



2023-2024 Season

On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to welcome you as a returning member or as a new member into the NHSRA and the North Dakota High School Rodeo Association!! This document contains **multiple forms** to be completed along with a wealth of information you need to know as we proceed into the Fall High School Rodeo season. Please take time to read the fall information guide and ground rules also found on the membership page.

**Membership Information and Forms:** The National Membership Application and Minors Waiver will be completed online by logging into the National Membership Portal. Visit the Membership page on the website where you will find a link for detailed instructions on how to log into the National Membership Portal along with a link to their site.

**Membership Fee:** You will be paying your National Membership Dues of **\$148.38** online through the portal page. This amount includes \$139 dues and \$9.38 for processing fees and covers a monthly subscription to the NHSRA Times and Western Horseman magazines along with supplemental HSR Insurance coverage for you while competing in this year's HS Rodeo season. You will need to send a separate check to the State Secretary for **\$51 to cover your ND Membership Dues**. Fees along with your ND Contact Information form must be sent to the association secretary three weeks prior to your first rodeo of the season.

**Online Rodeo Entries:** Specific procedures on how to enter our upcoming rodeos are attached to the Enter Rodeo's page (under the Rodeo Info tab) on the website. There is also a printable schedule of when each of the rodeo entries open and close.

**Team Ropers:** If you need a team roping partner, please contact Tammy. A list will be posted on the Membership page on the website.

**Fundraising Requirements:** Exact details will be shared at the upcoming fall rodeos.

**Communication:** The **two primary sources of communication** and distribution of information is on the website and via email. To make sure my emails don't end up in your junk or spam folders, I'd recommend adding my email address into your contact list [ndhsra@outlook.com](mailto:ndhsra@outlook.com). I will be saving your email addresses from the portal page. Be sure to include as many different emails as possible within your portal page if several family members want to receive this information.

**Home School Verification Form:** All of those who are home schooled are required to complete the form, within this document, and upload it to your portal page.

**Adopt-A-Rodeo:** We continue to need your help with this program. It was created to help those rodeo committees who host a rodeo but need help on the day of the rodeo. We're asking those of you (**parents and contestants**) who are not associated with a specific rodeo to assist for a couple hours at one of our upcoming rodeos. It could be running a gate, setting up barrels or poles, picking up hats, chasing calves out of the arena. We all need to do our part to help these committees. **On the ND Contact form - please check the rodeos you can help at.**

If you have any questions, feel free to send me an email or text me at 701-426-4578.

Tammy Backhaus  
NDHSRA Secretary



## Member Checklist

All your forms **MUST** be completed and uploaded to your NHSRA portal **three weeks prior** to competing in your first fall rodeo. Complete the following very carefully.

The first two documents will be found on the NHSRA website in your contestant's portal)

\_\_\_\_\_ **National HS Rodeo Membership Application**

Both parents/guardians **MUST** sign the bottom of this form along with the contestant. If a parent has sole custody or a parent is deceased that must be written on the appropriate line. You will pay your National Membership dues at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_ **National Minor's Release, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement**

Both parents/guardians **MUST** sign the bottom of this form along with the contestant. If a parent has sole custody or a parent is deceased that must be written on the appropriate line. **This form needs to be Notarized.** It is very important that the notary lists all the individuals that signed on the "appeared before me line" or Nationals will send it back to be redone.

These required North Dakota State documents are attached below.

\_\_\_\_\_ **North Dakota Waiver of Liability**

Both parents/guardians and the contestant **MUST** sign the form in 2 places.  
**This form needs to be Notarized.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Certificate of Eligibility** signed by school officials.

Because your school officials are off for the summer, you can upload this form the week prior to the Mandan HS Rodeo if needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Home School Verification Form** Those who are home schooled are required to complete this document.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Final grade transcripts from 2022-2023 school year**

IF you competed in the 2023 State HS Rodeo Finals, you do not need to do this step as you turned them in prior to competing at State.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Code of Conduct** Read, sign and upload.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Online Entry Authorization** Read, sign and upload.

\_\_\_\_\_ Write the open and close dates for all online rodeo entries on your calendar.

The two items below are to be mailed to Tammy **three weeks prior** to competing in your **first fall high school rodeo**. Mail to: Tammy Backhaus, 12920 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Bismarck, ND 58504

\_\_\_\_\_ North Dakota Contact Information form. The completed form must be received by Tammy three weeks prior to your first fall rodeo.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$51 North Dakota Membership Fee made payable to NDHSRA.



**WAIVER OF LIABILITY**  
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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, PARENTS (SURVIVING PARENT OR GUARDIAN) OF

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PRINT** Name of Contestant

a minor, do hereby release and discharge the NORTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION and the NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION from any and all claims, demands, damages, suits actions or causes of action which we (I) may, can or shall have by reason of any illness, injury, or accident incurred or suffered by said son or daughter while participating in the North Dakota High School Rodeo Association, all qualifying rodeos, State Finals and National High School Finals.

This release is complete and full, and is not conditioned upon any act, word or deed by either the undersigned or the sponsoring bodies and individuals of said rodeo.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parents or Guardians Signatures

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address, City, State, Zip

**PERMISSION TO RELEASE INFORMATION:**

The North Dakota High School Rodeo Association is committed to ensuring the privacy and accuracy of your confidential information. However, on several occasions Universities, Colleges, Scholarship Foundations, Sponsors, and other persons may request personal information about its student members. With your permission, we will release contact information provided on this application about you to other interested parties. **The NDHSRA will not disclose your confidential personal information without your specific consent.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name of applicant), \_\_\_\_\_ **do**; \_\_\_\_\_ **do not** (check one) hereby authorize the NDHSRA to disclose the information provided on this application to interested parties, whether the said information is public, private or confidential in nature.

I have read and fully understand the contents of the "Permission to Release Information."

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If applicant is under the age of 18, the Applicant's parent or legal guardian must also agree to the "Permission to Release Information." I \_\_\_\_\_ **do**; \_\_\_\_\_ **do not** (check one) authorize the NDHSRA to disclose the information provided.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, known to me (or proved to me on oath of \_\_\_\_\_) to be the person who is described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that that person (or they) executed the same.

(seal) \_\_\_\_\_



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Contact Information

All members must complete this form in full.

Please Print Legibly

Contestant Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade you are in \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Contestant Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Natural Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Natural Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Are your parents divorced? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email is my main source of communicating with you. Please **provide** an **email address that is checked on a regular basis**: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Ropers:** Are you willing to be drawn to rope with someone who needs a partner? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Are you a Header \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Heeler \_\_\_\_\_

**Adopt-A-Rodeo:** To help the rodeo committee's plan, please check the rodeo(s) you can work at:

Fall:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mandan (Saturday)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mandan (Sunday)

\_\_\_\_\_ Watford City

\_\_\_\_\_ Velva

\_\_\_\_\_ Valley City (Saturday)

\_\_\_\_\_ Valley City (Sunday)

Spring:

\_\_\_\_\_ West Fargo (Saturday)

\_\_\_\_\_ West Fargo (Sunday)

\_\_\_\_\_ Williston

\_\_\_\_\_ Killdeer

\_\_\_\_\_ Dickinson

\_\_\_\_\_ Bismarck

\_\_\_\_\_ New Salem

**Mail this completed form and \$51 ND membership money to:**

Tammy Backhaus, NDHSRA  
12920 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Bismarck, ND 58504



## **CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY**

**2023 Fall Season**

### **The NHSRA Qualifications:**

- Student must be in good standing; not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school.
- Student must be under 20 years of age at the first of the National High School Rodeo year (August 1<sup>st</sup>) and are or have been enrolled in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade the year just preceding the National Rodeo the contestant is entering.
- Must have **passing grades in at least 70% of the classes taken**. (For example: If you are taking 10 classes in a quarter/semester, you have to be passing 7 of them.)
- Student must also be eligible with their school concerning any tobacco, alcohol, etc., violations are the right of your school to enforce.

**Students Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade currently enrolled in:** \_\_\_\_\_

**“I certify that this student meets National High School Rodeo Association’s  
GRADE and CONDUCT qualifications.  
(Current grade and conduct requirements only.)”**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(School Official)

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Supt., Principal or Designee)

**Name of School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The students’ current transcripts must also be attached.  
Grades can be taken off of Power School.**

If you have any questions please contact Tammy Backhaus, Association Secretary at 701-426-4578.

**The above requirements must be completed prior to competing in your first Fall Rodeo.**



# Code of Conduct

**Any contestant or member will be disqualified from the rodeo, NHSRA Event or other function for any of the following offenses. If they are disqualified for any of these offenses, they will be disqualified from all events or other participation in the rodeo, NHSRA event or other function.**

- (1) Having any association with alcoholic beverages, narcotic, tobacco products or other non-medicinal drugs while in attendance at any approved High School or Junior High Rodeo or sanctioned activity, whether at a motel or on rodeo grounds or going to or from the rodeo or at any NHSRA function. The member will be suspended from further rodeo activity for 6 weeks. If they are disqualified for any of these offenses, they will be disqualified from all events or other participation in the rodeo, NHSRA event or other function.
- (2) Rowdyism, quarreling or fighting in the actual domain of the arena at any time, or any place during the duration of the Rodeo.
- (3) Conduct or speech of any kind detrimental to the best interests of the NHSRA, NDHSRA or the sport of rodeo while in attendance, or coming to and going home from a rodeo.
- (4) Motel or property damage by contestants or their associates; damage must be reported to our Board President and/or National Director. If damage is not reported, contestant will be banned from the High School Rodeo Association permanently and reported to law authorities for prosecution.
- (5) Contestants will be disqualified for vandalism at any place or any time.
- (6) Cheating or attempting to cheat.
- (7) Any contestants or parents attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, harass or coerce any rodeo official at any time.
- (8) Missing any mandatory meeting, safety seminar or equipment check.

I have read the above Code of Conduct and understand that I am held to these standards:

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be signed and uploaded to your NHSRA Membership Portal before you can compete in your first Fall HS Rodeo.



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### Online Rodeo Entries Parent Authorization

As a part of the Online Rodeo Entries program, we require each parent to complete this form for each of your contestants competing in ND High School Rodeo's. By signing this form, you are authorizing your child to compete in any and all 2023-2024 NDHSRA Rodeo's.

**PRINT Contestant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

We, the parents or guardians of the above-named contestant, give the Hospital represented at each 2023-2024 ND High School Rodeo and their Physicians and Medical Staff permission to administer NECESSARY EMERGENCY treatment for injuries my child may incur while participating in that weekends High School Rodeo. We understand that each contestant must be and is covered by medical insurance. (Note: NHSRA member insurance is supplemental to family coverage.) We also understand that we are responsible for the cost of emergency transportation from said rodeo facilities should the need arise. We hereby release the Hospital, Physicians, Medical Staff, the NDHSRA and their Rodeo Sponsors from all liability, except for negligence.

**Both Parents/Guardians must sign this form regardless of the contestant's age:**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**This signed form must be attached to your child's National Membership Portal before they can compete in their first 2023-2024 ND High School Rodeo.**

## Home School Verification Form

### Contestant Qualifications, pg 24, Rule #1

In accordance with the NHSRA rulebook pertaining to contestant qualifications, students who attend a homeschool, private school, religious school or correspondence school are eligible for membership if the school is recognized and approved by the state/province board of education or National Board of Education in the state/province the member is applying for membership. The contestant would need to show proof that the school they are attending is accredited and that they have met the grade requirements.

If the school the student is attending is not accredited by the State or National Board of Education the student shall demonstrate composite grade-level academic proficiency on any State Board or National Board of Education recognized achievement test or other mechanism as provided for in State or National Board of Education rules. A student shall be eligible if they achieve a minimum composite score or survey test score within the average or higher than average range as established by the test service utilized on any nationally-normed test.

### Please check one that applies:

My child(ren) is enrolled in a homeschool program that is registered with my State Department of Education.

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

My child(ren) is enrolled in a homeschool program that is NOT registered with my State Department of Education. *Please attach verification of grade appropriate proficiency.*

Testing Center Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this verification form, we the parents of \_\_\_\_\_, certify that our child meets these requirements to be eligible for high school/junior high rodeo. We also authorize the National Director or representative to contact the school/agency to ensure that the student is meeting proficiency requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date