



# Information Guide

## It is a MUST Read

Updated April 2025

**Website:** Our official website, [ndhsra.org](http://ndhsra.org), is where information and details regarding high school rodeo can be found. The Rodeo Schedule page is the most frequented. The week prior to the rodeo, the Committee provides an information sheet regarding that specific rodeo. Some rodeos do not follow the standard event order. It is your responsibility to read this information sheet as it provides what you will need to know about that rodeo. If committees are offering stalls, those forms will also be attached to this page a month or more prior to the rodeo. The Draw/Results and the Standings pages are updated after each rodeo.

**Rule Book:** The National Rule Book is posted on the website and the NDHSRA rodeo secretary has hard copies available at each rodeo.

**Rodeo Entry Deadline Fee:** A late fee of \$50.00 will be assessed for a contestant who misses the entry deadline (midnight online) but contacts the State Secretary by or before the 5:00 pm CST of the Monday draw-out deadline. There will be no late entries accepted, unless there is a secretary error. There is a one-time grace period for a missed deadline for new members in the fall or spring.

**Entering a Rodeo:** All rodeo entries are done through our online entry system. All entry fees are due and payable at each rodeo with either cash or checks.

**Paying Entry Fees:** Entry fees are to be paid directly to the rodeo committee prior to competing in your events. If fees are not paid before you compete, there will be a **\$50 fine per event**. No excuses will be accepted. If your parents pay your fees and you travel to the rodeos separately, please have a plan on how to manage 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 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.

**Team Roping – Draw Partner:** The Rule Book states “A team roping contestant with no partner may request a partner be supplied as a drawn partner from a volunteer list of entered team roping contestants. No points will be awarded to the draw partner. The Rule Book no longer mentions a limit to the number of times a Draw Partner can be used. This is in place if your team roping partner gets injured, is unable to attend a specific rodeo or if a contestant is still trying to find a full-time roping partner. If you need a partner drawn, you must enter team roping through the NDHSRA secretary. They will draw a partner from a pool of ropers, a hand-picked draw partner is not allowed. No partners will be drawn at the State Finals.

**Being selected as a draw a partner:** At the beginning of the season a list is developed of contestants who are willing to be drawn. Partners are drawn prior to the rodeo and will be posted by official draw sheets. If for some reason, you cannot rope a second time at that rodeo, be sure to notify the NDHSRA secretary right away so she can redraw. You are courtesy roping and helping a fellow

contestant. You are not required to pay the entry fees as a draw partner. If you do pay and end up in the top three, you will win the prize for that place. Points are not awarded for draw partners.

**Draw Outs** (Rodeo and Jackpot): Once you have entered a rodeo and learn you cannot make it, you have an opportunity to draw out without any penalties. The draw-out deadline is at 5:00 pm CST on the Monday before the rodeo. Please **e-mail** the NDHSRA Secretary and watch for an email response confirming your draw-out. If you do not receive a confirmation, please follow up. If you miss the draw out deadline, you will 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 pre-draw will be emailed to contestants on Monday evening after the draw-outs have closed to verify all of your entries are in order. It is your responsibility to **check the predraw Monday** and notify the NDHSRA secretary immediately if there are any discrepancies with your entries. The official draw will then be posted to the website on Wednesday prior to the rodeo. The stock draw will be posted one hour prior to each rodeo at the rodeo office.

**Jackpotting (JP):** This is optional for all contestants. The jackpot entry fee is \$10 per event and payable at each rodeo. Team roping partners need to agree regarding JP. Payout breakdown is determined by the number jackpotting in each event. Payout checks will be handed out at the end of the fall rodeos and again after the spring rodeos. Once a contestant has selected to jackpot their event, the only way a contestant can choose not to jackpot is before the draw out deadline.

**Contestant Meetings:** Rodeo contestant meetings are essential for keeping informed about rule changes at the national and local level, as well as many other updates regarding the association. The members are required to attend, and parents are encouraged. There are contestant meetings at Mandan, West Fargo, and New Salem. Contestants will be notified of the time and location for each of these meetings. You must attend in western attire.

**Turning Out of an Event (day of rodeo):** Please notify the NDHSRA Secretary if you are unable to compete as planned, after you have paid your entry fees. If you need to Turn Out of an event and do not notify the NDHSRA secretary, you will be fined \$10 per event. This must be paid prior to your next rodeo. Turning out of an event does not impact the points you earned in any of your other events.

**Points System:** Ten points will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place down to one point for 10<sup>th</sup> 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 and become team points. During the Finals, the points awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup> Go, 2<sup>nd</sup> Go, Average and Short Go are: 20 points for the 1<sup>st</sup> place team down to 2 points for the 10<sup>th</sup> place team. For All-Around purposes, each contestant is awarded the normal 10 points down to 1 point.

**Fundraising Requirements:** Fundraising is not optional. Each member is required to receive a certain amount of fundraising to be eligible to rodeo. Each year may vary but the requirement will be shared at a fall rodeo.

**Queen Contest:** This is open to any young lady who is a member of the NDHSRA and in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> grade. The competition is held each year during the State Finals. If you are interested, contact Codi Miller for further details at 701-440-8392 or at [codimiller@live.com](mailto:codimiller@live.com).

**Rifle and Trap Shoot Contest:** There will be qualifying shoots periodically throughout the year, with a final competition during the State Finals Rodeo. The details will be posted throughout the year on the website. Shooting contests will be entered online and have the same entry deadlines as rodeos. The top four-point earners qualify to compete at the National High School Rodeo Finals.

**Back Numbers:** You will get a new back number when you pay your entry fees at your first fall and spring rodeo. This must be worn at every rodeo.

**Adopt-A-Rodeo:** This program was created to help those rodeo committees who have stepped up to host a rodeo but need help the day of the rodeo. We ask members (parents included) who are not affiliated with a rodeo committee to help with a rodeo(s). It could be running a gate, setting up barrels or poles, picking up hats, etc. Please complete this section on the NDHSRA Membership Form.

**Grievance Policy:** Be sure to review the policy as stated in NHRSA Rule Book General Rules for Contestants, items 7 and 14 through 17. On a state level, the NDHSRA Board of Directors has determined the following people will be involved in a grievance meeting: The contestant, event director 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 will be recorded by 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 is 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 remain in 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 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.