



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 committees 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 the secretary. 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 Checks:** Jackpot winnings will be paid with one check at end of each Season.
- 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 the secretary](#). 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 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 the secretary 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 the secretary 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 Dickinson. 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 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.

Turning Out of an Event: We've had contestants, for one reason or another, pay their entry fees and then not show up to compete. We understand things can change during a rodeo, but when you don't show up and need to be three called, it delays the rodeo. If you need to Turn Out of an event and do not notify the secretary, you will be fined \$10 per event. This must be paid prior to your next rodeo. By following the turn out process you will not impact the points you earned that day prior to making this decision.

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 rodeos.

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: Fundraising details are listed on the website.

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: A couple qualifier events will be held throughout the season. You must shoot in at least one qualifier to compete at the state finals. Remember, the top 4 after the state finals 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 the secretary 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 underage 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.