

WYOMING AMERICAN LEGION HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS RODEO

April 13, 2026

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 2026 State HS Finals. We are excited to be going back to the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Buffalo for the 2026 State Finals and to be working with their great staff! *The rodeo performance dates are June 4-6, 2026 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 & PAYMENT WILL CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT MONDAY MAY 18th!! No Exceptions!**

MANDATORY CHECK-IN: The deadline to check in is Wednesday June 3rd 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 Buffalo High School Rodeo (Memorial Day Weekend) Please see the tentative schedule. 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 \$150-(\$50 jackpot and \$100 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 May 10th 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 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 Dustin, his email is dustin@fusingpoly.com. The majority of the queen contest will be held Tuesday 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 3rd at the scholarship interviews.** If your transcript is not ready by June 3rd, 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 3, 2026 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 18th. 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.

EMERGENCY RODEO OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: 307.351.1327 or 308.430.3440

ENTRY & PAYMENT DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT MONDAY MAY 18th. YOU MUST PAY WITH CASH, A CASHIERS CHECK OR MONEY ORDER OR CHECK (made payable to WHSRA) NO LATER THAN MAY 18th: 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 18th):

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 3rd 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!

ALL RV/Camping & Stall reservations must completed through WHSRA/Shelly by May 18th or late will apply..

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