

South Dakota 4-H Rodeo Rules & Regulations

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Official Rules and Regulations

Current rule:

2. Approved county 4-H rodeos must offer the minimum events listed below:

Junior Division (Age 8-13, January 1)

Girls	Boys
Barrel Racing	Cattle Riding
Pole Bending	Break-Away-Roping
Goat Tying	Goat Tying
Break-Away-Roping	Flag Race
Flag Race	Bareback Steer Riding

Jr. Dally Team Roping – This event shall be open to both boys and girls in the Junior Division. Contestants may be both girls, both boys, or one girl and one boy.

Senior Division (Age 14-18, January 1)

Girls	Boys
Barrel Racing	Bareback Bronc Riding
Pole Bending	Saddle Bronc Riding
Goat Tying	Calf Roping
Ribbon Roping	Steer Wrestling
Break-Away Roping	Bull Riding

Dally Team Roping – This event shall be open to both boys and girls in Senior Division. Contestants may be both girls, both boys, or one girl and one boy

Proposed rule:

Remove **junior girls flag race** and **senior girls ribbon roping** as 4-H rodeo events. This will include removing from all areas of the 4-H Rodeo Rules and Regulations and any related rules in the South Dakota 4-H Rodeo Policies & Procedures.

Justification:

Title IX does not require federally funded or assisted programs to offer the exact same number or mirror-image sets of events for boys and girls. Instead, it requires equal overall athletic opportunity and accommodation of student interests and abilities. Title IX compliance focuses on whether the total program effectively accommodates the interests and abilities of both sexes rather than maintaining identical event counts. At the 2026 State 4H Finals the total number of qualifications in girls events significantly outweighs the number of qualifications in boys events. Eliminating junior girls flags and senior girls ribbon roping would contribute to parity in the total number of entries in boys versus girls events.