

Important finals information:

- All members are encouraged to make their voice heard by voting but if you plan to enter the finals and compete you must vote before midnight, Sunday, October 14th or pay an additional \$100.00 in fees for the finals
- Call in for the finals is Tuesday, October 16th 6 – 8 p.m. 318-617-8991 the top 20 should call in if you are interested in competing if someone drops out. There will be no exceptions to the call in rule.
- Fees must be received in the office by Saturday, October 27th no exceptions.
- If you are on the fine list and enter the finals your fines must be paid with your fees.
- Final payment forms are on the website under finals information labeled Finals Form. Stalls are \$15.00 per night; Hook ups are \$20.00 per night, advance tickets are discounted to \$10.00 each on Thursday and \$15.00 each on Friday and Saturday. All reservations and monies need to be included with your fees. Each contestant will receive on wrist band for themselves and one for a companion all others will need a ticket.
- Host hotel information is also available under finals information. The rooms are \$59.00 per night plus taxes. The hotel is the Clarion Shreveport Airport and these rates are guaranteed through Wednesday, October 17th.
- There will be an Open CR/BAW roping Sunday, October 28th at 11:00 a.m. Location: 276 Smith Rd, Merryville, LA
The calves in the OPEN CR and BAW will be the calves for the LRCA finals so if you want the opportunity to see these calves and be a part of the selection this is your opportunity.
- Stock for the finals will be run through and roped in the coliseum on Wednesday, October 31 at 1:00 p.m.
- Tie down calves will be tied prior to the contestant meeting on Thursday. Casey will get with the calf ropers entered to give them specifics once we know who they are.
- The rough stock will pay 3 in the rounds and 4 in the average, the timed events will pay 4 in the rounds and 4 in the average. Added money per event and payouts will be posted as soon as I have the information.
- Running order will be 12 – 1 on Thursday, 1 – 12 on Friday based on new standings, and 12 – 1 on Saturday based on new standings except in the barrels which will be a random draw on Saturday.
- The contestant meeting is at 4 p.m. Thursday, November 1st in the coliseum. Please make plans to attend.
- Contestants please note that there is a 45 second rule in place for the finals. Failure to compete in a timely manner once in the box and stock ready can result in a fine of \$25.00 which must be paid before you compete in the next round if imposed. Also please note there is a ground rule for the finals that you cannot rattle the chute gate!
- Open arena will be Friday and Saturday morning 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. at the coliseum for anyone wanting to ride in the coliseum. Barrel Racers be sure you do not ride anywhere close to the barrel stakes this can result in an automatic disqualification. Know the rules. Thursday time for open arena is yet to be determined.
- If more than 2 re rides are necessary in any rough stock event they will be held at 8 a.m. the following morning at the coliseum with the exception of Saturday night.
- Hospitality room nightly for contestants and family Club 32 east corridor of the coliseum.
- Thursday night is HEROS night to honor police, fire fighters, first responders and military. In support of these great heroes everyone is encouraged to wear red, white, and/or blue during this performance.
- Friday is a busy day. There will be a stock contractor meeting at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 1st annual special kid's rodeo at 9:30 a.m. Please make plans to attend this special event and help make this a great experience for this group of students with disabilities. There will be a board meeting for the 2019 board at 1:30 at the coliseum followed by TOUGH ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK NIGHT at the rodeo. Please make plans to wear pink and show your support for breast cancer survivors and the race for a cure.
- Saturday is championship night. There will be a judging clinic that morning at 9 am at the coliseum. Anyone interested in judging please make plans to attend if you are in the area. There will be two additional opportunities at the membership rodeos if you can't make this one.
- We hope that you all get the time to enjoy the fair with your family during the day on Saturday as there is not a heavy schedule.

- The first annual Cowboy/Cowgirl reunion will take place Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. in Club 32 on the east corridor of the coliseum. Make plans to attend and join in the back when stories. It should be a good time for all.
- Please note there will be a pre and post show in front of the coliseum each night. The pre-show will begin at 5:45 p.m. and some of you may be asked to participate in that. We have a group of 50 Benton Middle School Rodeo Club students planning to attend the pre-show and rodeo on Thursday night who would love the opportunity to interact with some of the contestants and be able to ask some questions. The post show will be on the same stage at 10:15 nightly where the performance awards will be handed out and the nightly recap given. Please note in order to receive your performance awards you must attend the post show.
- HORSESHOE CASINO BOSSIER is the official after spot. If you want to enjoy some fun after the post show make plans to go check out the action.
- As you can see we are really adding to the fun and excitement and hope all of you make plans to attend and help spread the word so we can pack the house. The more spectators we draw the better it is for the finals and remaining a part of the STATE FAIR OF LOUISIANA.