



EVENT DIRECTOR NOMINATION INFORMATION 2025-2026 SEASON

The NDHSRA is accepting nominations for Event Directors for the 2025-2026 rodeo season. The following are the responsibilities of Student Event Directors.

All Events

- You are the director, and your fellow contestants will look to you for information.
- Know the NHSRA rules for your event and have a rulebook with you during the event.
- Always wear your event director vest during event except when competing.
- As an event leader, be early for the event and be ready to assist judges, if needed.
- When the event director needs to get ready for their event or is not available, duties should be turned over to the alternate event director. If the alternate is close in the draw to the event director, you may turn the duties over to another competitor in this event, that is a junior or senior.
- Introduce yourself to the other contestants in the event and aid new contestants.
- Ask the judges where they want you to stand during the event. Maintain the same position throughout the event.
- Watch that the contestant draw is in the correct order.
- The Event Director should report any inconsistencies to the Judge(s).
- Judges Sheets: Following the completion of your event, ask the judge for their signed sheets and bring them to the State Rodeo Secretary.
- Grievances: Occasionally, a contestant will have a concern about their run, ride, or other aspects of how the event may have been executed. You will serve as the initial point of contact when this happens.
 - If you cannot answer their question at the time, ask the contestant to standby and consult with the judge prior to the next run, but for sure before the start of the next event. Do not disturb the judge while they are judging or flagging a contestant, wait until that run is over.
 - If a contestant does not agree with the judge's ruling, he or she has the right to ask that the matter be brought to the grievance committee.
 - The grievance committee will meet as soon as possible in or near the arena or at the office. People who should be present are the contestant, the event director (or event director observing during the incident), the judge(s) involved in the call, arena director, and the national director. If the National Director is not at the rodeo the NDHSRA Board President or Vice President will take the place of the National Director. Parents or others will be dismissed to allow the grievance committee to gather information in a calm and quiet manner, free of disruptions from others.

Bareback Riding

- Make sure the stock is satisfactory with no open wounds or cuts.
- Keep an eye out for proper spurs (not too sharp).
- Double check that each contestant is riding the stock drawn.
- Ensure all riders have protective vest and mouthpiece.
- Pay attention to each ride. If something happens, you will need to be aware.

Breakaway Roping

- The State Rodeo Secretary will supply you with the string. Please grab it prior to the rodeo, cut enough strings for every breakaway contestant, and hang them near the arena gate entrance used by roping contestants. The strings should be at least 12 inches long.
- As contestants ride into the arena (not the box) be sure their rope is tied right and tight.
- Monitor stock. An event director may consult with the arena director and judges to request consideration for removal of stock in a two-day rodeo, or a rodeo with more than one go-round if performance is deemed greatly inferior or inconsistent with the rest of the pen provided.
- Watch the lining out of the calves and keep it consistent from run to run.
- Watch that liners are not blocking the timer's view of the barrier flag.
- When the roping boxes are back loading, one event director needs to be in the arena and the other one needs to be positioned behind the box checking the strings. Some of the arenas with back loading boxes are Mandan, Killdeer, Dickinson, New Salem & Bowman.

Tie Down Roping

- Monitor stock. An event director may consult with the arena director and judges to request consideration for removal of stock in a two-day rodeo, or a rodeo with more than one go-round if performance is deemed greatly inferior or inconsistent with the rest of the pen provided.
- Tie-down directors may be asked to recruit contestants to be sure fresh calves have been tied prior to the start of a rodeo.
- Assist with running calves through the arena from chute to catch pen if needed.
- Watch the lining of the calves to be sure it is consistent from run to run and that liners are not blocking the timer's view of the barrier flag.

Barrel Racing

- Prior to the start of the rodeo, locate the barrels and put sponsor covers/wraps on so they are ready and by the arena. The wraps are hung on the divider wall in the state van. Be sure they get put back after barrels.
- Monitor that the arena volunteers are setting the barrels on the stakes and that they are set flat, straight, and consistent for each run.
- The flagging judge is to stand in the same spot behind the electric eye for each run.
- Monitor contestant draw, medical releases, and turnouts to be sure barrels are raked at the appropriate time. Consult with the judge and announcer if needed.
- The flag judge will give you their clipboard and judges sheets to keep track of the times and penalties of each run. The judge will sign the sheets and you are to bring them to the State Rodeo Secretary.

Saddle Bronc

- Make sure the stock is satisfactory with no open wounds or cuts.
- Keep an eye out for proper spurs (not too sharp).
- Double check that each contestant is riding the stock drawn.
- Ensure all riders have protective vest and mouthpiece.
- Pay attention to each ride. If something happens, you will need to be aware.

Steer Wrestling

- Monitor stock. An event director may consult with an arena director and judges to request consideration for removal of stock in a two-day rodeo, or a rodeo with more than one go-round if performance is deemed greatly inferior or inconsistent with the rest of the pen provided.
- Assist with running steers through the arena from chute to catch pen if needed.

Goat Tying

- Be sure goats are being switched at appropriate times and the ear tag matches the draw.

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- To avoid a conflict with the path of the horse and rider, it is recommended you stand on the right side.
- The flag judge will give you their clipboard and judges sheets to keep track of the times and penalties of each run. The judge will sign the sheets at the end of the event. Bring the completed sheets to the State Rodeo Secretary.

Team Roping

- Monitor stock. An event director may consult with an arena director and judges to request consideration for removal of stock in a two-day rodeo, or a rodeo with more than one go-round if performance is deemed greatly inferior or inconsistent with the rest of the pen provided.
- Assist with running steers through the arena from chute to catch pen if needed.
- At the end of the event, take the box pads down and place them in the state van where they belong.

Pole Bending

- Get poles out of the state van and place where they are easily accessible for the rodeo committee. Put them back in the van at the end of pole bending. Feel free to drive the van closer to the arena.
- Be sure poles are straight and even for each run.
- The flagging judge stands in the same spot behind the electric eye for each run.
- Monitor contestant draw, medical releases, and turnouts to be sure poles are raked at the appropriate time. Consult with the judge and announcer if needed.
- The flag judge will give you their clipboard and judges sheets to keep track of the times and penalties of each run. The judge will sign the sheets at the end of the event. Bring the completed sheets to the State Rodeo Secretary.

Bull Riding

- Remind contestants they need to wear industry standard helmet while competing along with a mouth guard and protective vest.
- Make sure the stock is satisfactory and has no open wounds or cuts.
- Keep an eye out for proper spurs (not too sharp).
- Double check that each contestant is riding the stock drawn.
- Pay attention to each ride. If something happens, you will need to be aware.

Boys Cow Cutting

- Monitor settling of cattle. Remind the first contestant his helpers are responsible for settling the cattle.
- Monitor the switch of cattle if there are more than ten contestants.

Girl's Cow Cutting

- Monitor settling cattle. Remind the first contestant that her helpers are responsible for settling the cattle.
- Monitor the switch of cattle if there are more than ten contestants.

Reined Cow Horse

- Assist the judge and/or arena director with hanging the arena markers.
- It is recommended to settle the cattle prior to the start of the event. Monitor the settling of the cattle.
- Pay attention to each ride/competition. If something happens, you will need to be aware.

Trap and Rifle Shooting

- Assist Shooting Director, if needed.
- Pay attention to the shooting competition. If something happens, you will need to be aware.

Nomination form is attached.

Nominee may keep the first three pages for reference.



**EVENT DIRECTOR
NOMINATION FORM
2025-2026 SEASON**

The NDHSRA is accepting nominations for 2025-2026 Event Directors. Current contestants can nominate for the listed events. You and the nominee will complete this form and return it to the State Rodeo Secretary by the Killdeer rodeo. Voting will be by ballot at the New Salem rodeo. Check the events you want to nominate your candidate for. The nominee's name will appear on the ballot under each event checked below. The ballots will be tallied during the meeting.

I, _____ nominate _____

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| For: _____ Bareback _____ Boys Cow Cutting _____ Bull Riding _____ Saddle Bronc _____ Steer Wrestling | _____ Barrel Racing _____ Breakaway Roping _____ Girls Cow Cutting _____ Goat Tying _____ Pole Bending | _____ Team Roping _____ Trap Shoot _____ Rifle Shoot _____ Reined Cow Horse _____ Tie Down |
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Contestant Signature

Date

I, _____ (nominee), the undersigned, have read the responsibilities for this position and will accept and serve as the _____ Event Director upon being elected by a majority vote.

Signature

Date