

## Team Cinch Process- 2017-2018

This process is for Jr. High and High School Division Members

- ✓ This process is based on your State/Provincial Finals Results from your 2017 Finals Rodeo and Cinch Team members must come from the Top 8 in each event on your State Finals Report.
- ✓ Once you have selected your team, please let the student know which team(s) they have been selected for when you send them their agreement. (We often get kids confused about which team they are on; Rodeo/Shooting Team or both).

### Rodeo Team

1. State/Provincial Secretary will identify Team Cinch for their state or province based on specific criteria:
  - a. Student cannot be an upper-classman (8<sup>th</sup> grade/senior) when they competed at the state/provincial finals.
  - b. Student has to have finished in their state/provincial finals in the 8<sup>th</sup> position or higher.
  - c. Student has to be in good standing academically
  - d. Student has to declare/join NHSRA or NHSRA Junior High Division by **September 15, 2017**.
  - e. 1 student is selected per event (except in the Ribbon Roping and Team Roping Events). Selection goes in a specific order based on events with the least number of contestants for the entire membership database per event. For the **High School Division**, the order of events is as follows:

Boys:	Girls:
1. BC	1. QC
2. BB	2. RCH
3. SB	3. GC
4. RCH	4. BK
5. BR	5. GT
6. SW	6. PB
7. TD	7. BA
8. TR	8. TR

For the **Junior High Division**, the order of events is as follows:

Boys:	Girls:
1. BBSR	1. GGT
2. SBSR	2. GBK
3. BR	3. BA
4. TD	4. PB
5. CD	5. TR
6. BGT	6. RR
7. BBK	
8. TR	
9. RR	

- f. For example: Start with boys events – go to the BC results first. Select 1 member, who meets all the criteria above, and then move to BB and repeat. Continue through the process until you have established your Boys team. Repeat the same process starting

with QC for the Girls team. Keep in mind, you may not have “full” teams and it does happen that an event will be vacant (without a Cinch Team Member).

- g. For the **Ribbon Roping** event, select the first boy or girl who meets all other criteria and his/her partner (as long as he/she meets all other criteria). If for some reason one of the ribbon roping contestants does not meet the criteria, then drop down to the next team in line. If the girl or boy from the first place team does not meet all criteria, select the one that does, if applicable and then move down the list to the next boy or girl who does. If you select one person on the next team and the other member meets the criteria, select the other member as well (which may result in 3 members selected assuming there were no ties).
- h. For the **Team Roping** event, work down through the selection process as you did previously. If you select one-half of the team, and the partner is not selected due to eligibility or having been selected for a different event, move down the list to the next eligible person (if applicable). If you find another eligible person, check to see if their partner is as well and add them both if this is the case (and neither has not been selected for a different event). You will do this process twice (once to select a boy or boys and once to select a girl or girls if applicable). This could result in selecting as many as 6 team ropers to the team depending on the team standings and assuming there were no ties in the event. If you select a header and can't select a heeler for any reason, that is acceptable and vice versa.
- i. If the person you have selected in ANY event is tied with the next person in the standings in that event, you need to include them as well **as long as they have met all other criteria.**
- j. **Include your State All-Arounds (if they have not already been selected and IF they meet the upper-classman criteria) for your team.**
- k. **You will also include National Student Officers (if they reside in your state) for both Junior High and High School.**
- l. Once you have established your team, send your Cinch Team members their agreements to fill out, sign and return to you. It is imperative that they fill in all the information completely, **including their shirt size and correct address.** **PLEASE NOTE: The Cruel Girl women's shirts are more form fitting so please have them take that into consideration when they order; make sure the student orders the correct size even if this means going into a storefront and trying on shirts prior to ordering. We will NOT do ANY exchanges this year. Shirts have already been ordered from Cinch and overstock is limited.**
- m. If a student has transferred out of your state and should be placed on the team based on the criteria set above, the state secretary for the student who transferred out of the state will need to get the form to them anyway and include them on THEIR TEAM. That student qualified for a spot on the team and will represent the state they rodeoed in during the previous season on the Cinch Team.
- n. The deadline they must adhere to when returning forms to you is **September 20, 2017.**
- o. **On September 21, 2017,** any forms that were not returned will be removed from your team and you can begin the “roll-up” process. Remove the student from the event they qualified in and check the finals report for the next student in line that can be put in that spot based on the same criteria you used above. Roll-Up team agreements need to be sent out and received by you by **September 26, 2017.** (A short amount of time, but necessary to get shirts out in a timely manner.)

- p. The complete team list (preferably on an excel spreadsheet), the agreements the students returned to you **AND the names of your team captains** needs to be received in the National Office by **October 1, 2017**. If you miss this deadline, your state will not be represented by a Cinch Team.
- q. **Your state will select one girl and one boy as team captains. The team captains will receive a patch from our office that they can put on their shirt they receive. These names MUST be included with the information you send back to the National Office by October 1, 2017.**
- r. **When we send your Cinch Team shirts to you, IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY OPEN THE BOX YOU RECEIVE TO DOUBLE-CHECK YOUR ORDER. IF THERE ARE DISCREPANCIES, WE NEED TO BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY.**
- s. Again, if there is a student who has transferred out of your state, but will be representing your state on the Cinch Team, it is critical that they receive their apparel from you.
- t. Each Jr. High and High School Division student will receive 1 shirt (that will be delivered to each state secretary to give out to each member). You will also receive the patches for your Team Captains.
- u. 1 Cinch Jeans certificate and optional order forms for additional Cinch Team shirts and jeans will be mailed to each student directly. These will not go through the State Secretary.
- v. The deadline for reordering Cinch Team Shirts and/or jeans will be **December 15, 2017**. All orders need to go through the National Office and shipments will be sent directly to the team member.

## 2. Shooting Team

- a. State/Provincial Secretary will identify Team Cinch for their state or province based on specific criteria:
  - i. The student(s) selected cannot be an upper-classman (8<sup>th</sup> grade/senior) when they competed at the state/provincial finals and be qualified for the Cinch Shooting Team.
  - ii. The state or province MUST have had a qualifying shoot for the National Finals (students who competed at the National Level but did not compete at a state or provincial qualifier are NOT eligible for this team)
  - iii. Select the Champion from the Junior High Division in the Rifle Competition provided they are not an upper classman. If they are an upper classman, move to the next place until the spot is either filled or no one is eligible to fill that position resulting in the spot being left vacant for your state. **It is possible that shooting team members may also be rodeo team members.**
  - iv. Select the Champion from the High School Division in the Rifle Competition provided they are not an upper classman. If they are an upper classman, move to the next place until the spot is either filled or no one is eligible to fill that position resulting in the spot being left vacant for your state. **It is possible that shooting team members may also be rodeo team members.**
  - v. Select the Champion from the High School Division in the Trap Competition provided they are not an upper classman and have not been chosen already for the rifle team. If they are an upper classman or were already chosen for the rifle position, move to the next place until the spot is either filled or no one is

eligible to fill that position resulting in the spot being left vacant for your state.

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- vi. **Send agreements and follow the same deadlines as you would for the Rodeo Team members and list these members (preferably in an Excel Spreadsheet) and include their agreements with the information you send back to the National Office by October 1, 2017.**

### **3. Additional Cinch Scholarships**

- a. Cinch will award scholarships to 2 students in Junior High (1 boy and 1 girl) and 2 students in High School (1 boy and 1 girl). These scholarships are worth \$2000 each.
- b. Applications will be accepted for any NHSRA or NHSRA JH member (they do not have to be on the Cinch Rodeo team or Cinch Shooting team to qualify).
- c. These scholarships are open to US Citizens only.
- d. **Applications for these scholarships will be sent directly to Cinch and will be judged by their panel of experts.**
- e. **Applications and details for applying will be on the NHSRA website as well as the Cinch website by 10/1/17.**
- f. Winners will be announced and notified by Cinch.

#### **Cinch Team Deadlines:**

- ✓ **September 15-** Cinch Team Members MUST have joined by this date
- ✓ **September 20-** All Cinch Team Agreements MUST be received by the State/Provincial Secretary
- ✓ **September 21-** Any agreement that was not received by September 20<sup>th</sup> will be removed from consideration and State/Provincial Secretary will send agreements to any eligible "Roll Up" for vacancies on the team
- ✓ **September 26-** All agreements received by State/Provincial Secretary – Secretary finalizes their team(s)
- ✓ **October 1-** All agreements, spreadsheets and team captain information MUST be in the National Office
- ✓ **December 15-** Deadline to order Optional, additional Cinch Team shirts and/or jeans

**Information that MUST be returned to the National Office by October 1, 2016:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Cinch Rodeo and Shooting Team names and events they qualified for the team in for your state/province

\_\_\_\_\_ Team Captain names (1 boy and 1 girl per team)- If these are not included, your team will NOT have team captains named

\_\_\_\_\_ All agreements for your Cinch Team(s) including Shirt Sizes on each form

This information can be mailed, faxed or emailed as long as it is complete and legible.

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