



SDHSRA GROUND RULES for ALL PRACTICE, REGIONAL & STATE RODEOS



1. Barriers are **mandatory** at all rodeos.
2. Numbers are **mandatory** at all rodeos. State secretary will obtain back numbers from National Office.
3. A standard entry form for practice rodeos will be provided.
4. Final report cards are mandatory for your first competing Regional Rodeos, report cards will be kept.
Edit 1/31/2009
5. Rakes will be marked on the judges' sheets.
6. Left and right goats will be marked on the judge's sheets, if a center goat is not run. *Edit 9/25/2021*
7. Full Western Attire must be worn from one hour before performance until after the rodeo or after awards if the contestant has won any awards.
8. Each rodeo using the electric eye belonging to the SDHSRA is financially responsible for that eye.
9. At practice rodeos the stock **may be** chute run and not drawn.
10. A secretary school may be held. *Edit 1/31/2009*
11. Contestant may draw the same livestock or position over the weekend of the regional rodeo. (Because each performance is a separate rodeo). *Edit 9/24/2016*
12. There will be no late entries accepted. All entries must be postmarked by the date of entry closing or they will be returned with a "return receipt requested".
13. You must enter the team roping with a partner. There will be no entries accepted without a header and heeler listed.
14. No assistance by anyone after the contestant calls for cattle in TD, SW, BK, TR. Failure to abide to this rule will result in a No Time.
15. If, through no fault of their own, a contestant ends up without a team roping partner, the contestant may select a partner from the contestants entered in the rodeo, provided the proper signatures can be obtained. The contestant's parent will have to sign before a notary before they can compete. *Adopted 1/27/2007*
16. There will be no rolling stock up or changing the order of events to accommodate a contestant who needs to "leave". Contestant must rodeo in their original position drawn.

17. At all regional rodeos, each day's position will be drawn for order. *Edit 9/24/2016*
18. 10 points will be given to the 1st place contestant regardless of the number of contestants in the event.
Adopted 9/29/2010, Edit 9/24/2016
19. A SDHSRA State Finals Ground Rule will be that the long go's will be run with 1 loop in tie down roping, 1 jump in steer wrestling. The short go will have 2 loops in tie down roping, 2 jumps in steer wrestling.
Edit 1/28/2023
20. The SDHSRA Directors have the option of running the "extras" after each performance at State Finals to even out the draw. *Adopted 6/16/2009*
21. A Non-Notified Turn out or No Show cannot compete the day of the non-notified turn out. He/she can compete the next day and any points earned will count. (Adopted 9/24/2011) A Notified Turn Out – example (vet, medical, flat tire, another reason...) is eligible to compete in the other events if they have notified you before the end of registration for that rodeo that day. They are eligible to carry all of their points to state and compete there, if they qualify. *If a family member registers a sibling and the sibling does not compete, it is considered a Non-Notified Turn Out. *Adopted 9/26/2009*
22. Stock preparation may be required prior to the rodeo, upon SDHSRA Director's Discretion. *Adopted 5/11/2013*
23. The Director(s) representing each Region in the state of South Dakota shall be able to pause or change the order of an arena, should they feel it is in the best interest of the Contestants. Every effort shall be made to work with the rodeo committee members in doing so, if possible. The final decision shall be left up to the Director(s) representing the Region in which rodeo is held. *Adopted 9/26/2015*
24. Drones are banned at all SDHSRA sanctioned events. *Adopted 1/30/2016*
25. No dairy influence calves will be allowed in the Breakaway and Tie Down events at the Regional Qualifying and State Finals Rodeos. *Adopted 9/24/2016*
26. The entire draw may be posted for all stock prior to the performance. *Adopted 2/1/2020*
27. Pursuant to NHSRA Rule p. 37, 7(2), the SDHSRA Board of Directors has the authority to have the family member/guardian/parent/contestant removed from the grounds and/or disqualify the contestant from the rodeo and future rodeos. *Adopted 2/8/2022, 2/1/2024*
28. In Breakaway Roping, eligible catch will be a bell collar catch only. Only one loop may be used at all SDHSRA Rodeos. *Adopted 1/28/2023*
29. In the Team Roping, 2 loops at all SDHSRA rodeos and during the long go's at State Finals. The State Finals Short go round will run 3 loops. *Adopted 9/27/25*

THESE GROUND RULES ARE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH CURRENT NHSRA GROUND RULES ADOPTED BY
SDHSRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 10/01/2025