

CENTRAL SD Regional 4-H RODEO
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026 - 9:00 AM CT
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026 - 9:00 AM CT
STANLEY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, FT. PIERRE, SD
GENERAL RODEO RULES

The 4-H Rodeo Committee encourages both parents and contestants to fully read and understand the following rules, which apply to all contestants and all events. State 4-H Rodeo rules will be followed unless otherwise specified. There will be no purse. It is not the desire of the Committee to injure the amateur status of any contestant in school or other sports. Points will be used to determine the All-Around winners. Detailed 4-H Rodeo Rules and Regulations are available at your County Extension Office. Here are some specific rules.

1. Liability-The CSD Regional 4-H Rodeo Committee, Hughes/Stanley County 4-H Leaders Association, and all stock contractors will assume no liability for contestants, livestock, or spectator injuries, losses or damages. Every known precaution will be taken to promote safety. The rodeo arena will be worked before the show. Protective equipment must be worn in rough stock events. Warning: Under SD 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.

2. Entries- Only entries from eligible 4-H Rodeo members will be accepted. No entries will be accepted after July 17, 2026. We require that the entry fee accompany each entry. This can be a negotiable check, cash, or money order. In no case will any entry be accepted that is not properly filled out and signed by 4-H Member and parent or guardian, or without adequate fees.

No entries will be refunded unless the event is cancelled.

3. All events other than Ambassador Contest may be limited. Entries not accepted will be returned and the contestant will be notified.

4. Registration – There will be **NO** required check-in. If you are drawing out of events, contact the Rodeo Secretary. Only one contestant allowed in the office at a time. The Rodeo performance starts promptly at 9am Central Time.

5. Ambassador contest: The winner will be crowned on Saturday. Interviews, speeches, and horsemanship patterns will start at 1:00 PM on Friday. A Senior Ambassador contestant who has already won a 4-H Ambassador title in 2026 is ineligible to compete in the Ambassador event at this rodeo.

6. Contestants placing in the top four each day will qualify for the State Finals.

State Finals Rodeo Entry

Contestants are responsible to read and follow the General Information on Finals Entry Forms and the Ground Rules pertaining to the 4-H Finals Rodeo. All contestants qualifying for the 4-H Finals Rodeo (by finishing in the top 4 places at a Regional/County 4H Rodeo) are automatically entered.

For further information refer to the SD 4-H Rodeo Finals website www.sd4hrodeo.org.

NOTE: If a contestant qualifies in the top four at a Regional Rodeo and does not wish to enter the Finals or does not wish to enter an event/events, they must notify the SD 4-H Finals Secretary via email (4HFinalsSecretary@gmail.com).

Contestants who fail to notify the SD 4-H Finals Secretary of events they do not wish to participate in prior to the State Finals deadline, are responsible for paying the entry fees for those events.

7. Stalling – Stalls available on first-come, first-served basis

- Panels will not be allowed in the infield.
- Horses cannot be tied to trailer overnight.
- Payment made in drop-box at barn

8. Limited electrical hookups will be available - Camping available on first-come, first-served basis

- Payment made in drop-box at barn

9. No alcoholic beverages permitted on the grounds.

10. Any Contestant or Parent/Guardian of Contestant harassing rodeo officials will be disqualified.

11. No person shall ride, propel, or in any manner operate a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, roller skates, or rollerblades within any area of the Stanley County Fairgrounds. By entering the Stanley County Fairgrounds, you agree to abide by these rules.