



There are NEW ITEMS this year, please read and follow instructions carefully to ensure contestant's eligibility to compete.

Rodeo Entry Check List

Before completing the entry blank, complete the following:

- ☐ Enroll in South Dakota 4-H through the 4HOnline membership system. (Contact your County 4-H Office with any enrollment questions.)
- ☐ Ensure South Dakota 4-H Rodeo Project is selected in 4HOnline membership system.

Send the following items by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026.

Mail to: Kim Larson, South Dakota 4-H Finals Secretary, PO Box 1232, Pierre, SD 57501

- ☐ Completed Official Rodeo Entry Form – **all blanks completed and signed**
- ☐ **Signed and Notarized** "Participants – Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability, Indemnification and Release Agreement". This must be signed by both parents!!
- ☐ \$20 administrative fee – must be included or entry will be returned. *This is PER CONTESTANT. Make checks payable to South Dakota 4-H Finals.*

Additional Information

1. **NEW THIS YEAR – Entry deadline is April 1 and late deadline is May 1. No entry after May 1 will be accepted.**
2. Completion of the entry blank allows your child to be entered into the system and available to the regional rodeo secretaries during the season AND the 4-H Finals Secretary at the end of the season.
3. Entry forms must be received by the South Dakota 4-H Rodeo Finals Secretary on/before Wednesday, April 1, 2026, to be eligible to participate in any South Dakota 4-H Rodeo— this includes regional rodeos and the South Dakota 4-H Finals Inc. Rodeo.
4. To avoid mail issues, we suggest certified mail, so the contestant has proof of mailing.

Incomplete Entries

If your entry form is deemed to be incomplete, you are ineligible to rodeo until the corrected forms AND \$5 reprocessing fee is received by the 4-H Finals Secretary. Incomplete entries will be returned to you to correct and resubmit with the \$5 reprocessing fee. The forms should be resubmitted immediately but must be received before the MAY 1 LATE entry deadline. Common mistakes that cause incomplete entries include but are not limited to: Parent Signatures on each event entered, Insurance Acknowledgement Initials, Missing Signatures on Waiver, Missing Notary on Waiver or Office fee not included.

How to Check Your Eligibility

All information pertaining to 4-H Rodeo in South Dakota can be found on the website: sd4hrodeo.org. On the website there is a tab at the top labeled 2026 Participant Entry form Progress. This tab contains two links: Completed and Eligible to Rodeo Entries and Ineligible Entries. If your name doesn't appear on one of these lists, the secretary has not received your entry and you are not eligible to rodeo. Please allow a one-week turnaround time from when your entry was submitted for your name to appear on in the lists. The lists are alphabetical by county and then by last name.

Late Entry Process

South Dakota 4-H Rodeo entries MUST BE postmarked by April 1, 2026. Entries postmarked after April 1, 2026, through May 1, 2026 will be assessed a \$150.00 late fee that must be included with the late entry to be considered complete. A family with more than one late entry will be assessed \$150 for the first entry and \$50 for each additional entry. The contestant will not be eligible to rodeo until the secretary has received the entry and any required fees. No entries will be accepted after May 1.

JR JR DIVISION

Youth with a 4-H Age of 8,9 or 10 can compete in the Jr Jr division. This division is only offered at a select few regional rodeos. Winners in this division DO NOT qualify for the Finals Rodeo in August. It is possible to complete the form for both Jr events and Jr Jr events. In those cases, the contestant could compete in the Jr Division when the Jr Jr Division is not offered. The contestant CANNOT compete in both divisions at a single rodeo. Please ensure that all applicable Jr Events and the Jr Jr Division box is checked and signed on the entry blank.

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**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**



Official Rodeo Entry Form

August 14-16, 2026

South Dakota 4-H
Regional & State Finals Rodeo

Registration deadline: April 1, 2026

Stanley County Fairgrounds – Ft. Pierre, SD

This entry form and waiver must be mailed to the 4-H Rodeo Finals Secretary, with a postmark on/before Wednesday, April 1, 2026, to be eligible to participate in any South Dakota 4-H Rodeo—including 4-H regional rodeos and the South Dakota 4-H Finals Inc. Rodeo.

4-H RODEO FINALS INC

ATTN: KIM LARSON

PO BOX 1232

PIERRE, SD 57501

First & Last Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ ☐ Female ☐ Male
Mailing Address: _____ Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____
City: _____
State: _____ 4-H County: _____
Zip Code: _____ Home Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

_____ (Parent/Guardian initial) I acknowledge that I have been provided the option to purchase insurance for 4-H Rodeo from AIL.

NOTE: As a competing 4-H member, you are eligible to enter any offered 4-H Rodeo event regardless of your gender. Please place a checkmark (X) by all of the events you plan to enter in a **SINGLE DIVISION** during the 2025 4-H Rodeo season. If an event is not signed by your parent/guardian, you are not eligible for this event at any of the Regional Rodeos or the South Dakota 4-H Finals.

REMEMBER: Youth can compete in only one of the four divisions below.

Junior Girl, Ages 8-13, as of January 1, 2026

x	Events	Parent/Guardian's Signature
	Barrel Racing	
	Breakaway Roping	
	Goat Tying	
	Pole Bending	
	Flag Racing	
	Team Roping ¹	
	JRJR Events where offered	

Junior Boy, Ages 8-13, as of January 1, 2026

x	Events	Parent/Guardian's Signature
	Breakaway Roping	
	Cattle Riding	
	Flag Racing	
	Goat Tying	
	Bareback Steer Riding	
	Team Roping ¹	
	JRJR Events where offered	

Senior Girl, Ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2026

x	Events	Parent/Guardian's Signature
	Barrel Racing	
	Breakaway Roping	
	Goat Tying	
	Pole Bending	
	Ribbon Roping	
	Team Roping ¹	
	Ambassador Contest	

Senior Boy, Ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2026

x	Events	Parent/Guardian's Signature
	Bareback Riding	
	Bull Riding	
	Calf Roping	
	Saddle Bronc Riding	
	Steer Wrestling	
	Team Roping ¹	
	Ambassador Contest	

¹ You will be entered into the South Dakota 4-H Finals with the first partner you qualify with, unless you complete a Team Roping Correction Form by Monday, August 3, 2026.

**Participants – Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability, Indemnification and Release Agreement:
South Dakota State University – 4-H Equine Activities
SD 4-H Finals Rodeo and all SD 4-H Regional Rodeos**

WARNING: UNDER SOUTH DAKOTA LAW, AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH
OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT
TO SDCL 42-11-2.

IN CONSIDERATION of allowing the below PARTICIPANT to participate in any way in equine activities including but not limited to horse racing, rodeo, related events and activities and/or being permitted to enter any related premises (“Equine Activities”), each of the undersigned, on behalf of PARTICIPANT, themselves, their spouse, executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, personal or legal representatives and assigns (“Releasors”), hereby agree that:

- a. The Releasors will immediately inspect the premises upon entering it, any equipment, or animals, and warrant that entry therein and use of equipment or animals constitutes acknowledgement that they have inspected the premises, equipment, or animals and find them safe and reasonably suited for the purpose of their use. The Releasors agree that if at any time they believe something to be unsafe, it will be brought to the attention of Releasees, as hereinafter defined, representative, and the PARTICIPANT and Releasors will remove themselves from the premises with authorized escort, cease use of equipment, or animal, and participation in the Equine Activities.
- b. The Releasors assume full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, death or property damage due to the actions or negligence of the State of South Dakota, the South Dakota Board of Regents, South Dakota State University, South Dakota State University Extension/4-H, 4-H or fairgrounds volunteers, stock contractors, arena owners and arena officials, including, but not limited to, Stanley County, South Dakota, Hughes County, South Dakota, the Fort Pierre Chamber of Commerce, the Verendrye Benevolent Association, and their various directors, officers, agents, employees, volunteers, members, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessees of the premises, their officers, employees, representatives, and agents (hereinafter, “Releasees”) or otherwise, while in or upon the premises, use of equipment or participating in Equine Activities. The Releasors recognize and understand that there are risks and dangers associated with participating in Equine Activities, such as but not limited to the unpredictable nature of animals, and that such participation and admission in the premises or use of equipment or animals could cause severe bodily injury, disability, and death. Further the risks and dangers may be caused by the actions or negligent failure to act of the Releasees and others. All of the risks and dangers associated with participating in the Equine Activities, entry into the premises or use of equipment or animals are assumed and notwithstanding.
- c. The Releasors waive, release and discharge the Releasees from any and all liability or damage for any death, paralysis, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft or actions of any kind which may hereafter accrue to the minor, parent or guardian and their estate.
- d. The Releasors indemnify, save and hold harmless the Releasees and each of them personally from and against any and all liabilities, loss, damage, causes of actions and claims arising from the PARTICIPANT’s participation in equine activities including but not limited to Equine Activities and related activities, presence in premises, use of equipment or animals whether caused by negligence of Releasees, the PARTICIPANT or otherwise.

The Releasors hereby consent to receive medical treatment that may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident or illness during this event.

The Releasors expressly acknowledge the existence of SDCL Ch. 42-11 (the equine activity immunity law) and its contents; expressly acknowledge the existence and location of the signs placed on the Premises in contemplation of SDCL 42-11-5; expressly agree that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broadly and inclusively construed as permitted by the laws of the State of South Dakota, and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance of this Release shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

The Releasors have read and voluntarily sign this Participant – Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability, Indemnification and Release Agreement, fully understand its terms and that they have given up substantial rights by signing it, sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement, assurance or guarantee being made and intend their signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law. Releasors further acknowledge that failure to witness or notarize this Agreement shall not affect its validity.

If the Participant/Releasor is under eighteen years of age, the minor's parent, guardian, or custodian must execute this release, waiver, and indemnification.

Name of Participant: _____ DOB: _____

Signature if > 18 years: _____ Date: _____

BOTH PARENTS' SIGNATURES REQUIRED UNLESS NEXT BOX IS CHECKED:

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I represent that I have sole legal custody of or am the sole parent/guardian authorized to execute in full this assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability and Release for Participant.

Name of Mother or Guardian: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE

Date: _____

Name of Father or Guardian: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____ I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE

Notarization:

State of _____)

County of _____)

On this ____ day of _____, 20____, before me personally appeared _____

NAME OF THOSE THAT APPEAR BEFORE

NOTARY _____ to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same of their own free act, and deed.

Exp. _____