



2024/2025 MRAS Junior Rodeo Fun Series Information Sheet

MRAS Junior Rodeo Fun Series is offered to junior riders through the winter months. Our mission is to promote family fun and good sportsmanship while riders participate and improve their rodeo and gymkhana event skills. The intention is to bring riders from all levels together to engage their community spirit and share their love of horses.

Series Events:

1. Barrel Racing
2. Pole Bending
3. Flag race or stake race or goat undecorating/tying
4. Wild Card (time permitting) – a different pattern will be included each week
5. Game (time permitting) – a fun event may be ridden as a team or individually (i.e. toonie or toilet paper race)

Note: Lead Line will do an alternative event instead of barrels due to time constraints (i.e. thread the needle)

Event Layout and Environment:

Two riders will be riding in the arena at once for most events. For example, there will be pylons down the center of the arena as a divider between participants. Riders must stay on their side of the arena at all times. If a rider crosses the divider during their ride or after their ride and interferes with the other participant a no time will be given.

If a pattern is “broken” riders are encouraged to either complete the run or re-do the pattern correctly and under control.

Example Groups:

- Leadline
 - NO independent riding
 - Riders will be led from the ground NOT horseback
- Junior - ages 9 and under (NO leadline)
 - Walk/trot
 - Trot/lope
- Intermediate - age 10 to 13
- Senior - age 14 to 17

The participant's age for groups is as of November 1, 2024.

Age categories may change depending on the number of kids and ages of those kids registered in the program and seeding. Seeding will take place over the first two nights and be based on the participants ride times and on their age. Organizers reserve the right to move individuals between groups during the season.

Program Schedule:

The following 10 Friday evenings 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the MRAS Indoor Arena:

- November 29
- December 13
- January 3, 17, 31
- February 14, 28
- March 14, 28
- April 11

Dates held for makeup rides due to cancellation in the event of inclement or bad weather:

- January 24
- February 21
- March 7, 21
- April 18

The arena will be open for warm up approximately 15 minutes before groupings. Depending on the size of the group times may vary. For example, in previous years Leadline and Junior ran from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm / Intermediate and Senior from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. **Start times will be provided once registration is closed.**

Cancellations and rescheduling communication will be done via group email. Please indicate an email frequently used on the registration form.

Series Registration Fees:

2024/25 MRAS Riding Members: \$120.75 (GST included)
Non-riding general MRAS Members: \$178.50 (GST included)

ONLY 2024/2025 MRAS Riding Memberships for the duration of the series will be eligible for the discount fee – available online now [here](#). Space in the program is limited. **ONLY completed registration forms and payment** will confirm the participant's spot. If the registration capacity is reached, a waitlist will be created.

Volunteers

Participants and parents are expected to help keep events running smoothly and on time.

Assistance by families each night is required in the following:

- announcer/timer
- ribbons
- gatekeepers
- events i.e. barrel set up, take down, poles, etc.
- arena manure pick up – as required between runs & end of the night
- raking (as necessary)
- general clean up – during and after events
- parking lot manure and hair cleanup

Other requirements may be identified throughout the series.

Fundraising

While fundraising is not a requirement at this point, if you have any fundraising ideas, or know of anyone who would like to donate to the program or sponsors that could help cover the costs of day ribbons and/or year-end prizes, please refer all ideas/ names to the Organizers.

Prizes (unconfirmed)

We are seeking donations and sponsorships for day ribbons and year-end prizes. Prizes are done on a best-efforts basis. If successful, year-end prizes may include:

- High Point Award
- Rising Star Award

Points Calculation

Points calculation if prizes and/or donations are sourced.

- High Point is calculated on points earned throughout the season (1st place = 10 points down to 8th place = 3 points, attendance without placing (including no times) = 2 points, nonattendance = 0 points.
- Rising Star is most improved calculated from times throughout the season.
- All nights except group seeding nights count towards points.
- Some wild card and all group events will not be included in points.

The timer reserves the right to allow a timed re-ride (i.e. in the event another rider interferes or there is a timing error).

Jr Rodeo Contacts

Questions about the series and registration email Niki at JRodeo@mras-track.com

General questions about memberships, facilities, or equine activities at MRAS email MRAS.equine@gmail.com

MRAS provides authentic family experiences and exceptional facilities which celebrate our agricultural heritage, inspiring a sense of belonging in our community.