



Current Members Only 2025 – 2026 Spring Season

Howdy, Howdy, Hi!

I am excited to get the second half of the rodeo season underway. Here is a little paperwork.

The following is a recap of details you need to know going into the 2026 spring season. Please do not assume this is repeated information, there are some additions, changes, and a couple of good reminders.

Membership Portal: All forms will need to be uploaded to your portal page. Scanning documents is preferred because of the PDF formatting. If you need to take a picture with your phone, please tape the document onto a wall or refrigerator. When you visit your portal page make sure all of your personal information is correct. Please know that **the email that is listed in the Primary Email spot is the one that downloads into the State Secretary's system.** That is the one that will receive my emails. If you have forgotten how to log-in, there are detailed instructions on the Membership page of our website. I check the Portal often for documents that have been uploaded.

Website: The ndhsra.org website is where all details are posted. If you see something that needs to be updated, please let me know. I genuinely appreciate it.

- **Online Rodeo Entries:** Will open March 15. Go to the "[Enter Rodeo's](#)" page where you will find the instructions.
- **Rodeo Schedule Page:** Remember to look under the rodeo name and print off the information sheet. I post the information sheets as soon as I get them, as well as stalling/camping information. Some rodeos do not follow the "usual" event order and are in a different time zone. Please read this information as it provides everything you will need to know about that rodeo. There is a printable rodeo schedule of rodeo dates when entries open and close and the draw-out deadline for each rodeo. All entry fees are due and payable on the morning of the rodeo.

Jackpotting your Events:

- Everyone who jackpots is required to complete a W-9 form. Contestants only need to complete the W-9 once during their high school career. It will be archived in the Portal. The exception is if you qualify for nationals and want to jackpot there, Nationals is still asking us to have you submit a W-9 with your national paperwork. There is a copy of a W-9 posted to the Membership page. Jackpot checks will not be mailed if there is not a W-9 posted in the Portal.
- The jackpot entry fee is \$10 per event, due and payable at each rodeo. Payout breakdown is determined by the number jackpotting in each event. Payout checks will be handed out at the end of the spring season, but before you go to nationals.

- Once you have entered to jackpot you cannot cancel/draw-out of jackpotting. You must draw-out of that event.
- Anyone earning \$600 or more will receive a 1099-Misc tax form the following January.

The NDHSRA Board of Directors will continue to enforce the following policies:

Entry Fees: Are to be paid the day of the rodeo, directly to the rodeo committee, prior to competing in your events. If these fees are not paid prior to competing, you will be **fined \$50**. No excuses will be accepted. The only exception is when we have the cow cutting event the night before the rodeo. Cutters, all of your entry fees will be due and payable prior to competing in the rodeo. This \$50 fine needs to be paid in full before you can compete in the next rodeo.

Draw Outs (Rodeo and Jackpot): Once you have entered a rodeo and learn you cannot make it, you have an opportunity to draw out without any penalties. The draw-out deadline is at **5:00 pm CST on the Monday before the rodeo**. **You can draw-out by emailing me**. You can text me, but I will ask for an email. I am afraid I will forget about the text, and it will get buried in my phone messages. Watch for a response confirming your draw-out. If you do not receive confirmation from me, please follow up. If you miss the deadline, you will be responsible for paying your entry fees from the missed rodeo before you can compete in the next rodeo. The only exception to this deadline is if you have a doctor or a vet release which needs to be turned in prior to the next rodeo.

Turn Outs: For one reason, or another, contestants have paid their entry fees but are not able to compete. We understand things can change throughout the day. If you decide to turn out of an event and do not notify me, you will be fined \$10 for the event you did not show up for. This will need to be paid prior to your next rodeo.

Rodeo Draw: Your rodeo entries will be emailed out Monday evening after the draw-out deadline. It is your responsibility to check for any discrepancies and let me know asap – before I do the official draw for the rodeo. Once I do the official draw, I can't fix things for you without messing up the draw. The draw will be posted on the website Tuesday prior to the rodeo.

Late Entries: A late fee of \$50.00 will be assessed to a contestant who missed the entry deadline (11:59 pm CST) but contacts me by 5:00 pm CST on Monday prior to the draw-out deadline. After this, there will be no late entries except due to secretary error. There is a one-time grace period for a missed deadline for a new membership.

Rule Book: The National Rule Book is posted on our website page. You can print an enlarged version from the website. There are always rulebooks at the rodeos.

Back Numbers: Contestants receive a new back number when you pay your entry fees at your first spring rodeo. Hang on to this number as you will need to wear it at every rodeo. Feel free to laminate your number. This is the same back number throughout your high school rodeo career.

Fundraising: All the fundraising details and advertising forms are on the website.

Rifle and Trap Shoot Contest: All rifle and trap shooting contestants will enter online. All deadlines apply. Remember, the top four at State will qualify to compete at the National High School Rodeo Finals.

Queen Contest: This is open to any young lady who is a member of the NDHSRA and in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade. The competition is held each year during the State Finals in Bowman. If you are interested, contact Lindsey Miller for further details at 701-339-2281 or at lindseymiller19@gmail.com.

Adopt-A-Rodeo: We appreciate your help with this program. It was created for the rodeo committees who have stepped up to host a rodeo but need help the day of the rodeo. We are asking those of you (**parents** and **contestants**) who are not assisting with another rodeo to volunteer at one of the fall or spring rodeos. It could be running a gate, setting up barrels or poles, picking up hats or working in the concession stand. Nobody is saying you have to hold a goat. 😊 Please help these committees if you can. If you didn't volunteer for a rodeo in the fall and would like to do so for the spring, please let me know and I will get you added.

Pass The Hat Scholarship: This scholarship opportunity has been around for a number of years and beginning the 2025-2026 Rodeo Season, will be managed by the Pass the Hat Committee assigned by the Association. Hundreds of dollars have been awarded to our seniors through this program. We ask you to please consider donating **an item to be auctioned at the State Finals** to help sustain this scholarship fund. You can bring an item to any rodeo, and I will be sure to get it to a committee member. You do not have to be a state finals qualifier to earn one of these scholarships.

That is all for now. I know that was a lot of information and if you have any questions, at any time, I truly am here to help.

Enthusiastically,

Handwritten signature of Tammy Backhaus in cursive, with a small smiley face and the number 11 below it.

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Forms updated 2/26/26





Spring Member Checklist

Complete the following:

Please have all forms uploaded to the Portal prior to the first spring rodeo. You will not get to rodeo if you are missing anything.

_____ Has any of your personal information changed? If so, be sure to log into the NHSRA Member Management Portal and update your information. Be sure that all of your parents' information is up to date.

_____ Double check the email address that is listed in the Portal titled "**Primary Email.**" This is the one that will download into the State Secretary's system. The email that will receive all NDHSRA communications.

_____ Certificate of Eligibility is required for all contestants (including Home Schoolers) and is attached below. This must be signed by a School Official. If you are home schooled, the students Designee can sign it. Be sure to upload it into the Portal.

_____ Upload your current grades into the Portal.

_____ If you plan to jackpot and have not uploaded a completed W-9 form, please do so.

_____ Enter and/or update your bio information in the Portal.

_____ Feel free to review the Online Entry System Instructions, if needed.

_____ It is important that you know the dates and times of when the rodeo entries open, close and the draw-out deadline. See the printable schedule on the High School web page.



CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

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The NHSRA Qualifications:

- Students must be in good standing; not ruled undesirable for misconduct at school.
- Students must be under 20 years of age at the first of the National High School Rodeo year (August 1st) and are/or have been enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th 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.)
- Students must also be eligible with their school concerning any tobacco, alcohol, etc., your school has the right to enforce these violations.

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: _____

Please attach the latest grades. Power School grades can be used.

FOR SCHOOL ONLY: Retain a copy of this document for future reference if NDHSRA must be contacted due to ineligible activity; if at any time a student becomes ineligible it is the responsibility of the school to contact the NDHSRA Secretary.

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

The above requirements must be completed prior to competing in your first spring rodeo.