

NDJHRD State Finals Ground Rules

1. The top 30 contestants in each event who have earned points and attended two regular season rodeos shall be eligible to enter the state finals rodeo. Entries to be taken at the last rodeo prior to the finals. More contestants may be eligible due to ties.
2. Competition order shall be drawn for the first go and reversed for the second go. The short go will run from the last position in standings down to first standings. Barrel racing and pole bending event order shall be a random draw.
3. 30 second timed events, except for Tie-Down Roping, which will have 60 second time limit for all go rounds including the short go and Team Roping which will have a 60 second time limit on the 1st and 2nd go's. Catch pen gate shall remain closed until time limit expires or contestant calls for time.
4. Because the State Finals has an average, in the 1st and 2nd 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 1 loop.
5. The top 12 contestants in the standings following two go rounds and the average are eligible for competition in the short go round. No more than 12 contestants shall compete in the short go (except for ties). The average points shall be determined after the first two go rounds.
6. A minimum of 2 judges per arena is required. A minimum of 2 experienced timers per arena shall be hired by the host committee.
7. Starting time for each performance to be determined by host site.
8. The order of events shall be determined by the host committee and approved by the NDJHRD Board of Directors.
9. Entry fees will not be charged for the short go.
10. Timed event stock contractor, including goat tying, is required to bring stock for at least 50% of the number of contestants competing in the state finals. Animals must be uniform in breed for Tie Down, Breakaway, and Team Roping. Refer to rule book for stock weights. Team Roping steers shall have horns properly wrapped.
11. Barrel racing, pole bending, and goat tying shall be staked so each contestant has a straight run from the center gate.
12. The number of rakes for barrels and poles will be determined by the ground conditions.
13. There will be no more than 5 runs on each goat in the 1st and 2nd go's. In the short go, only one run per goat will be allowed. Goats shall be uniform in breed and size.
14. 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 numbers at all times.

15. All National Finals entries will be completed following the awards ceremony. The National office requires that both custodial parents be present to sign and notarize all documents.

16. No alcohol shall be evident on the arena grounds.

17. NDJHRD licensed logo only to be on all merchandise sold by North Dakota Junior High Rodeo division. Host committee may sell merchandise that does not contain the official NHSRA or NDJHRD logos. Fundraisers to be sold or approved by NDJHRD board only – Such as raffle, 50/50, etc.

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