onlookers during each event. The kids often times need our help with their horses or stock just before their run or ride. This puts us in the mix of things! Our contestants are to be dressed in full rodeo attire and there is a rule on page 15, number 3, that states:

All MKYRA rodeo contestants, parents, and helpers must follow dress code: long sleeved shirt tucked in with sleeves rolled down, Cowboy hat or protective head gear, long pants and western boots in the arena (arena to be specified as the area within the arena fencing including the bucking chutes and alleyway to the arena gate) during performance, starting 30 minutes prior to the performance and through the end of slack or be disqualified from that rodeo at the discretion of the official rodeo judge. The only exception will be rough stock riding, when the rider may roll up his sleeve, not to exceed the elbow, on his riding arm when he is competing.

So as parents we need to adhere to this rule as well. Make sure that you are in full rodeo attire if you are planning to help your child while he/she is competing. A MKYRA Board member will ask that you exit the arena area if you are not properly dressed.

We are very excited about the 2009 rodeo season and hope that we provide these youngsters with great rodeos to showcase the best of youth rodeo that Missouri and Kansas has to offer! So let's work together to have a great rodeo season!

Thank You

MO-KAN Youth Rodeo Association Board of Directors