

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

**AN AMERICAN SPORT FOR AMERICAN YOUTH, DEVOTED TO GOOD HORSEMANSHIP,
SPORTSMANSHIP, AND SCHOLARSHIP**

The South Dakota High School Rodeo Association is incorporated as a nonprofit organization under the incorporate laws of the State of South Dakota. The purpose for which is to promote High School Rodeo at the highest level on a state and national scale: Adult membership is open to anyone not competing in SDHSRA over 18 years of age for a membership fee of \$10.00 per year. The Association Board of Directors are: Lance Lesmeister, Eagle Butte (Pres.); Rex Lamphere, Belle Fourche (Vice Pres.); Bobby Harris, Highmore; Ken Lensegrav, Interior; Todd Bach, Florence; Paul Sundermann, Baltic; Barry Knippling, Chamberlain; JD Mutchler, Newell; Dan Curr, Scenic; Deb McPherson, Piedmont; Faye Pelster, Belle Fourche(Host); Clay Birkeland, Belle Fourche(Host); Vern Ward, Belle Fourche(Host); Dale Christensen, Kadoka (Natl. Dir.); Digger Rutten, Colome (Public Relations Director); Kellie Yackley, Onida (Queen Coordinator);and Ann Sundermann, Baltic (Executive Secretary).

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be in good standing; not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school. Students must be under 20 at the first of the High School Rodeo year August 1, 2016, and are or have been enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade the year preceding the high school rodeos the contestant is entering. The student must be passing 70% of classes taking to be eligible to compete (minimum requirements) even if they have graduated in the middle of the year or have attended school half days. Each contestant must obtain a NHSRA card from the state secretary before a regional entry blank can be submitted. **In the team roping; you must enter with a partner or you will not rope. There will be no pairing of teams in the team roping.** The State Secretary is **Ann Sundermann PO Box 303 Baltic, SD 57003.**

A contestant will qualify to compete in an event at the SD Championship High School Rodeo Finals held in Belle Fourche, SD on June 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17, 2017 by earning a minimum of three points in that event at a regional rodeo. Contestant must qualify in each individual event in order to compete in that event at the State Finals-Events cannot be picked up or traded. Points will be earned on a basis of ten points for 1st to one point for 1st in a go-round. A contestant will bring points from their *three* best Regional Rodeo go-rounds to the State Finals. Points earned at the Regional Rodeos plus points earned at the State Championship High School Finals will determine national qualifiers. Only Queen contestants placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at a regional rodeo may enter the SD Championship High School Rodeo Queen Contest. **Contestants who enter a Regional Rodeo are expected to participate in the event or events they entered at that rodeo.** Awards given at the SD Championship High School Rodeo Finals will be given based on high point totals.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place year-end point earners at the completion of the SDHS Rodeo season will be eligible to enter the NHSR Finals in Gillette, Wyoming July 16 - 22, 2017. Only the winning Queen will go to the Nationals. Should any of the first four points winners choose not to compete at the National Finals for any reason, 5th - 8th place point winners will be allowed to roll up for national competition, beginning with the 5th place point earner in that event.

All Regional Rodeos may be jackpotted on an optional basis in each event, this option will be decided by the Regional Rodeo host committee. A contestant may jackpot any or all events he or she enters or may elect to jackpot none of the events he or she enters. This decision must be made at the time of the original entry.

Any contestant that has been injured and has received medical care at a hospital or urgent care facility must have a doctor's release before the contestant is allowed to resume competition. If a contestant has presented a doctor's release to draw out, he/she must present another doctor's release to resume competition. (NHSRA rule page 30). There are to be no trade outs or refunds once a contestant has entered a Regional Rodeo. In order to give more equal distribution of contestants at the regional rodeos it is necessary for the Board of Directors to designate rodeos contestants will enter. The Secretary, as directed by the Directors, must approve any division from these boundaries. In the event there still is unequal distribution of contestants, the Board of Directors will review the entries and make further distribution.

NORTHWEST REGION

All contestants attending High School in Belle Fourche, Newell, Spearfish, Buffalo, Lemmon, Bison, Dupree, Faith, Isabel, Takini, McIntosh, Eagle Butte will enter either or both the Buffalo Rodeo June 2, 3, 4, 2017 and the Dupree Rodeo June 9, 10, 11, 2017. NW Region Director's are: Rex Lamphere, 19137 Apple Tree Ln, Belle Fourche, SD 57717 (605-892-2950) – Lance Lesmeister PO Box 643 Eagle Butte, SD 57625 (605-964-7676)

SOUTHWEST REGION

All contestants attending High School at Sturgis, Red Cloud, Rapid City, Douglas, Custer, Hot Springs, Oelrichs, Edgemont, Pine Ridge, Lead, Hill City, Wall, Little Wound, Crazy Horse, New Underwood, Bennett County, will enter either or both the Wall Rodeo June 2, 3, 4, 2017 and the Sturgis Rodeo 9, 10, 11, 2017. SW Region Director's are: Dan Curr, PO Box 36, Scenic SD 57780 (605-433-5483) – Deb McPherson 14355 Elk Creek Rd, Piedmont, SD 57769 (605-484-3813)

RIVER REGION

All contestants attending High School at Kadoka, Midland, Philip, White River, Jones Co., Lyman Co., Winner, Gregory/Burke, Mission, St. Francis, Colome, Lower Brule, Highmore, Stanley County, Pierre, Sully Buttes, Gettysburg, Tiospaye Topa, Timber Lake, Mobridge, Trail City, Faulkton will enter either or both the Highmore Rodeo June 2, 3, 4, 2017 and the Ft. Pierre Rodeo June 9, 10, 11, 2017. River Region Director's are: Bobby Harris, PO Box 212, Highmore, SD 57345 (605-870-0228) – Ken Lensegrav, 20340 BIA2, Interior, SD 57750 (605-455-2830).

EAST REGION

All contestants attending High School at Frederick, Leola, Britton/Hecla, Langford, Sisseton, Groton, Webster, Miller, Chamberlain, Wessington Springs, Kimball, White Lake, Platte/Geddes, Bonesteel/Fairfax, or any school East of Hwy 281 will enter either or both the Huron Rodeo June 2, 3, 4, 2017 and the Watertown Rodeo June 9, 10, 11, 2017. East Region Director's are: Todd Bach, 44379 165th St. Florence, SD 57235 (605-881-0356) - Paul Sundermann, 47045 249th St. Baltic, SD 57003 (605-941-7331)

EAST AND WEST DIRECTOR'S AT LARGE

The East Director at Large, representing the East and River Region is Barry Knippling 34297 223rd Street, Chamberlain, SD 57325 (605-730-0506). The West Director at Large, representing the NW and SW Region is JD Mutchler, 18625 Dillinger Rd, Newell, SD 57760 (605-490-0343) **NATIONAL DIRECTOR** is Dale Christensen PO Box 497, Kadoka, SD 57543 (605-488-0410)

APPROVED PRACTICE HIGH SCHOOL RODEOS

An approved high school sanctioned practice rodeo is not a qualifying or eliminating rodeo. A contestant may enter as many as he or she wishes in addition to the regional rodeos. All contestants must have a 2016-2017 NHSRA card. A separate entry is required for each practice rodeo.

INSURANCE AND FEES

The contestant accident insurance is on a national scale. All high school contestants who rodeo under the NHSRA must be covered by NHSRA insurance. Of the \$147.00 membership fee; \$74.00 is for contestant accident insurance premium, \$33.00 for NHSRA membership, \$15.00 for the NHSRA Times subscription, \$2.00 for the Western Horseman subscription, 23.00 will go to the SDHSRA to be used for operating expenses.

Fine or bookkeeping fee for a missed membership deadline.

Membership postmarked November 2nd to January 1 - \$125.00 in addition to the \$147.00 = \$272.00

Membership postmarked January 2nd to February 15th - \$250.00 in addition to the \$147.00 = \$397.00

QUEEN CONTEST

Only 9th, 10th, and 11th grade contestants are eligible to compete in the queen contest at the qualifying rodeos. Queen contestants must include with the entry one 4x6 bust photo for use in the program only. Dress for this photo will be western attire, hat accessories of contestant's choice. A short resume must accompany the entry blank. If reigning queen is competing, she will not make appearances the other queen contestants are not asked to do.

LOGO PROTECTED

Any Member, State, Competing Region, Parent, Sponsor, or other wishing to use the SDHSRA logos must receive written permission from the SDHSRA Executive Secretary before use is allowed. This covers the service marks, trademarks, or logos which the SDHSRA is the exclusive owner and has exclusive rights to the use of, either by open and notorious usage or by the registration with the proper offices.

ATTENTION:

ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE BRING A CURRENT REPORT CARD TO THE REGIONAL RODEOS. THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IF THEIR REPORT CARD IS NOT FURNISHED AND WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM COMPETITION.

CALENDAR FUND RAISING PROJECT

All contestants are required to sell **SIX** calendars by **March 1, 2017**. You must have the money and the stubs sent to Donna Curr **March 1, 2017**(postmarked). All members who have not sold the 6 calendars by **March 1st** and have not returned any unsold calendars by **March 1st** will be placed on an inactive list and will not be allowed to participate in any practice, regional, or State Finals Rodeo in South Dakota for the current year.

If you have any questions concerning the rules, please contact Ann Sundermann PO Box 303 Baltic, SD 57003 (605 529-5868). If you have any questions regarding the calendar project, contact Donna Curr, PO Box 36, Scenic, SD 57780 (605 433-5483).