

Good Morning

Last night the 4-H Rodeo lay board, 4-H Rodeo Finals, Inc executive committee and SDSU Extension 4-H met to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on the 2020 4-H Rodeo season. With the backdrop of the pandemic that the country is dealing with, as well as the public health measures being put in place by state and local governments, including the suspension of 4-H activities until sometime in May at this point, we wanted to start the discussion on the status of 4-H Regional Rodeo's for this summer.

The entities decided that at this time, we wanted to hold off on making any decision regarding rodeo postponements. The group will meet again on April 15th to continue our discussions. At that time there may be more clarity and policy recommendations from the appropriate entities. However, we would suggest that regional committees be in contact with their stock contractors and award vendors to discuss alternatives or drop-dead dates for orders and notifications. The local committees may want to consider holding off on ordering awards and consider providing anything dated after the event to avoid incurring costs in the case of cancellations.

There has also been several questions in regards to the requirement for notarization of the combined waiver, which is part of the finals packet that is due on May 1. We understand the problems with the availability and accessibility of notaries in the current COVID-19 environment. We are in discussions with Stanley County Commissioners on possible options to help the situation. As of right now, the waivers are still required and still need to be notarized. As we continue talks with the appropriate entities, if there are changes to this process, we will let you know.

Currently, we are not extending the finals packet deadline of May 1, 2020. We will review the situation when we meet in April, and will take up any changes to the deadlines at that time.

Please continue to practice social distances, follow recommendations from the CDC and state health agencies and practice good sanitary habits, as we want to see you all this summer! Be safe and take care of yourself

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