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Formed in the spring of 1976, the Murray State University Rodeo Club, which began with only three members, has grown to nearly 60 members. It consists of the rodeo team members, as well as those interested in supporting the sport of rodeo.

The Murray State University Rodeo Team competes in the Ozark Region which consists of all the schools east of the Mississippi.

The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) sanctions 10 rodeos per year. In each of these rodeos, cowboys have the opportunity to compete in six events: bull riding, calf roping, team roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, and bareback riding. Cowgirls compete in four events: barrel racing, goat tying, breakaway calf roping, and team roping.

Cowboys and cowgirls compete all year for team and individual points as well as individual money. The MSU Rodeo team is consistently a top contender at each of the rodeos. At the end of the year the top three competitors in each event, as well as the top two teams, qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR).

Murray State hosts a rodeo during the fall semester in the West Kentucky Exposition Center. Murray State is centrally located among the Ozark Region schools, which means traveling to rodeos hosted by other schools is much easier and economical for MSU athletes.
MSU also offers its rodeo athletes practice stock and facilities, benefits not found in many rodeo programs.

**Facilities**

The Heathcott Rodeo Barn is located at the West Farm Complex which is less than a mile from the main campus. The barn features 38 stalls and two tack rooms with tack boxes. Team members interested in boarding a horse in the barn must complete an application process to be eligible for a stall. Also, the West Kentucky Livestock Show and Exposition Center is available for use by the rodeo team.

The outside practice area is a 140 x 160 foot arena used for team roping, breakaway roping, steer wrestling, goat tying and barrel racing, as well as a 90 x 90 bucking stock arena. All practice areas are located behind the Heathcott Rodeo Barn.

*Heathcott Rodeo Barn*
Financial Assistance and Scholarship Opportunities

The university offers a number of attractive academic scholarships to qualified students. In addition, numerous grants, scholarships and student employment opportunities are available university-wide. Considering the high quality of academics, excellent reputation and superior facilities, Murray State University is surprisingly affordable.

About Murray State University

Known for its excellent academic programs, Murray State University serves more than 10,000 students who benefit from the university’s fresh approach to higher education – a high quality, low cost education that is academically diverse. Over 140 programs of study are offered at the undergraduate level, as well as several graduate study opportunities.

There are three scholarship opportunities specifically for rodeo team members—the Murray State University Rodeo Booster Club Scholarship, the Rodeo Achievement Award and the Betsy Ross Wilcox Rodeo Scholarship. Rodeo scholarships are awarded based on rodeo activities and ability, as well as on academic achievement. When available, rodeo team members also receive some compensation for certain rodeo expenses.