

SDHSRA Scoring Policy, State Finals Schedule, Ground Rules, and Refund Policy Amendment Proposals 2026

SDHSRA Scoring Policy Proposal 1:

Amend SDHSRA Scoring Policy for Final Round finalists to include the top 5 from the average of the first two go rounds of the State Finals and the top 10 highest cumulative point earners. If any of the top 5 contestants in the average after the first to go rounds at State Finals are also in the top 10 highest cumulative point earners after the second go round at State Finals, then top point earners will be rolled up to make 15 contestants in the Final Round. *See attached Scoring Policy document.*

Justification: Arriving to the State Finals, performing under pressure, and pulling together two runs to sit in the top 5 in the average after two rounds is a significant accomplishment for our contestants and should be rewarded with the opportunity to compete in the Final Round of State Finals.

SDHSRA Scoring Policy Proposal 2:

Amend SDHSRA Scoring Policy to include an award for the State Finals average winner. *See attached Scoring Policy document.*

Justification: Winning the average at the State Finals is an honor that should be adequately recognized with an award.

SDHSRA State Finals Schedule Change Proposal:

Modify the schedule for the Saturday Short Go of State Finals to earlier in the day.

Justification: The Short Go of the State Finals is the least attended round of the finals. Families have been at the finals for 3-5 days and unless they have contestants competing in the short go, many opt to depart in the morning rather than waiting until 4pm to watch the short go. Adjusting the short go start time to earlier in the day would make it easier for families without short round competitors to stay to watch the short round.

FINAL ROUND SATURDAY SCHEDULE EXAMPLE:

9:00 am Awards Ceremony for Calendar, Scholarships, New Student Officers, Memorials

10:00 am Short Go Qualifier Picture

11:00 am Championship Performance

Refund Policy Proposal:

Amend SDHSRA Refund Policy to change “an MD or PA” to “a licensed health care provider”.

Justification: There are many licensed healthcare providers that are authorized to diagnose and treat disease, illness, and injury and limiting the refund policy MDs and PAs would prohibit the policy from being applied to refund applications that are submitted with letters from Nurse Practitioners, Podiatrists, DOs, Dentists, etc.

Ground Rule Proposal:

Amend rule 22 of SDHSRA Ground Rules to state that directors will ensure adequate stock preparation prior to rodeo, not that stock preparation “may be” required.

Justification: This modification to the ground rules will help ensure that Directors are communicating with stock contractors to verify that stock utilized at rodeos has been adequately prepared for the rodeo.

SDHSRA GROUND RULES for ALL PRACTICE, REGIONAL & STATE RODEOS

~~22. Stock preparation may be required prior to the rodeo, upon SDHSRA Director's Discretion. Adopted 5/11/2013.~~ SDHSRA Directors will ensure adequate stock preparation prior to the rodeo.