

1) ELIGIBILITY

Contestants must be 14 to 19 years of age as of August 1 of current year. Committee reserves the right to ask contestant to provide proof of age that may be copy of birth certificate, valid drivers license, or government issued identification card. PLEASE BE PREPARED TO SHOW PROOF AT CHECK-IN.

No School Requirements.

2) OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Official entry form and waiver should be COMPLETELY FILLED OUT including both contestant's signature AND Parent's Signature.

Entries are accepted on a 1st come basis with entries limited due to performance time constraints.

Entry fees of \$250 must be submitted with entry form. Entry fees may be paid by money order, cashiers check or personal check. NO FEES WILL BE REFUNDED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES! See entry form for late entry terms and details.

3) STALLS & CAMPING

The South Dakota State Fair will be in charge of the stalls and dry camping spots. Both will be available at Gate 5 upon check-in. Contestants must indicate number of stalls needed on entry forms to insure adequate stalls are available for the event.

4) CHECK-IN

Check in will be located at Market Street Gate Friday of current year. from **5PM - 10PM** and Saturday morning of current year, between **7 AM - 11 AM** All contestants must check in at event office located by arena prior **to 9AM** on Sat of current year. Market Street Gate will be open **7 AM - 7 PM** Sunday to check health papers for horses not stalled on the fairgrounds. Health papers and animals will be inspected by vets at gate during scheduled hours. Animals will not be let onto the fair grounds without vet inspection.

5) HEALTH PAPERS

All animals will be required to present current Health Certificare upon arrival at gate. Out of State horses will also be required to have a valid Negative Coggins. PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE AS EVENT GETS CLOSER TO VERIFY REQUIREMENTS WITH ANY CURRENT EQUINE HEALTH OUTBREAKS.

Contestants that are not stalling horses on grounds in between performances will be required to obtain vet releases on Saturday evening and re-check livestock back in on Sunday morning. Contestants responsibility to retain proper paperwork as original health papers will not be returned upon departure from grounds.

All contestants will need release papers to leave fairgrounds.

6) PERFORMANCE TIMES

First performance will be Saturday of current year, at 10:00 AM with second performance on Sunday of current year, at 10:00 AM. Contestants must participate in both performances and all events entered or else forfeit all points accumulated and ability to win prizes.

Winning contestants must be present at awards ceremony (held shortly after end of performance on Sunday afternoon) and both the contestant and their parents provide consent by entering the event for Eastern Dakota Rodeos, LLC and the South Dakota State Fair to utilize contestant photo in promotional materials.

7) GROUND RULES

- a) All Contestants must be prepared to compete at the call of the arena director. Three (3) calls at the judges' discretion and you are officially out.
- b) BACK NUMBER ISSUED TO CONTESTANTS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES, for as long as the contestant wishes to remain eligible for competition. Western dress code will be enforced with-in the competition areas. NO BACK NUMBERS WILL BE ISSUED. WESTERN ATTIRE MANDATORY IN/AROUND ARENA.
 - c) National High School Rodeo Rules apply to conduct of contestants.
- d) Barrel Racing contestants must enter gate without breaking forward momentum. Out gate will be closed to prevent horses from running out of arena.
- e) Break Away string is to be picked up from the barrier judge prior to each performance. Contestants are NOT allowed to provide their own string.
 - f) Tie Down Calf Roping will use two loops.
 - g) Team Roping will use three loops.
- h) Contestants must indicate team roping partner on entry form. Committee will NOT match you up with one.
- i) NO CONTESTANTS SHALL HAVE IN HIS OR HER POSSESSION ANY ALCOHOL, NAR-COTICS, OR OTHER HALLUCINATORY SUBSTANCES, ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!
 - i) No profanity or swearing will be allowed!
- k) All Contestants must adhere to all humane rules of rodeo as included in the National High School Rodeo Rule Book.
- l) One helper will be allowed to assist a contestant during his or her event. Anyone assisting a contestant will adhere to the National High School Rodeo Rule Book including conduct and dress code rules. The contestant will be responsible for his or her assistant's dress and conduct. This rule will be enforced by the rodeo officials and/or rodeo management.
- m) Individual Event Champions will be determined by the fastest accumulated times in two rounds. Tie breaker will be determined by contestant with most event points. If tie continues, champion will be determined by a flip of the coin.

- n) The South Dakota Timed Event Champion and Reserve Champion will be the contestant with the most points accumulated in both performances. In case of tie, winner with most accumulated contestants in three events they participated in will win. If they tie continues, contestants will be determined by the flip of a coin.
- o) Points will be awarded as follows:
 - i. 1st place 10 points
 - ii. 2nd place 9 points
 - iii. 3rd place 8 points
 - iv. 4th place 7 points
 - v. 5th place 6 points
 - vi. 6th place 5 points
 - vii. 7th place 4 points
 - viii. 8th place 3 points
 - ix. 9th place 2 points
 - x. 10th place 1 point
- p) All events are gender neutral. Boys and girls may compete against each other in events.
- q) No ATV's, Motor bikes or bicyles will be allowed on the SD State Fair Grounds. Golf Carts are permited with permit only (contact SD State Fair).
- r) No DOGS allowed in the rodeo area. NO EXCEPTIONS
- s) Arena Complaints will be discussed with the Judges immediately after each performance. Direct Rule violations are Cut & Dry. The Judge's rulings will be final and absolute.
- t) The Timed Event Champion and Reserve will win a monetary prize in the form of cash. This will be given following awards ceremony Sunday. Champion & Reserve will sign for cash prize and will solely responsible once prize money is handed over. The SDTEC committee relieves itself of all risk once all prizes are awarded.

8) HORSE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

a) Contestant must fill out entry form for "Horse of the Championship" and pay \$10 fee . Contestants must preregister.

"Horse of the Championship" is determined by the horse who has earned the most points throughout the two-day championship. Points will be awarded in the same manner as contestant points. Each contestant may only enter one horse.

The horse must compete in at least 2 events.

Each horse may only be entered by one contestant"

10) PANDEMIC/ RISK OF ILLNESS

The South Dakota State Fair, Eastern Dakota Rodeos LLC, committee members and volunteers are not responsible for the spread of infectious disease. By entering the SD Timed Event Championship (via paper entry form and payment) and also physical entrance into the SD State Fair Grounds, contestants and their parents/guardians/traveling partners and any others associated with the contestant are accepting the risk associated with such activity. We're asking contestants and those in their party to follow CDC guidelines to the best of their ability. The SDTEC encourages social distancing the use of masks and other devices to slow the spread of disease. If any individual is sick or suspects they may be contagious, we strongly encourage them to seek professional medical advice and/or stay home.