

WYOMING AMERICAN LEGION HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS RODEO

April 18, 2025

Dear WHSRA Members,

It is now State finals time! PLEASE review all of the information provided in this letter as our process has changed for the 2025 State HS Finals. We are excited to be going back to the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Buffalo for the 2025 State Finals and to be working with their great staff! The rodeo performance dates are June 5-7, 2025 in Buffalo, WY. A copy of the tentative finals schedule is also posted. PLEASE NOTE THE SCHEDULE CHANGE

ENTRY PROCEDURE: ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED USING THE ONELINE ENTRY SYSTEM THROUGH OUR WEBSITE! YOU MUST ENTER ONLINE FOR ALL EVENTS (including Queen and shooting events)! **ENTRIES WILL CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT MONDAY MAY 19th!! No Exceptions!**

MANDATORY CHECK-IN: The deadline to check in is Wednesday June 4th at 3pm. The rodeo office will be open for **check in from 1-3pm ONLY** for official check-in and you must be in Western Attire. **You must be checked in by 3pm in order to compete.**

STATE FINALS CUTTING and the STATE REINED COWHORSE FINALS-Will be held during the State finals, in Sheridan at the College barn, 1st round is scheduled for 8AM Tuesday morning; 2nd round 3PM Tuesday afternoon and Short GO on Wednesday at 7AM. This is subject to change so watch the website for updates.

ENTRY FEES: All arena entry fees are \$150.00 per event -this is the total per event for the week, stock charge \$100 & jackpot fee \$50 & includes RCH & cutting; shooting will be \$65-(\$25 jackpot and \$40 stock charge); and the Queen event will \$100 (no jackpot). **IN ADDITION there will be a \$50 admin fee at the State Finals (this is a one time per contestant charge and applies to contestants in ALL events).** With the implantation of the \$50 admin fee, there will be NO gate fee at this year's finals. Remember the fundraising benefit; for every \$150 of raffle tickets sold you will get a \$60 credit towards your State Entry Fees (Not Jackpot fees, just Entry fees and admin fee). Sold tickets with corresponding money must be turned into Ken, Dixie or Shelly by the entry deadline May 19th in order to get the credit on entry fees. More information is available on the website. You can get tickets from Ken.

JACKPOT ENTRIES: The board voted to make jackpotting mandatory at the state finals. The WSHRA will hold 3% for office charge and the balance will be split as follows: 25%-1st Go; 25%-2nd Go and 50% to the Average (**on two head**).

CAMPING/RV & STALL RESERVATIONS- There is a RV & stall reservation form attached. Stalls \$125 per stall (one horse per stall); RV Camping \$125 per space.

QUEEN CONTESTANTS-If you are interested in the queen contest you will need to contact our Dixie, her email is: djhuxtable@yahoo.com. The majority of the queen contest will be held Monday of State Finals Week, so please contact us for the schedule of events. There is a queen packet on the website.

SENIORS-A scholarship application is available on the website. **The deadline for the scholarship application and grade transcripts are June 4th at the scholarship interviews.** If your transcript is not ready by June 4th, contact Shelly or Dixie.

TEAM ENTRIES- A team entry form is also available on the website. We give awards to the top team(s) during the State Finals. A team can consist of 2 boys and 1 girl or 1 boy and 2 girls. You do not have to be from the same school or hometown to be on the same team. The team entry form must be turned in with your finals information, to Shelly, or the office during check-in. Team entry deadline is **June 4, 2025 3:00 p.m.**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS-Next year's student officers and event directors will be balloted for your vote at the rodeo office. If you are interested in running for an office or event director, complete the nomination form on the website and return it with your fees/paperwork by the 19th. You will receive your ballott vote when you check in at Finals.

DRESS CODE-Official dress code will be enforced. **You must be in official dress code to check in, during the mandatory contestant meeting and in the designated areas:** the arena at all times; the timed event area from wood to wood; bucking chutes area in designated (fenced) area; and in the cutting arena (the indoor arena). If you have questions please ask at the rodeo office.

GENERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in singing the national anthem or saying the prayer before one of the performances, there will be sign-up sheets in the office during check in.

Please check the posted schedule of events to know when the mandatory check-in is and when the mandatory contestant meeting will be held. Also please note that the schedule for queen event has changed. It is required that you attend the mandatory contestant meeting *or make prior* (BEFORE 6/4/24) arrangements with National Director-Dixie Huxtable

EMERGENCY RODEO OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: 307.351.1327 or 308.430.3440

ENTRY DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT MONDAY MAY 19th. YOU MUST PAY WITH CASH, A CASHIERS CHECK OR MONEY ORDER OR CHECK (made payable to WHSRA) NO LATER THAN MAY 19th: Each event Fee listed covers the entire rodeo. Deliver all required forms and money to Shelly at Casper: OR upload forms to your profile on NHSRA.com. They can be mailed to (must be RECEIVED by Shelly by Midnight May 19th):

Shelly Thompson
4180 Road 44
Yoder, WY 82244

Phone 308.430.3440
email:thompsons@bbc.net

The School signed certificate of eligibility form is your grade eligibility for the State Finals & is required and due by contestant check-in June 4th at 3pm.

THERE WILL NOT BE ANY FULL REFUNDS ALLOWED FOR DRAWOUTS. An approved medical or vet release will be considered for refund of jackpot funds only. The link will be on our website soon!

Leesa Belus will be handling the camping/stall reservations. ALL RV/Camping & Stall reservations must completed through WHSRA/Shelly by May 19th or late will apply..

READ THE RULE BOOK - BE FAMILIAR WITH YOUR EVENT(s) RULES!!

2025 WYOMING High School State Finals Rodeo

JUNE 2-8, 2025 Buffalo, WY—Johnson County Fairgrounds

Subject to Change – WEATHER CAN AND WILL CAUSE CHANGES

MONDAY- June 2

Queen Contest- TBD

TUESDAY- June 3

8am- 1st Go Reined Cow Horse & Cutting- Sheridan College Indoor Barn

3pm- 2nd Go Reined Cow Horse & Cutting- Sheridan College Indoor Barn

WEDNESDAY-June 4

7am - FINAL Go Reined Cow Horse & Cutting – Sheridan College Indoor Barn

10:30am – Board Meeting-

1-3pm-Senior Scholarship Interviews- -Exhibit hall

1-3pm-Contestant Check-in-Rodeo Office -Main Arena

CONTESTANTS must be in Western Attire

4-5pm- Mandatory Contestant Meeting-Main Grandstands

5:30pm-Jackpots TR-Details to come

THURSDAY-June 5

9am- 1st Go 1st Performance WYHSRSF-Main Grandstands

Noon-4pm Shooting Sports- Shooting Range

6pm 1st Go 2nd Performance WYHSRSF-Main grandstands-*Tough Enough to Wear Pink*

FRIDAY-June 6

9am 2nd Go 1st Performance WYHSRSF-Main Arena (*reverse order of 1st GO*)**

5:00pm Senior Recognition- Main Grandstands- Main Arena

5:30pm Queen Coronation-Main Grandstands

6pm 2nd Go 2nd Performance WYHSRSF- Main Arena-(*reverse order of 1st Go*) Memorial Night**

SATURDAY-June 7

9:15 am-Grand Entry- Main Grandstands-Main Arena

9:30am- Qualifying Round Performance-Main Arena (*National Qualifier Paperwork to be completed during performance and immediately following performance- Outside Rodeo Office under grandstands*)

5:30 pm Awards Banquet/Dinner-

SUNDAY-June 8

8am -Annual Board Meeting- Community Hall

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

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2025 HIGH SCHOOL STATE FINALS INFORMATION:
LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

- 1) STATE ENTRY LETTER-lots of important information, please read
- 2) PAYMENT- **MUST PAY WITH CASH, CASHIERS CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, or CHECK BY MAY 19th AT MIDNIGHT.**
- 3) EDUCATION CERTIFICATE- Must be completed by your school and submitted no later than check-in 3pm on June 4th. OR It can be uploaded to the NHSRA website.
- 4) CAMPING/STALL INFORMATION- Reservation forms and fees are due to Shelly by May 19th. *Late forms will pay a \$25 late fee IF spots/stalls are available.*
- 5) TEAM ENTRY FORM- Team entries must be submitted by 3PM on June 4th (at check-in); teams must consist of 2 boys & 1 girl; OR 2 girls & 1 boy. Entry fee is \$15 per team and must be paid at time with entry form & if less than 5 entries we will not have the contest.
- 6) 25-26 NOMINATION FORM-to nominate names for event directors and/or officer positions. It is due to Shelly by May 19th!
- 7) There will be no Gate Admission this year; there is a \$50 admin fee per contestant.
- 8) Contact Info:

Shelly Thompson- 4180 Rd 44

thompson@bbc.net

Yoder, WY 82244

308.430.3440

Dixie Huxtable – PO Box 914

djhuxtable@yahoo.com

Douglas, WY 82633

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CAMPER/STALL RESERVATION FORM 2025

\$25 Late fee (per form) will be assessed AFTER May 19th, 2025

Please complete the following information and mail to
WHSRA PO Box 914 Douglas, WY 82633

Contestant's Name: _____

Contestant's parent: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone Number: _____

Email _____

In order to prevent delays when you arrive, it is very important that you pre-register all horses you will be wanting a stall for. Host Committee will allocate covered & uncovered stalls, and camping hook-ups on a **first come, first served** basis.

Number of Horses: _____ (C-covered/U-uncovered)

Regular Stalls Requested – (C) Covered _____ # @ \$125.00 per stall: \$ _____

(Only one horse per stall)

(U) Uncovered _____ # @ \$125.00 per stall: \$ _____

Total Payment for Stalls \$ _____ (a)

No. of Camping Spaces _____ @ \$125.00 per space: \$ _____

Trailer INFO: L _____ x W _____ #slides _____ (if more than 1 space is requested please complete a 2nd form and attach to this-using same contestant name)

(spaces are limited- paneling with no services is available at no cost)

Total Payment for Camper Spaces \$ _____ (b)

TOTAL PAYMENT for Stalls , Camping and Tent Camping (a+b+c) \$ _____

Stalls & Camping are limited, so first come first serve will be the procedure!

Any reservations submitted AFTER May 19th (midnight) will have an additional \$25 added for late fee! (not per stall, per form)

Make check payable to: **WHSRA**

Please have your Valid certificate of health and brand inspection. All horses will be subject to random checks of health Certificates and Brand inspections and may be verified by Wyoming Brand Inspector at the time of Check-In, Thank You

For Office Use Only

Date Received _____ check # _____ Cash _____ Total _____

WHSFR EDUCATION CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

I the undersigned, do hereby certify that: _____
Name of contestant

Is a student in good standing, enrolled in _____ High School, and has made passing grades in 70% of the classes taken for the most recent semester/quarter.

Signature of School Official

Date

Position or Title (Telephone Number)

NOTE:

***THIS CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY IS YOUR GRADE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE STATE FINALS!
WITHOUT YOUR SCHOOL OFFICIAL SIGNATURE YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RODEO!
This form must be completed and turned by 3 PM June 4th (contestant check-in)***

NOMINATION FORM

2025 – 2026 WHSRA Student Officer

_____ President

_____ Secretary/Treasurer

_____ Vice President

Please indicate which office you are interested in running for!

2025 – 2026 WHSRA Event Director

_____ Barebacks

_____ Steer Wrestling

_____ Saddle Broncs

_____ Tie Down Calf Roping

_____ Bull Riding

_____ Boys Cutting

_____ Team Roping

_____ Reined Cow Horse

_____ Barrels

_____ Poles

_____ Breakaway

_____ Goat Tying

_____ Girls Cutting

NAME _____

Please print your name if you are interested in any of the above events.

This form is due by May 19th! Can be mailed or given to Shelly:

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4180 Road 44

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