

To: IHSRA Cutting Event Contestants

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Re: 2009 - 2010 NCHA / IHSRA Cutting Events

The first 2009 – 2010 Illinois High School Rodeo Association (IHSRA) cutting event is scheduled for September 12, 2009. The event is held in conjunction with the Northern Illinois Cutting Horse Association's Cutting Fest at Barry Livestock in Byron, Illinois. The cutting event is scheduled for afternoon and the IHSRA event will likely take place mid afternoon.

I hope to see new IHSRA cutting competitors this year as our numbers have been down considerably.

As in the past, my goals as event director are to:

- offer cutting event opportunities to interested contestants
- ensure quality stock is available to IHSRA contestants at approved cutting events
- maintain contestant interest in the event
- ensure the cutting event does not place an excessive financial burden on the association.

Again this year, the Northern Illinois Cutting Horse Association has graciously agreed to continue allowing the IHSRA to hold events in during their scheduled cuttings. This association is providing a great opportunity for us. Be sure to thank their members for their hospitality.

Please complete the enclosed forms. Membership forms need to be returned to Renee Cox ~ State Secretary. Entry forms are to be sent to me.

If you prefer, I can collect the forms along with the membership fees at the cutting. Memberships not received and paid before IHSRA cutting event will prevent you from competing.

Please contact me if you have questions.