



Missouri Professional Auctioneers Association
Open RINGMAN CONTEST RULES
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16th, 2024
Drury Plaza Hotel Columbia, Missouri

1. **ELIGIBILITY**: Contestants must be at least 18 years of age AND a DUES paid auctioneer member, associate member or sponsored by an MPAA auctioneer for the upcoming year of 2024 at time of entry.
2. **ENTRY DEADLINE**: Contest entry form, Contest entry fee of \$40.00 & MPAA dues must be received by the MPAA Executive Director by 12:00 noon on the day of the contest, NO EXCEPTIONS. Early registration is encouraged. Contest to begin prior to Fun Auction.
3. **DIVISIONS**: Men and Women will compete in one division.
4. **DRESS CODE**: Dress code for the contest is business presentation attire, (suit & tie for men, business appropriate attire for women). Judges want to be able to see your face. While the wearing of hats is not banned it is strongly discouraged.
5. **ITEMS**: Contestants will be required to bring three (3) items valued at \$35.00 each to be sold in the contest. Items should have the contestants name affixed and labeled with A, B and C to indicate the order to be presented in the auction. Proceeds from the sale of the items to benefit the MPAA. Items for a tie breaker will be provided by the MPAA
6. **MANDATORY ROLL CALL**: All contestants must attend a contestant roll call and rules meeting located at the contest stage at **the designated time after the last speaker of the day**, (approximately 10 mins after dismissal of last session for the day) on the day of the contest. Roll call will be taken of the contestants registered by the entry deadline. If a contestant is not present, their name will be called at that time and again within 10 minutes. If not present by the second call the contestant will be disqualified with no refund of entry fees. The contestant pool will then draw for competition order, have contest procedures reviewed, label and order their items in contestant order and have an opportunity to do a sound check on the contest microphone.
7. **SOUND SYSTEM**: will be preset and will not be adjusted during the contest. All contestants will have the opportunity to test the sound system during the roll call / rules meeting and not adjusted thereafter.
8. **JUDGES**: There will be a minimum of three (3) judges selected by the contest committee. Each judge will be knowledgeable of the auction industry. All scores will be used, NO scores dropped.
9. **PRELIMINARY ROUND**: (if there are fewer than 8 contestants, the preliminary and final rounds will be combined). If a contestant is not present and ready to enter the contest area when called, they will be disqualified. Each contestant will be called to the stage by contestant number, introduce themselves and then ring for two (2) of the items they brought. A microphone will be available at the stage for contestant and item introduction if contestants choose to use it. Last year's Auctioneer Champion (or one selected by the contest committee), will sell for all contestants. (Total scores from this round will be used in the tally with the Interview Scores to determine the Champion Ringman).
10. **FINALS / INTERVIEW**: Contestant will be called to the stage by contestant number when time to compete. If Contestant is not present and ready to enter the contest area when called, they will be disqualified. Finalists will answer one (1) interview question after their introduction in the Finals round and then will ring for the one (1) last item they brought to the contest.
11. **TIE BREAKER**: In the event of a tie, the two high scoring contestants will ring in contestant number order with an item provided by the MPAA. The scores from this round will determine the Champion Ringman.
12. **WINNERS ANNOUNCED**: Finalists will be called back to stage after tabulation announcing First Runner-up, then Reserve Champion, then Champion Ringman. Photos will be taken at this time.
13. **CONTEST PRIZE**: The Champion Ringman will receive a buckle, plaque & the following year's MPAA membership dues paid. They will then be asked to Co-Chair and assist with the contest the following year.