



On behalf of the board of directors', I would like to welcome you as a returning member or as a new member to the North Dakota Junior High Rodeo Division! North Dakota became a member of the Jr. High Rodeo Division of the National High School Rodeo Association in December of 2004. The Jr. High Rodeo Division is based on the same high standards of sportsmanship, conduct and academic excellence while developing a pool of future rodeo contestants. It also gives young cowboys and cowgirls the opportunity to compete at a national finals rodeo, while developing their skills at the **fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade level.**

For the most up-to-date information, please go to the North Dakota Junior High Rodeo website: www.ndjhrd.com . Also, I want to remind everyone that I need a current email address in order for you to receive up to date information and reminders! It is the responsibility of the contestant and their parents to be sure the online membership information is always up to date of any changes in address/email/phone numbers. **All NDJHRD correspondence is done through email or the website!**

MEMBERSHIP: Membership in the North Dakota Jr High Rodeo Division is completed online. Go to the ndjhrd.com website and click on the membership portal link. All paperwork (state and national) must be completed and uploaded in the membership portal before a contestant is allowed to enter a rodeo.

Membership Fees: National Membership fee will be paid online (\$95.00 plus fees). The state membership fee which is \$40.00 will be paid at the first rodeo of the season; made out to NDJHRD. **State Membership check will be collected at the first fall rodeo of the season for \$40.00.** Dues must be paid at that time to compete in the first rodeo.

2024 SPRING Rodeo Schedule Dates are posted on the website!

Events:

- Boys:** Junior Bull Riding: ND contestants ride bulls
Tie Down Roping (cannot participate in both, must choose either TD or Breakaway)
Breakaway Roping (cannot participate in both, must choose either TD or Breakaway)
Chute Dogging
Goat Tying (Must use a pigging string)
Ribbon Roping (Team MUST consist of a boy and girl who can either run or rope)
Team Roping
Steer Riding- Saddle Bronc (committee may choose to buck ponies that meet standards)
Steer Riding- Bare Back (committee may choose to buck ponies that meet standards)
- State Finals will buck steers as the National Finals buck steers
- Girls:** Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Breakaway Roping
Goat Tying
Ribbon Roping (Team MUST consist of a boy and girl can either rope or run)
Team Roping

Rules and by-laws for the ND High School and Jr. High Division are included in the NHSRA rule books. Rulebooks will be available this fall; new rulebooks are being published! A copy may also be found on the NHSRA.com website and at ndjhrd.com. It is the responsibility of each parent/contestant to keep up-to-date on all the rules. The ground rules for the NDJHRD are posted online.

The Jr. High Division uses the same point system as the NHSRA (ten points for first place and one point for tenth place.) The top four contestants in each event, from each state, will qualify for the National Junior High Rodeo Finals held each June.

Entries:

The NDJHRD entries for rodeos are completed online at the ndjhrd.com website. Entry fees and jackpot are posted on the website under the heading “rodeo info”. We will continue the jackpotting with the \$10.00 fee for all events. Please remember if you are jackpotting in a team event, your partner also needs to jackpot—be sure to communicate. Jackpotting fees are not refundable! W-9 must be completed for each contestant prior to being allowed to jackpot. W-9 must be uploaded or no jackpot.

Team Roping or Ribbon Roping: If you are needing a team roping or ribbon roping partner, please contact Cori as soon as possible so she can help get the word out for you. A list will be posted on the Classified page on the website. **YOU MAY NOT ENTER ONLINE IF YOU NEED TO DRAW A PARTNER!**

Entry Fees are to be paid at the rodeo to the host committee. **Checks are made out to the host rodeo committee.**

The North Dakota High School Association and Junior High Rodeo Division have a rule that states: “Any previous member or family with outstanding fines or fees must have them paid before they will be allowed to become a North Dakota High School or Junior High Rodeo member. NSF checks will result in the member paying fees in cash at the rodeos for the remainder of their membership”.

Draw Outs:

(Rodeo and Jackpot): Once you’ve entered a rodeo and learn you can’t make it, you have an opportunity to draw out without any penalties. The draw out deadline is by **5 pm CT the Monday before the rodeo**. Phone calls are accepted but prefer an e-mail (ndjhrd@gmail.com) so both parties have documentation of your draw out. Once this deadline has passed, you’ll be responsible to pay your entry fees from the missed rodeo before you can compete in the next. The only exception to this deadline is if you have a doctor or a vet release.

Rodeo Draw:

The draw will be posted on the website by 10:00 p.m. the Tuesday prior the rodeo date. It’s your responsibility to check the draw and notify the NDJHRD rodeo secretary immediately of any discrepancies with your entries.

Order of Events:

The standard order of events will be followed at all NDJHRD rodeos’ **unless** two arenas are used or rodeo committee receives permission for a different order of events. If this is the case, it will be noted on the Jr. High web site. **You are responsible to be aware of all changes/updated information for each rodeo. Be sure to check the NDJHRD website for rodeo information and other details.**

Back Numbers:

Back numbers will be issued to each contestant at the first rodeo. You are required to wear this number at ALL Jr. High Rodeos for the season. It is permissible for the contestant to laminate his/her number. Back numbers are also issued at the beginning of the spring season. A State Finals back number will be issued to contestants when they check in at the State finals.

Fundraising:

The Board tries to keep the costs of membership and event fees as low as possible, but in order to provide prizes, sponsor national team, and conduct the business of the organization; we do need everyone to participate in the fundraising. The NDJHRD participates in two fundraising activities each fall during the rodeo season; selling of the ND Rodeo Calendar/Raffle in conjunction with the NDHSRA and a local raffle sponsored by Dakota Community Bank. Fundraising requirements will be explained at the first rodeo of the fall season!

Sponsors/Donations:

There are a number of ways to help out and any assistance is greatly appreciated. If you, or someone you know, is interested in possibly becoming a sponsor, please contact our sponsorship team. We would be happy to meet with the individual or business to assist them in supporting the NDJHRD. Check out the NDJHRD website for sponsorship information. Donations of any amount are always welcome.

Other Areas of Interest:

Rifle Competition:

Any 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade boy or girl may compete in the Jr. High Rodeo Division rifle shoot and does not have to be a competitor in the standard rodeo events. They MUST, however, be a member of the ND Jr. High Rodeo Division (including the NHSRA), participate in the fundraiser, and follow all rules that apply. The shooting director tries to schedule fall shoot and spring shoot prior to the State Finals.

Queen Contest:

Any 5th, 6th or 7th grade girl may compete in the Jr. High Rodeo Division queen contest and does not have to be a competitor in the standard rodeo events. She MUST, however, be a member of the ND Jr. High Rodeo Division (including the NHSRA), participate in the fundraiser, and follow all rules that apply. This competition is held during the NDJHRD or NDHSRA State Finals.

Thank you for your interest in the ND Junior High Rodeo Division. I hope I have answered many of your questions; if you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me

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