



2020-2021 Season

On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to welcome you as a returning member or as a new member into the NHSRA and the North Dakota High School Rodeo Association!! This document contains **five forms** that must be completed along with a wealth of information you need to know as we proceed into the Fall High School Rodeo season. You will also find an **Information Guide** and **Ground Rules** within this document.

Membership information and forms: The National Membership Application and Minors Waiver will be completed online by logging into the National Membership Portal. Visit the Membership page on the website where you will find a link for detailed instructions on how to log into the National Membership Portal along with a link to their site.

Membership Fee: **New this year** . . . you will be paying your National Membership Dues of **\$132.27** online through the portal page. This amount includes \$124 dues and \$8.37 for processing fees and covers a monthly subscription to NHSRA Times and Western Horseman magazines along with supplemental HSR Insurance coverage for you while competing in this year's HS Rodeo season. You will need to send a separate check to Rochelle for **\$51 to cover your ND Membership Dues**. Fees along with your ND Contact Information form must be sent to Rochelle 3 weeks prior to your first rodeo of the season.

Online Rodeo Entries: Specific procedures on how to enter our upcoming rodeos are attached to the Enter Rodeo's page (under the Rodeo Info tab) on the website. There is also a printable schedule of when each of the rodeo entries open and close.

Team Ropers: If you are needing a team roping partner, please contact Rochelle as soon as possible so she can help get the word out for you. A list will be posted on the Membership page on the website.

Fundraising Requirements: Each member is required to sell a specific number of cash calendars. Calendars and exact details will be handed out at one of the upcoming Fall rodeo's.

Communication: The **two primary sources of communication** and distribution of information is on the website and via email. To make sure my emails don't end up in your junk or spam folders, I'd recommend adding my email address into your contact list ndhsra@outlook.com. I will be taking your email addresses from your portal page. Be sure to include as many different emails within your portal page if several family members want to receive this information.

Home School Verification Form: New this year, all of those who are home schooled are required to complete the form, within this document, and upload it to your portal page.

Adopt-A-Rodeo: We continue to need your help with this program. It was created to help those rodeo committees who have stepped up to host a rodeo, but need help the day of the rodeo. We're asking those of you (**parents** and **contestants**) who currently aren't hosting a rodeo to fold up your lawn chairs for a couple hours and volunteer at one of our upcoming rodeos. It could be running a gate, setting up barrels or poles, picking up hats, chasing calves out of the arena. We all need to do our part to help these committee's continue hosting rodeo's for years to come. **On the ND Contact form - please check the rodeos you can help at.**

If you have any questions, feel free to send me an email or call me at 701.212.6232.

I hope all your travels are safe.

Rochelle

Rochelle Rustad
NDHSRA Secretary



Member Checklist

Complete the following very carefully. All of your forms **MUST** be completed and uploaded to the portal **3 weeks prior** to competing in your first fall rodeo.

- _____ National HS Rodeo Membership Application completed and printed from the online program. Both parents/guardians **MUST** sign the bottom of this form along with the contestant and uploaded to the members portal page. You will pay your National Membership dues at this time.
- _____ National Minor's Release, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement. This is completed and printed from the online program. The natural Father and Mother or the Legal Guardian along with the contestant **MUST** sign the bottom of this form. **This form needs to be Notarized** and then uploaded to the members portal page.
- _____ North Dakota Waiver of Liability found in this document. Both parents/guardians and the contestant **MUST** sign the form in 2 places. **This form needs to be Notarized** and then uploaded to the members portal page.
- _____ Certificate of Eligibility signed by school officials. Upload to your portal page. **Because your school officials are off for the summer, you can upload this form the week prior to the Mandan HS Rodeo.**
- _____ Home School Verification Form: New this year, those who are home schooled are required to complete and upload the Home School Verification form that you will find within this document.
- _____ Final grade transcripts from 2019-2020 school year to be uploaded to the portal page. IF you competed in the 2019-2020 National HS Rodeo Finals, you don't have to do this step as you turned them in prior to leaving for Nationals.
- _____ Read, sign and upload the Code of Conduct to the portal.
- _____ Print, sign and upload the Online Entry Authorization to the portal.
- _____ Write the open and close dates for all online rodeo entries on your calendar.

The two items below are to be mailed to Rochelle **3 weeks prior** to competing in your **first fall high school rodeo**. Mail to: Rochelle Rustad, 241 Elm St., Kindred ND 58051

- _____ North Dakota Contact Information form. The completed form must be received by Rochelle 3 weeks prior to your first fall rodeo.
- _____ \$51 North Dakota Membership Fee made payable to NDHSRA.



WAIVER OF LIABILITY
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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, PARENTS (SURVIVING PARENT OR GUARDIAN) OF

PRINT Name of Contestant

a minor, do hereby release and discharge the NORTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION and the NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION from any and all claims, demands, damages, suits actions or causes of action which we (I) may, can or shall have by reason of any illness, injury, or accident incurred or suffered by said son or daughter while participating in the North Dakota High School Rodeo Association, all qualifying rodeos, State Finals and National High School Finals.

This release is complete and full, and is not conditioned upon any act, word or deed by either the undersigned or the sponsoring bodies and individuals of said rodeo.

Dated this _____ of _____, 20 _____.

Parents or Guardians Signatures

Mailing Address, City, State, Zip

PERMISSION TO RELEASE INFORMATION:

The North Dakota High School Rodeo Association is committed to ensuring the privacy and accuracy of your confidential information. However, on several occasions Universities, Colleges, Scholarship Foundations, Sponsors, and other persons may request personal information about its student members. With your permission, we will release contact information provided on this application about you to other interested parties. **The NDHSRA will not disclose your confidential personal information without your specific consent.**

I, _____ (print name of applicant), _____ **do**; _____ **do not** (check one) hereby authorize the NDHSRA to disclose the information provided on this application to interested parties, whether the said information is public, private or confidential in nature.

I have read and fully understand the contents of the "Permission to Release Information."

Signature of Student Applicant

Date

If applicant is under the age of 18, the Applicant's parent or legal guardian must also agree to the "Permission to Release Information." I _____ **do**; _____ **do not** (check one) authorize the NDHSRA to disclose the information provided.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

State of _____)
County of _____)

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me personally appeared _____, known to me (or proved to me on oath of _____) to be the person who is described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that that person (or they) executed the same.

(seal)



2020 - 2021 Contact Information

All members must complete this form in full.

Please Print Legibly

Contestant Information:

Name _____ Grade you are in _____ Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ Contestant Cell Phone # _____

Natural Mother's Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Natural Father's Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Are your parents divorced? Yes No

Legal Guardian _____ Cell Phone _____

Email is my main source of communicating with you. Please **provide** me an **email address that is checked on a regular basis**: _____

Secondary email address: _____

Team Ropers: Are you willing to be drawn to rope with someone who needs a partner? Yes No

Are you a Header Are you a Heeler

Adopt-A-Rodeo: To help the rodeo committee's plan, please check the rodeo(s) you can work at:

Fall:

_____ Mandan (Saturday)

_____ Mandan (Sunday)

_____ Watford City

_____ Velva

_____ Valley City (Saturday)

_____ Valley City (Sunday)

Spring:

_____ West Fargo (Saturday)

_____ West Fargo (Sunday)

_____ Williston

_____ Killdeer

_____ Dickinson

_____ Bismarck

_____ New Salem

Mail your completed form and \$51 ND membership money to:

Rochelle Rustad, NDHSRA
241 Elm Street, Kindred ND 58051



CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

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The NHSRA Qualifications:

- Student must be in good standing; not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school.
- Student must be under 20 years of age at the first of the National High School Rodeo year (August 1st) and are or have been enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade the year just preceding the National Rodeo the contestant is entering.
- Must have **passing grades in at least 70% of the classes taken**. (For example: If you are taking 10 classes in a quarter/semester, you have to be passing 7 of them.)
- Student must also be eligible with their school concerning any tobacco, alcohol, etc., violations are the right of your school to enforce.

Students Name: _____

Grade currently enrolled in: _____

**“I certify that this student meets National High School Rodeo Association’s GRADE and CONDUCT qualifications.
(Current grade and conduct requirements only.)”**

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
(School Official)

Title: _____
(Supt., Principal or Designee)

Name of School: _____

**The students current transcripts must also be attached.
Grades can be taken off of Power School.**

If you have any questions please contact Rochelle Rustad, NDHSRA Secretary at 701.212.6232.

The above requirements must be completed prior to competing in your first Fall Rodeo.



Code of Conduct

Any contestant or member will be disqualified from the rodeo, NHSRA Event or other function for any of the following offenses. If they are disqualified for any of these offenses, they will be disqualified from all events or other participation in the rodeo, NHSRA event or other function.

- (1) Having any association with alcoholic beverages, narcotic, tobacco products or other non-medicinal drugs while in attendance at any approved High School or Junior High Rodeo or sanctioned activity, whether at a motel or on rodeo grounds or going to or from the rodeo or at any NHSRA function. The member will be suspended from further rodeo activity for 6 weeks. If they are disqualified for any of these offenses, they will be disqualified from all events or other participation in the rodeo, NHSRA event or other function.
- (2) Rowdyism, quarreling or fighting in the actual domain of the arena at any time, or any place during the duration of the Rodeo.
- (3) Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the best interests of the NHSRA, NDHSRA or the sport of rodeo while in attendance, or coming to and going home from a rodeo.
- (4) Motel or property damage by contestants or their associates; damage must be reported to our Board President and/or National Director. If damage is not reported, contestant will be banned from the High School Rodeo Association permanently and reported to law authorities for prosecution.
- (5) Contestants will be disqualified for vandalism at any place or any time.
- (6) Cheating or attempting to cheat.
- (7) Any contestants or parents attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, harass or coerce any rodeo official at any time.
- (8) Missing any mandatory meeting, safety seminar or equipment check.

I have read the above Code of Conduct and understand that I am held to these standards:

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

This form must be signed and uploaded to your NHSRA Membership Portal before you can compete in your first Fall HS Rodeo.



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Online Rodeo Entries Parent Authorization

As a part of the Online Rodeo Entries program, we require each parent to complete this form for each of your contestants competing in ND High School Rodeo's. By signing this form, you are authorizing your child to compete in any and all 2020 - 2021 NDHSRA Rodeo's.

PRINT Contestant's Name: _____

We, the parents or guardians of the above named contestant, give the Hospital represented at each 2020-2021 ND High School Rodeo and their Physicians and Medical Staff permission to administer NECESSARY EMERGENCY treatment for injuries my child may incur while participating in that weekends High School Rodeo. We understand that each contestant must be and is covered by medical insurance. (Note: NHSRA member insurance is supplemental to family coverage.) We also understand that we are responsible for the cost of emergency transportation from said rodeo facilities should the need arise. We hereby release the Hospital, Physicians, Medical Staff, the NDHSRA and their Rodeo Sponsors from all liability, except for negligence.

Both Parents/Guardians must sign this form regardless of the contestant's age:

_____ and _____ Date: _____

This signed form must be attached to your child's National Membership Portal before they can compete in their first 2020-2021 ND High School Rodeo.

Home School Verification Form

Contestant Qualifications, pg 24, Rule #1

In accordance with the NHSRA rulebook pertaining to contestant qualifications, students who attend a homeschool, private school, religious school or correspondence school are eligible for membership if the school is recognized and approved by the state/province board of education or National Board of Education in the state/province the member is applying for membership. The contestant would need to show proof that the school they are attending is accredited and that they have met the grade requirements.

If the school the student is attending is not accredited by the State or National Board of Education the student shall demonstrate composite grade-level academic proficiency on any State Board or National Board of Education recognized achievement test or other mechanism as provided for in State or National Board of Education rules. A student shall be eligible if they achieve a minimum composite score or survey test score within the average or higher than average range as established by the test service utilized on any nationally-normed test.

Please check one that applies:

____ My child(ren) is enrolled in a homeschool program that is registered with my State Department of Education.

School Name _____

Address _____

____ My child(ren) is enrolled in a homeschool program that is NOT registered with my State Department of Education. *Please attach verification of grade appropriate proficiency.*

Testing Center Name _____

Address _____

By signing this verification form, we the parents of _____, certify that our child meets these requirements to be eligible for high school/junior high rodeo. We also authorize the National Director or representative to contact the school/agency to ensure that the student is meeting proficiency requirements.

Parent's Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date



Information Guide

It's a MUST Read

Website: Our official website, ndhsra.org, is where you can obtain all the information and details as a high school rodeo competitor. The most highly visited pages are the [Rodeo Schedule page](#). By clicking on the rodeo name you will be able to print off the detail sheet for that specific rodeo. Some rodeos don't follow the standard event order. It's your responsibility to read this information as it provides everything you'll need to know about that particular rodeo. If committee's are offering stalls, those forms will also be attached to this page. The [Draw/Results](#) and the [Standings](#) pages are updated after each rodeo.

Rule Book: The National Rule Book is posted on the website. A hard copy can be obtained by contacting the NDHSRA rodeo secretary.

Entering a Rodeo: All rodeo entries are done through our online entry system. Specific procedures on how to enter our upcoming rodeos are attached on the Enter Rodeo's page (under the Rodeo Info tab) on the website. [Team Ropers who do not have a partner need to enter Team Roping through Rochelle](#). Send her an email with this entry request during the entry time frame.

Jackpotting:

- **Event Jackpot (JP):** This is optional for all contestants. [Team Ropers](#): Talk to your partner and determine if you're going to JP or not. The **jackpot entry fee** is \$10 per event due and payable [at each rodeo](#). Payout breakdown is determined by the number jackpotting in each event. Payout checks will be handed out at the [next rodeo](#).
- **Jackpot payout for Barrels and Poles will be in the 4D format:** See a full description of the payout format that is posted on the Enter Rodeo's page on the website.
- All entry fees are due and [payable at each rodeo](#) with either cash or checks.

Team Roping – Draw A Partner: The Draw A Partner rule states you can draw up to 4 team roping partners throughout a rodeo season. This is in place so you can compete in a rodeo if you don't have a full-time roping partner or your team roping partner is unable to be at a specific rodeo. [If you need a partner drawn, you have to enter team roping through Rochelle](#). If the partner you are entered with gets hurt the day of the rodeo and can't rope, a partner will be drawn for you from a pool of ropers.

[Being selected as a draw a partner:](#) A list will be developed of those of you who offer to be drawn. These partners will be drawn the morning of the rodeo and will be posted with the official draw sheets. If for some reason, you can't rope a second time at that rodeo, be sure to notify the NDHSRA secretary right away. You are basically courtesy roping and helping out a fellow contestant. You are not required to pay the entry fees for this roping. If you do pay and end up in the top three, you will then receive the award for that placing. Points are not awarded when you courtesy rope.

Draw Outs (Rodeo and Jackpot): Once you've entered a rodeo and learn you can't make it, you have an opportunity to draw out without any penalties. The draw out deadline is at **5 pm CT the Monday before the rodeo**. **Phone calls are accepted but prefer an e-mail**. Look for an email response from Rochelle confirming your draw out. If you don't receive a confirmation – means I didn't get your message. If you miss the deadline, you'll be responsible to pay your entry fees from the missed rodeo before you can compete in the next rodeo. The only exception to this deadline is if you have a doctor or a vet release which needs to be turned in prior to the next rodeo.

Rodeo Draw: The unofficial draw will be posted on the website by Tuesday morning prior to the rodeo. It's your responsibility to check the draw that day and notify Rochelle immediately if there are any discrepancies with your entries. The official draw and stock draw will be posted one hour prior to each rodeo at the rodeo office.

Contestant Meetings: Qualifying rodeo contestant meetings are required for the members entered in the rodeo at which the meeting is held. Be prepared to attend the meetings at Mandan, West Fargo and New Salem. Time and location will be included in the information sheet for each of these rodeos. You must attend in western attire. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend these meetings.

Paying Entry Fees: Entry fees are to be paid directly to the rodeo committee prior to competing in your events. If these fees aren't paid prior to competing, you will be **fined \$50**. No excuses will be accepted. If you travel to the rodeos separate from your parents, then you need to plan to have a check or cash on-hand to pay your entry fees. The only exception to this rule is when we have the cow cutting event or RCH the night before the rodeo. Cutters and RCH, all of your entry fees will be due and payable prior to competing in the rodeo. This \$50 fine needs to be paid in full before you can compete in the next rodeo.

Non-Notified Turn Out: We've been experiencing several contestants for one reason or another pay their entry fees, but then don't show up to compete. We understand things can change during a rodeo, but when you don't show up, it delays the rodeo. If you decide to Turn Out of an event and do not notify the High School Rodeo Secretary, you will be fined \$10 per event. Due prior to your next rodeo.

Points System:

Ten points will be awarded for 1st place down to one point for 10th place in each event. Points will be accumulated from all qualifying rodeo's.

State Finals: The top 24 point earners in each event shall be eligible to enter the State Finals Rodeo. More contestants may be eligible for the Finals due to ties.

State Finals Short Go: The top 12 contestants in the standings following two go-rounds and the average at State 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 of the State Finals.*

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. During the Finals, the points awarded for the 1st Go, 2nd Go, Average and Short Go are: 20 points for the 1st place team down to 2 points for the 10th place team. For All-Around purposes, each contestant is awarded the normal 10 points down to 1 point.

Fundraising Requirements: Each member is required to sell a specific number of cash calendars. Calendars and exact details will be handed out at one of the upcoming Fall rodeo's.

Queen contest: This is open to any young lady who is a member of the NDHSRA and in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade. The competition is held each year during the State Finals in Bowman. If you're interested, contact Codi Miller for further details at 701.440.8392 or at codimiller@live.com.

Rifle and Trap Shoot Contest: These contests will be held in the Bowman area during the State Finals Rodeo. The details and entry forms will be posted on the website by April 1st. Remember, the top 4 qualify to compete at the National High School Rodeo Finals.

Back Numbers: You'll get a new back number when you pay your entry fees at your first fall and spring rodeo. Hang on to this number as you'll need to wear it at every rodeo. If you'd like, you can laminate your number to help preserve it for the entire season.

Adopt-A-Rodeo: We continue to need your help with this program. It was created to help those rodeo committees who have stepped up to host a rodeo, but need help the day of the rodeo. We're asking those of you (**parents** and **contestants**) who currently aren't helping with a rodeo to fold up your lawn chairs for a couple hours and volunteer at one of our upcoming rodeos. It could be running a gate, setting up barrels or poles, picking up hats, chasing calves out of the arena or maybe working in the concession stand. We all need to do our part to help these committee's continue hosting rodeo's for years to come. **Please let Rochelle know as soon as possible what rodeo(s) you'd like to help.**

Grievance Policy: Be sure to review the policy as stated in NHSRA Rule Book on page 27 item 7 and page 28 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.

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 or 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.



Ground Rules

Standard Event Order: Bareback Riding, Breakaway Roping, Tie Down Roping, Barrel Racing, Steer Wrestling, Saddle Bronc Riding, Goat Tying, Team Roping, Pole Bending and Bull Riding. Cow Cutting order for double cuts: Girls Cutting, Boys Cutting, Boys Cutting and Girls Cutting.

At times, a rodeo committee is approved to change the event order. The details and any change in event order is posted on the website. It is your responsibility to review the information page for each rodeo as posted on the websites schedule page.

Cow Cutting: Cutting may or may not be held at the same location or same time as all qualifying rodeos. This allows the committees the opportunity to pool resources with another rodeo committee. If a cutting is held at a different location the same day of a rodeo, there will be adequate time allocated for you to travel to the rodeo grounds to compete in your remaining events.

Reined Cow Horse: RCH is not a standard event and will be offered a minimum of three (3) times at the qualifying level. 10 points will be awarded for 1st place down to 1 point for 10th place. Because this is not a standard event, All-Around points are not awarded for the qualifying competitions. Only points earned at the state finals rodeo will apply to All-Around.

Tie Down Ropers: Starting the Fall of 2020, if you "Jerk Down" a calf, you will be assessed a 5 second penalty.

Rough Stock Contestants: Be sure to review the Safety Checklists that are posted on the Entry Form page of the website.

Barrel Racing, Pole Bending and Goat Tying: Once your name is called, you are allowed 30 seconds to enter the arena to compete in your event. The judges have the authority to give you three calls prior to giving you a no time. After the 3rd call, you will be disqualified from that event.

Raking the arena for Barrels and Poles: As stated in the NHSRA rule book, all turnouts and releases (medical and vet) will be included in the count. The rakes will be marked on the official draw that's posted at each rodeo.

Breakaway, Tie Down, Team Roping and Steer Wrestling: You are given 30 seconds to get your horse backed in the box. The judges have the authority to start the stop watch giving you an additional 30 seconds prior to disqualifying you from this event.