

2018 Email #1

Good morning everyone!

It's time to start the weekly emails!

Can you believe the JrNFR is 57 days from now? Thank you for keeping everything from your packet in a notebook (your JrNFR Bible)! Please add these emails as part of your notebook.

*Important for communication when in Vegas: Remember to join the Remind app. The directions are in your packet.

*Also join the "2018 JrNFR Barrel Racing Parents" page on FaceBook, if you haven't already. You MUST answer the questions to be added.

The KK Productions Office has been super busy working on keeping everything smooth. These ladies go above and beyond to make sure everything is correct. We had 22 races this year! 20 in the US and 2 international races, so you can imagine what it's like to get the paperwork needed. Now all concentration and hard work goes into producing the JrNFR Barrel Race. With 147 kids, you can imagine the daunting task at hand. The kind words and encouragement from y'all goes a long way! Thank you for them!

Thank you also for being mindful of your deadlines. Everyone so far has been good about them. Your ABSOLUTE DEADLINE is exactly that. If you want your child to receive everything (goody bags, competitor jackets, autograph sheets, etc) you will get everything in. We need Bio sheets ASAP.

This year we are ordering the jackets from the official JrNFR licensed merchandiser (No one can legally use the logo without permission since the PRCA owns it). Which reminds me to say, DO NOT MAKE ANY APPAREL, OR ANYTHING WITH THE JrNFR logo.

So that being said, the jackets are even more costly than the jackets we've given in the past. Unfortunately, the merchandiser, does not give us (producers) much in price breaks because they know everyone has to go through them. **Now that you've read this far, that means you don't have to order a jacket and pay for it because it's done.**

Speaking of Vegas.....

Attached you will find a letter from Las Vegas Events for registering, signing documents, etc. necessary for them.

Click on the hyperlinks on the letter attached. *You also have to send them a headshot and their biosheet, before they will send you the releases, etc.

I'm going to apologize in advance, because some of this will seem repetitive. Remember that they are hosting and have deadlines too! This is really 2 events in one. The KKRFV Finals and the JrNFR.

Everything for them is electronic and goes to them, not through our office. They will need documents that they ask for to be scanned and emailed or hard copied and mailed into their office.

Let's make it a great week!

Kelly

Here is the schedule for the JrNFR Barrel Race/KK Run For Vegas Finals
December 9 (Full Dress Code including cowboy hat)

9:45am-noon Meeting at the Eastside Cannery Hotel and Casino

This is a business meeting for parents and contestants only. Do not bring Grandpa, Grandma, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, etc. Thank you for understanding.

2pm Back number presentation on the stage at the Las Vegas Convention Center. This is for Grandpa, Grandma, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, etc.

December 10

5am (not dress code, but dress appropriately there may be media there) "Dry Run" for parents to drive, unload and park at the Convention Center. The kids get to ride for short time. This is done in groups and this will be discussed in the meeting. We are the only group who gets to do this.

December 11 and 13

9-11am Senior Go's

December 12 and 14

9-11am Junior Go's

December 15

9-11am Finals

2018 Email #2

Hey everyone!

The back numbers are attached. By now, I hope y'all understand that we are getting the jackets this year. After having 9484848403 emails and messages asking about getting back numbers to order a jacket, I guess I will have to make my messages a little clearer.

1. If you have not done so yet, make sure you join the "2018 JrNFR Barrel Racing Parents" page on Facebook. You MUST ANSWER THE QUESTIONS. It's a secret group that is only for you!
2. Also join the Remind app. I've already been sending messages through it.
3. If you qualified last week, you have 9 MORE DAYS to get ALL of your stuff in. We only have a month to get the programs done along with T-shirts and jackets, etc, before we pack up and head to Las Vegas. All program questions go to Linda. JrNFRProgram@gmail.com
4. Please look at the Facebook Page to see what sponsors we have so far. There are a couple of more in the works. Please have your daughter write a little thank you note to each one. You don't know how much these mean to the sponsors.
5. Don't forget to go to the website for LVE to register. It was on the last email under "Registration." Please don't bug them about your back number to order a jacket. For the 484874797 time, we are providing them this year. Just send them your headshot, and get your paperwork signed. It's not super complicated, but everything is done electronically. If you aren't computer savvy on how to do things electronically, have your kid help you.
6. I hope you have started planning your route. Have an alternative in case of weather. Look on Horsetrip.com or another overnight stabling website for places to stop along the way.

7. The patch rules are pretty simple. I am still having folks ask about them. They are for in the arena during competition. You will be assigned autograph times and sent to our sponsors. Please be respectful and don't show up with a patch that is their competitor's.

Again, we have 9 DAYS until the deadline for everyone, if you miss it, you miss out. When the online entries are closed, they are closed.

Only 50 days until we see the first horse run down the alley!

Kelly

Email #3

Hey everyone!

EVERYTHING is due on Wednesday, Oct 31! 2 days from today!

1. Make sure you get health papers on the horses you are hauling. The Nevada Ag officer has already contacted me. I would put the address to either the Las Vegas Convention Center or Horseman's Park on your health certificate. You also need to have a 12 month coggins, and you must have proof of ownership either through brand inspection, bill of sale or registration papers.

2. I know some folks don't know about the process of how getting to the arena works. So I will make this as specific as possible.
 - a. First of all, take a deep breath. How you react to every situation reflects on your kids. Remember to remain calm. This is supposed to be about the kids and everyone is already nervous without you freaking out.
 - b. Because parking is so limited, everyone has to haul saddled and will have to trailer pool with others. You will know your group (A or B) as soon as we get the draw posted. This makes it easier to know who you can haul with. Do not think you are going to drive a giant LQ trailer and haul 1 horse.
 - c. Your driver has to stay in the truck during the competition. I will text through "Remind" when to unload and when to come back up the ramp to load. We will have folks helping on the ramp.
 - d. There will be some time to warm up for the kids and a place for them to stand out of the way during the actual race.
 - e. I seriously hate to yell at anyone, but I will if I need too. **NO ONE IS ALLOWED IN THE BACK EXCEPT COMPETITORS AND ONE HELPER.** One this is a safety issue and two there simply isn't enough room.

- f. As soon as you are finished running stay out of the way.
 - g. I will call for everyone to be loaded and leave. We only have the arena for 2 hours and must be out by 11am. We don't want to be the group that ran late and caused everyone else's events to run late.
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- 3. I've had questions about the Thank You Notes. We will have some bags to put them in at the meeting on Sunday.
 - 4. As soon as we finish up getting our orders in place and the rest of the program materials needed, we will get our schedule for autographs done.

43 days until our meeting at the Eastside Cannery! Have a great week everyone!

Kelly

Email #4

Good Morning Everyone!

Hopefully, by now you are on Remind and have been getting some of our messages. I apologize for blowing up the phone at times, but that is the easiest way for me to reach out.

I also hope that you have asked to be part of the face book page “2018 JrNFR Barrel Racing Parents.” We’ve been communicating on there as well. I keep having folks asking to join, but then don’t answer the questions. I don’t have time to check profiles to make sure you are legit so they get denied.

1. In the coming week, we will be reaching out to get times available for you to sign autographs for an hour for one of our national sponsors in Las Vegas. If you will be arriving prior to our meeting on Sunday and can sign, that would be great! There will be no signings scheduled on Sunday since we have our meeting and back number presentation.
2. Remember that we have our “Dry Run” on Monday at 5am. We are the ONLY group that gets to do this and please be thankful and kind to the crew.
3. Everyone, get a small state (or country) flag on a stick. You know, those ones they sell at that are around 6 inches? Bring them to the back-number presentation.
4. Since this has been brought up on the FB page, parents/helpers in the back must be in dress code. Hat, long sleeved western shirt, jeans, etc.
5. The draw will be posted later today on the 2018 JrNFR Barrel Racing Parents page. The age groups will be halved into group A and B.

1st go numbers 1-35 will be group A and the remainder will be group B. You will remain in that group both go’s. Remember that the running order is

reversed on the 2nd go. The second number you will see is the second go. If you don't understand this, ask a veteran.

Well, as I posted on the FB page, 36 Days Until the first horse runs down the alley!

Dream Big!

Kelly

Email #5

Good Morning!

First off, I want to express our deepest sympathy to the Byler family on the loss of their loved ones last weekend. I also want to ask for prayers for those affected by the fires in California. I'm hoping that all of you are safe and far away from the danger. If anyone is in need, please let us know.

1. I had questions about the cost of watching the JrNFR. It's been free every day except for Saturday of the Finals. All proceeds from the ticket sales go toward the kids.
2. There is no "Dress Up" time for the girls. Everything is in full cowgirl attire. The sponsors pay for a western event and want to see cowgirls.
3. Remember to get the Thank you notes done. We will have a place to collect them at the meeting.
4. We will take horse changes when we are in Vegas. Everything has already been sent to print. We only ask horses names as a courtesy, because this event is based on the rider (like rodeo), not the horse. We will also send the results to Equistat.
5. If you are concerned about trailering saddled, or have never done it, take a practice drive a few times with the horses. This is nothing new to many of us, but to some I understand the anxiety of doing something new. Tie your stirrups over the seat before loading.
6. I can not stress enough about the lack of parking space in the city. You must trailer pool with others. We have approximately 73 (60 last year) in each age group and there is not enough to park everyone individually. Try to get in 3 horse trailers or larger if possible. Those who are veterans can explain. Don't make it harder on yourself or everyone. The FB page is a great place to get to know folks. I see people are making friends already! I love it!

7. When we unload, we unload three trailers at a time. Whomever is the driver, NEVER leaves the rig unattended. Be patient when we do this process. Things are going to happen. That's life. Don't lose your temper because you are nervous. How you behave, reflects on your kids.
8. We will have the autograph schedules to you next week. Remember, WE have made autograph sheets for you! If you need to make more, you can run to a kwik copy.
9. Attached is the letter you can give your school administrators and teachers, along with the press release you can put in your local paper.

Only 28 Days until the first horse runs down the alley!!

Kelly

Email #6

Good Morning!

I know everyone is getting ready for tomorrow! Have you started packing for Vegas? We have!

1. This year Horseman's Park arena will be open for everyone to ride from early morning until around 5pm. Someone has taken care of the arena rent so we don't have to schedule ride times! Yay!
2. The autograph schedule is attached. *Due to the time constraints some of the sponsors we had to work around, you may not have gotten your preferred time. Some of the booth numbers are missing. If you sign at the South Point Hotel, they don't have them, so you'll have to look when you get there. The other venues have maps of their vendors at the front door. Remember, if you are not familiar with Las Vegas or the layouts of the shopping venues for signing, get there early so you can learn the "lay of the land."
3. Remember that the sponsors are expecting you. **DO NOT SHOW UP WEARING A COMPETITOR'S PATCH** to a signing! I can't believe I have to put that in our email.
4. This year in order to enhance our Social Media and to make sure everyone is showing up for their signings, you'll need to take pics and hashtag us on FaceBook. #KKRFVFinals2018 and #2018JrNFRBarrelRace #LasVegasEvents and whatever booth sponsor you are signing at.
5. We will have Josh Andrews doing interviews, so be ready to answer questions (practice!) and smile. You will need to be in full dress code (cowboy hat too) for this. There will also be opportunities to get on the stage show with Andy. We will contact you if chosen.
6. This year the feed will be live from 9am-5pm each day for FREE! I will find out the details on where and put them in the next email.

Only 19 days until our meeting at the Eastside Cannery!

Email #7

Hey everyone!

This will be the last email since we will be driving next Monday for our 2 day trip

1. If you are assigned a time before our meeting for autographs, we will have your autograph sheets at Horseman's Park. Remember to take pics and hashtag #2018JrNFRBarrelRace and #KKRunForVegasFinals on FaceBook.
2. You can document your trip along the way and hashtag those pics as well. We want to do something special each day with them!
3. We will again have the Insurance Sidepot Race. The entry fee will be \$35 each go round.
This is paid out on the fastest times with one hit barrel. You have a chance of winning some money back. We will take entries (CC only) at the meeting on Sunday only.
4. Horse name change forms will be available at the meeting. *4pm the day before the go-round is the deadline. (remember this race is not based on the horse, but the rider) We do submit horse earnings to Equistat.
5. Things to remember about this whole experience: I want you to make special memories for your family. This is the most important thing. Everything is not and will not be perfect. Things will happen as they do in life. Make stories to tell, new friends, contacts, etc. Love and care your horses, respect our sport, but most of all, love and care for all of our kids. Life is an adventure, or it can be a drag. How you perceive everything is up to you! Remember who is watching you.

Only 13 Days until our meeting at the Eastside Cannery! Be safe in your travels!

Kelly