

## 2018 NDHSRA State Finals Information

1. Mandatory contestant meeting to be held 2 hours prior to the start of the first performance Friday morning. Attendance will be taken by state student officers. Contestants not in attendance will be drawn out of the first go. Those **only** competing in the Rifle and Trap Shooting contests are not required to attend this meeting.
2. Students who have sold at least \$100 in raffle tickets and/or calendars will have their rodeo entry fees waived; those who didn't sell a minimum of \$100 in raffle tickets/calendars will pay entry fees for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> go rounds. Entry fees will not be charged for the Short Go.
3. Contestant numbers shall be split evenly between morning and evening performances. Performance order for contestants shall be: Friday morning/Saturday evening and Friday evening/Saturday morning.
4. Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding and Bull Riding contestants will compete in the evening performances only.
5. The order of events will be the same as a regular qualifying rodeo. Cow Cuttings first go will be girls then boys; second go will be boys then girls; short go will be girls cutting then boys cutting.
6. **State Finals Points System:** The top 24 point earners in each event will bring into the State Finals all their points accumulated from the seasons qualifying rodeos. More contestants may be eligible due to ties. In addition to the points brought into State, contestants will be awarded ten points for 1st place down to one point for 10th place in each event for the 1st Go, 2nd Go, Average and the Short Go. The average points will be determined after the first two go rounds.

The only variance to the above is for Team Roping. Because there are two contestants competing together, going into the State Finals, the points from the header and heeler are combined. For Team Roping, the points awarded for each go are: 20 points for the 1st place team down to 2 points for the 10th place team. For All-Around purposes, each header and heeler is awarded the normal 10 points down to 1 point.

State Finals Short Go: The top 12 contestants in the standings following two go rounds and the average are eligible to compete in the short go round. No more than 12 contestants shall compete in the short go (except for ties).

7. Competition Order for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Go's:  
Cow Cutting and Reined Cow Horse will be a random draw for both go rounds.  
Remaining Rodeo Events: The order for the 1<sup>st</sup> Go will be a random draw. The order will then be reversed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Go.
8. The top 12 contestants in the standings following two go rounds and the average are eligible to compete in the short go round. No more than 12 contestants shall compete in the short go (except for ties). *The average points will be determined after the first two go rounds.*
9. Competition Order for the Short Go:  
The order will start with the last position in the standings down to first person in the standings. The rough stock events will also compete in this order.  
Barrel racing, pole bending, cow cutting and reined cow horse will be a random draw.
10. 30 second time limit on cattle timed events, not to include cutting. Catch pen gate shall remain closed until time limit expires or contestant calls for time.

11. Because the State Finals has an average, in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Go, team ropers are given 3 loops, tie down and breakaway ropers are given 2 loops but must be carrying both loops. In the Short Go, team ropers are limited to 2 loops, tie down and breakaway ropers to 1 loop.
12. Refer to the State Finals Schedule of Events for all the activities locations and start times.
13. Contestants are required to be in full western attire when in the arena/grandstand area, regardless of when they compete. Contestants must wear their back number at all times from Friday morning to Sunday following awards.
14. The barrier will be re-tied for each contestant.
15. Barrel racing, pole bending and goat tying shall be staked so each contestant has a straight run from the center gate.
16. The number of rakes for barrels and poles will be determined by the ground conditions.
17. There will be no more than 5 runs on each goat.
18. Grievance Policy: Be sure to review the policy as stated in NHSRA Rule Book on page 22 item 7 and page 23 items 14 through 17. On a state level, the NDHSRA Board of Directors have determined the following people will be involved in a grievance meeting: The contestant, event director involved of the event in question, arena director, judge(s) involved and the National Director. If the National Director is not at the rodeo the NDHSRA Board President or Vice President will take the place of the National Director. The details of the grievance and outcome is to be reported to the NDHSRA Secretary.
19. No pet animals shall be brought into the rodeo/grandstand area.
20. **Alcohol**: This is an association made up of minors. The NDHSRA has a zero tolerance for under age drinking.  
Individuals over 21 years of age: It's allowed by law, if you choose to drink in your living quarters/campers. Alcohol cannot be visible in or around the rodeo arena nor in the camping area. If any parent or other non-contestants of legal age consume alcohol are become disruptive, those individuals may be required, by any member of the board of directors, to go and remain at their vehicle for the duration of the event. If the disruption is excessive, the board of directors in their sole discretion, may require that such individuals to leave the rodeo grounds for the duration of the event and may take other actions barring the participation in future events including disqualification of the contestants associated with such individuals.
21. All-Around and Rookie Awards are determined using the same point system as outlined above. All points earned, at all qualifying rodeos and the state finals in all events in which a contestant competes are totaled to determine year-end rankings. (Points from the RCH qualifying events are not included in the year-end All Around or Rookie Awards).
22. NDHSRA licensed logo only to be on all merchandise sold by North Dakota High School Rodeo Association. Host committee may sell merchandise that does not contain the official NHSRA nor NDHSRA logos. Fundraisers to be sold or approved only by NDHSRA board – such as raffle, 50/50, etc.
23. All National Finals paperwork must be completed Sunday following the awards ceremony. The National office requires both custodial parents to sign all documents in front of a notary. The top four point earners qualify to compete in the NHSR Finals. If a contestant can't go to Nationals, then the 5<sup>th</sup> place will move up to the National Team. We are allowed to roll up as low as the 8<sup>th</sup> place winner. Fourth place ties all qualify and are eligible to compete at the NHSR Finals.