

Scoring

Regional Qualifying Rodeos: 30 Points possible

Huron and Watertown – East Region
Buffalo and Dupree – Northwest Region
Highmore and Ft. Pierre –River Region
Wall and Sturgis – Southwest Region

Contestants must rodeo in their designated regions, unless approved by a Regional Director from each affected region. Each day is one complete go-round and counts as a 55-point rodeo. The points are distributed as follows:

1st = 10 points **2nd = 9 points** **3rd = 8 points** **through 10th = 1 point**

The All-Around at a Regional Rodeo is to be figured on the 10-point system.

Contestants can compete at their two Regional Rodeos, giving them four rodeos to gather points from. The lowest-point rodeo is thrown out, the three best rodeos in each event count towards the State. Therefore, 30 points is the maximum in each event that can be carried into the State Finals. Contestants with three points in an event qualify for the State Finals. **(change 9-08)**

State Finals: 60 possible points

The State Finals consists of two Go-Rounds and a Final Round.

- First two go-rounds – 120 possible points per go-round; i.e. – first = 15 points, second = 14 points, etc.
- Final go-round – 55 possible points – first = 10 points, etc.
- Average on three rounds - 110 possible points - first = 20 pts, 2nd = 18 pts, 3rd = 16 pts, down 10 places to 2 points **(change 10-12)**

Only Contestants competing in the Final Round will be eligible for average points **(change 10-12)**

Therefore, each contestant in each event can accumulate up to 60 points in an event. All qualifiers compete in the first two go-rounds. Fifteen contestants advance to the Final Round. The Final Round finalists will be the 15 highest cumulative point's earners of the year after the second Go at State Finals. **(change 9-08)** Contestants must score/ride on at least one head of stock at State Finals to earn State Finals average points. **(change 11-08)**

Cattle Cutting and Reined Cow Horse: The number of cutters/competitors advancing to the Short Go in each event of the boys and girls events for Cutting and total competitors for Reined Cow Horse, will not be more than two-thirds of the total Cutting or Reined Cow Horse contestants competing at State. If two-thirds results in a fraction, the next contestant is moved up to compete in the Final Round. Cattle Cutters and Reined Cow Horse contestants will compete in drawn order.

Year End Awards and National Team: Year-end point earners in each event will qualify for the National Finals Team. Awards given at the State Finals will be given on the High Point Year End totals. Go-rounds placings, 1-4, shall receive Go-round awards. All around winners, reserve all around winners and rookies of the year will be awarded on the Year-end point totals.

Queen Contestants: Queen placing first at the State Finals is the only qualifier for the National Finals Team.

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