

Bylaws of South Dakota 4-H Finals, Inc.

Article I

NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

The name of the non-profit organization shall be the South Dakota 4-H Finals, Inc.

Article II

PURPOSE OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA 4-H FINALS, INC

- A. To maintain standards set by the South Dakota 4-H Finals, Inc.
- B. To promote 4-H rodeo at a local, state and national level and to work towards this by bringing recognition to this program as an organized project.
- C. To promote the highest type of conduct and sportsmanship at the various rodeos by setting standards to be met to reach this end.
- D. To promote a closer relationship among those interested in this activity and those they represent.
- E. To increase and maintain interest in all 4-H sanctioned rodeos.
- F. To encourage youth to continue in the 4-H Rodeo Project, participate in rodeos, and then go on to intercollegiate, amateur and professional rodeos.
- G. To establish the policies and regulations to conduct the State 4-H Finals Rodeo.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

- A. General Membership in this South Dakota 4H Finals, Inc. shall be persons interested in promoting the 4-H Rodeo Project. Board Membership shall be the elected officers and one elected representative from each of the sanctioned 4-H Rodeos of the local rodeo membership, with no person representing more than one rodeo. These representatives will constitute a Board of Directors.
- B. Each member of the Executive Board and each sanctioned rodeo shall have one vote per rodeo. No person, by virtue of holding a position on the Executive Board, may also vote as a sanctioned rodeo representative. Voting by proxy in any meeting of the Board of Directors or the Executive Board shall not be permitted.
- C. An Extension Agent, as appointed by the Director of Extension, will be a non-voting member and will act as a liaison between the South Dakota 4-H Rodeo Finals, Inc. and the State Extension Office.
- D. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or by petition signed by at least five (5) board members, on 10 days' notice to each Board member with delivered notice by mail, media, or electronic communication.
- E. A simple quorum of elected directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors. At the annual meeting of the general Membership, a simple quorum of the members present shall constitute a quorum.

Bylaws of South Dakota 4-H Finals, Inc.

IV

OFFICERS, DUTIES OF OFFICERS, TERM OF OFFICE

- A. The officers of the Board of Directors shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the elected representative from each of the sanctioned 4-H rodeos. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer may be elected by//from the general membership and will be called the Executive Board.
- B. The Executive Board of the Board of Directors shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers and will handle any grievances or concerns relating to the rules or regulations at the State 4-H Finals Rodeo in accordance with the 4-H 175 (4-H Rodeo Rules and Regulations handbook).
- C. The terms of officers elected at the annual meeting shall commence at the adjournment of that meeting and shall serve until adjournment of the next annual meeting. Terms of the officers will be two years. The Vice President position will be a President-Elect Position; the Vice President will serve a two year term and automatically move into the President Position for a two year term. The terms of the President and Treasurer shall end on odd years. The term Secretary shall end on even years. In the event of a vacancy of the position of President, or of the President's temporary or permanent incapacity, the Vice President shall become the president. In the event of a vacancy in Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, the President may appoint, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, a person to serve the remainder of the term of office until an election can be held at the next annual meeting.

Article V

The Annual meeting of the general membership will be held the last Saturday of October, unless otherwise established by the Board of Directors. At least quarterly meetings will be held of the Board of Directors to consider policy and regulation changes for the State 4-H Finals Rodeo. Quarterly meetings may be held by conference call.

These By-Laws of the organization may be amended at the annual meeting of the general membership. Any proposed amendments to the By-Laws or to the established Policies of the SD 4-H Finals, Inc. must be submitted in writing to the Secretary and posted at the state 4-H Rodeo Office at the State 4-H Rodeo Finals and posted to the SD 4-H Rodeo website. The Secretary shall distribute copies of the proposed amendments and notice of the annual meeting to the general membership 10 days prior to the annual meeting.

Bylaws of South Dakota 4-H Finals, Inc.

Article IX

DISSOLUTION

Upon consideration of dissolution the members of the South Dakota 4-H Finals, Inc. agree to the following procedure:

The South Dakota 4-H Finals, Inc shall be terminated and dissolved by a majority vote of the membership in favor of dissolution and termination of the 4-H organization. The membership shall also vote on how to disperse club resources for a project or activity or contribution to the betterment of the county or state 4-H program. When a 4-H club dissolves or fails to reorganize without vote of the members, the resources become the property of the county/Leaders Association or the South Dakota 4-H Foundation after a waiting period of one year. During the one-year waiting period, a representative of the county 4-H program will maintain the account.

Upon dissolution and termination of the South Dakota 4-H Finals, Inc. for any reason, the offices shall take full account of the South Dakota 4-H Finals, Inc. assets and liabilities, and shall liquidate the assets and shall apply and distribute the proceeds there from the following order:

- a) To the payment of debts and liabilities of the South Dakota 4-H Finals, Inc.
- b) To the setting up of any reserves that the officers may deem reasonable for the purpose of paying any unforeseen liabilities or obligations of the club.
- c) The remaining balance shall be divided equally between each eligible County/Regional SD 4-H Rodeo, distributed to the local committee operating the 4-H Rodeo, for the purpose of program development directly related to the enrichment of the 4-H youth program.
- d) Each of the members shall be provided a statement prepared by the South Dakota 4-H Finals, Inc. outlining the assets, liabilities, and the distribution upon complete liquidation. Upon compliance with these terms and the distribution of funds, the 4-H organization shall cease.