



2025-2026 NDHSRA Rodeo Season Fall Contestant Packet

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On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to welcome you as a member to the NHSRA and the North Dakota High School Rodeo Association (NDHSRA)! This document contains **multiple forms** to be completed along with important information as we proceed into the fall high school rodeo season. Please read the fall information guide and ground rules found on the membership page of the website.

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 to find a link to log into the National Membership Portal and their instructions.

Membership Fee: You will pay your National Membership Dues of **\$148.38** online through the Portal page. This amount includes \$139 dues and \$9.38 for processing fees and covers a monthly subscription to the NHSRA Times and Western Horseman magazines along with supplemental HSR Insurance coverage for you while competing in this year's HS Rodeo season. Please send a separate check to the NDHSRA State Secretary for **\$51 to cover your ND Membership Dues**. Fees need to be received three weeks prior to your first rodeo of the season. Venmo is also available.

Tammy Backhaus, NDHSRA Secretary
12920 10th Ave SE
Bismarck, ND 58504

Online Rodeo Entries: All rodeo entries are completed online. Be sure to watch for an automatic confirmation. There is a printable schedule for each of the rodeo entries open and close dates.

Team Ropers: If you need a team roping partner, please contact the NDHSRA Secretary. A list will be posted on the Membership page of the website.

Fundraising Requirements: Fundraising is not optional. Exact details will be shared at the upcoming fall rodeos.

Communication: The **two primary sources of communication** and distribution of information are on the website and 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 using your **primary email address listed on the portal page**. Please let me know if you want to use more than one email address. **MY PREFERENCE** is for you to email me if you need something. Because I use my personal cell phone, your text messages get buried. My email is my to do list.

Home School Verification Form: All of those who are home schooled are required to complete the attached form and upload it to your portal page. You are also required to still do the Certificate of Eligibility which is to be signed by your Designee (which is usually your parent).

If you have any questions, feel free to send me an email or text me at 701-426-4578.

Stay in touch,

Tammy Backhaus
NDHSRA Secretary



Member Checklist

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

The first two documents will be found on the NHSRA website in your contestant's portal.

_____ **National HS Rodeo Membership Application**

Both parents/guardians **MUST** sign the bottom of this form along with the contestant. If a parent has sole custody or a parent is deceased that must be written on the appropriate line. You will pay your National Membership dues at this time.

_____ **National Minor's Release, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement**

Both parents/guardians **MUST** sign the bottom of this form along with the contestant. If a parent has sole custody or a parent is deceased that must be written on the appropriate line. **This form needs to be Notarized and the notary **MUST** list all the individuals that signed on the "appeared before me line" or Nationals will send it back to be redone.**

The required North Dakota State documents are attached below and must be uploaded to the NHSRA Portal:

North Dakota Membership Form Contains the Following:

_____ **Code of Conduct** - be sure to read the Code of Conduct posted on the website. Both parents and contestants must sign and date.

_____ **Online Rodeo Entries Parent Authorization**
Both parents must sign and date.

_____ **Medical Release**
Both parents must sign and date.

_____ **Members Hoodie Sweatshirt Size**
The size will be used for State Finals Qualifier sweatshirts in the spring, so plan size accordingly.

_____ **Draw Partner** (if applicable) completed.

_____ **Adopt-A-Rodeo** completed.

_____ **Certificate of Eligibility** signed by school officials. Because your school officials are off for the summer, you can upload this form the week prior to the Mandan HS Rodeo if needed. Home Schooled contestants need to complete this form as well.

_____ **Home School Verification Form:** Those who are home schooled are required to complete this document.

_____ **Final grade transcripts from 2024-2025 school year.** If you competed in the 2025 State HS Rodeo Finals and uploaded your grades to the Portal, you do not need to do this step.

_____ **NDHSRA Membership Dues** mailed to Tammy **three weeks prior** to competing in your **first fall high school rodeo**.

Mail to: Tammy Backhaus, 12920 10th Ave SE, Bismarck, ND 58504

_____ Write the open and close dates for all online rodeo entries on your calendar.



CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

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The NHSRA Qualifications:

- Students 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.)
- Students 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 grades/transcripts must be uploaded to the Portal.

If you have any questions please contact Tammy Backhaus, NDHSRA Secretary, at 701-426-4578.

The above requirements must be completed prior to competing in your first fall 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