

SD 4-H Rodeo Lay Board
October 19, 2025 – 12:30 PM
Ft. Pierre, SD

The meeting was Called to Order by President Treg Cowan.

Roll Call was taken with the following rodeos present, Sioux Empire (2), Meade Co, Burke (1), Sioux Area (2), Hyde/Hand, Haakon/Jackson, Butte (Zoom), Brule Co (2), Bennett Co, Eastern Dakota (2), Tripp Co, Heartland (1), New Underwood (2), Blunt (1), Central SD (2), State Finals.

Treg asked for the Reading and Approval of Secretary Minutes for 2024 annual meeting. Teri Henninger made a motion to dispense with the minutes and to approve. Joy Meyer second the motion. Motion carried.

Treg called for any Old Business. There was none.

Treg then called for any new business. Proposed rule changes were brought forward.

#1 Add: Animals must be flanked for all rough stock events. Teri Henninger made motion to discuss, Mandy Healy second the motion. Motion carried. Discussion was held.

Casey Bachand made motion to approve the additional wording. Teri Henninger second the motion. Motion carried.

#2 Change team roping in both Jr & Sr divisions to be 2 loops and a 30 second time limit. Discussion followed. Brenda Ries made motion to approve this change. Dena Fulton 2nd the motion. Motion carried with 2 rodeos voting No.

#3 Change entry dates back one month. Kim Larson, finals rodeo secretary, commented on the mail situation and the timing to get entries completed prior to the start of rodeo season. Mandy Healy made motion to approve. Elke King 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

#4 Change number of qualifying contestants at regional rodeos from 4 per event to 3 per event. Discussion was held in length. Roll call vote was taken. 9 rodeos voted in favor of changing, 13 voted no. Motion failed.

Treg asked for suggestions on how to resolve the size of the finals and the parking issues. Lots of discussion followed.

2026 Rodeo Dates were requested. Several rodeos provided their 2026 rodeo dates. Please get your 2026 rodeo dates to Kathy Monnens, Lay Board secretary as soon as possible.

Election of 2026 Lay Board Officers was presented. Terri Henninger nominated Treg Cowan for President, Penny Heenan 2nd the nomination. Motion carried.

Teri Henninger nominated Bryce Chamblis as Vice President. Rusty Heenan 2nd the nomination. Motion carried.

Teri Henninger nominated Kathy Monnens as Secretary/Treasurer. Penny Heenan 2nd the nomination. Motion carried.

Teri Henninger nominated Joy Meyer as Director At Large. Penny Heenan 2nd the nomination. Motion carried.

Brandon Spencer is the Director at Large as Representative of SD 4-H Finals Board

Treg asked for any additional business. There was none.

Next meeting date will be Sunday October 18th, 2026 at 12:30 PM at the Casey Tibbs Center in Ft. Pierre.

Rusty Heenan made motion to adjourn. Teri Henninger 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Monnens, Secretary

Proposed Rule Changes

1. Current Rule under Rodeo Livestock Passed

Stock contractors may be required to have enough stock for a go-round in each event, the amount of stock to be based on the number of contestants the previous year, plus a percent, the percent being the cut to even up the stock. Any stock declared by the sponsoring group as unsatisfactory must be replaced. If a re-ride is given for an animal 4 times in a row, that animal will automatically be declared unsatisfactory and must be replaced. Untried or green rodeo stock will not be permitted.

ADD the follow to the current rule

Stock contractors may be required to have enough stock for a go-round in each event, the amount of stock to be based on the number of contestants the previous year, plus a percent, the percent being the cut to even up the stock. Any stock declared by the sponsoring group as unsatisfactory must be replaced. **Animals must be flanked for all rough stock events.** If a re-ride is given for an animal 4 times in a row, that animal will automatically be declared unsatisfactory and must be replaced. Untired or green rodeo stock will not be permitted.

Rationale – This addition clarifies that flanking is required for all rough stock animals, not optional. It maintains fairness by ensuring consistency in competition and reaffirms that a re-ride will be awarded if the flank comes off during performance.

Tyson Paxton

2. CHANGE Passed

Team roping – 2 loops, 30 second time limit for both junior and senior division.

May Kay Sell

3. CHANGE Passed

Found in Rulebook under Official Rules and Regulations #5 on page 5. Propose to change the Finals Contestant Entry Packet deadline to April 1st from May 1st.

Proposed Policy Change for Entry Late Fees (Policies and Procedures)

Found in Policies and Procedures I-3 Rodeo Project Members on Page 2. Propose to change Entries postmarked by May 1 deadline may be corrected until June 1 for a \$5 fee.

TO Entries posted marked by April 1 deadline may be corrected until May 1 for a \$5 fee.

Also propose to change: Late Entries postmarked after May 1st through June 1st will be assessed a \$150 fee .

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Also propose to change No entries will be accepted after the June 1 deadline

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Martee Larson and Kim Larson

4. CHANGE FOR QUALIFYING FOR FINALS Failed

Over 50% of contestants qualified for the finals. To make the finals more competitive I propose to change the qualifying metrics from top 4 in a regional rodeo to top 3 in a regional rodeo.

Official Rules and Regulations #5 page 5.

Martee Larson and Kim Larson