



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE  
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# State 4-H Rodeo Final Contestant Information



## **If you qualify for the State 4-H Finals Rodeo – here is some information you need to know.**

The South Dakota (SD) 4-H Finals rodeo is held in Ft Pierre, SD August 16-18, 2024. The rodeo is two go-rounds with an average. The rodeo is held in four performances. The first round is Friday night and Saturday morning. The second round is Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Each contestant will compete in each round for events they qualify for. Each contestant will compete on either Friday Night/Sunday morning **OR** Saturday morning/Saturday evening for each event they qualify for.

There are awards presented for 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th place in each go-round that will be handed out at the rodeo office after each round. The Average awards include a saddle for 1st place and buckles for 2nd, 3rd and 4th. There is an awards ceremony held after the performance on Sunday to present the average awards. If you win an average award, you are expected to attend the ceremony and pick up your award. Awards will not be mailed.

More information about the Finals is included in this letter as well as listed on the Finals tab of the 4-H Rodeo website ([sd4hrodeo.org](http://sd4hrodeo.org)).

## **Entry Fees for State 4-H Finals Inc. Rodeo**

Entry fees are due when you check-in at the State Finals. Check-in is located under the grandstands at the Stanley County Fairgrounds before the performance on Friday afternoon (August 16) or Saturday morning (August 17). Entry fees and additional information are on: [sd4hrodeo.org](http://sd4hrodeo.org).

If entry fees paid by check are returned to the SD 4-H Finals Inc. Rodeo, for any reason including non-sufficient funds (NSF), the 4-H member is no longer considered in “good standing,” and will be removed from the Rodeo Eligibility list and cannot compete in 4-H Regional and/or 4-H Finals Rodeo for the following year or until the owed entry fees are paid, a \$30 reprocessing fee plus any bank fees that the SD 4-H Finals Inc. Rodeo incurs because of the returned check transaction.

## **Notified Turnout**

If a contestant qualifies in the top four at a Regional Rodeo and does **not** wish to complete in one or all of their events at the Finals, they must notify the SD 4-H Finals Secretary via **email** ([4HFinalsSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:4HFinalsSecretary@gmail.com)) on or before August 5, 2024.

Contestants who fail to notify the SD 4-H Finals Secretary of events they do not wish to participate in are responsible for paying the entry fees for those events and will not be allowed to compete the following year until those fees are paid.

## **Team Roping Changes**

Team ropers will be entered for Finals based on the first regional rodeo where the team qualified. If you plan to rope with someone other than the first person you qualified with, you must submit changes on the “Team Roping Correction Form” to the Finals Rodeo Secretary by Monday, August 5th. The forms can be emailed to ([4HFinalsSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:4HFinalsSecretary@gmail.com)). You can download the form from the 4-H Rodeo website ([sd4hrodeo.org](http://sd4hrodeo.org)). **NOTE: Team Roping corrections are NOT accepted by telephone.**

## **Drawing Positions**

Positions must be randomly drawn for all events. Positions will be computer drawn. You cannot choose a preferred Performance UNLESS you have a conflict with another 4-H Event (i.e. County Livestock Show). If a contestant is showing livestock (not static exhibits) at the County’s 4-H Achievement Days, the contestant may have a set performance for

Friday/Sunday or Saturday/Saturday. Submit Set Performance documentation to the SD 4-H Finals Inc. Rodeo Secretary by 6:00 p.m., CT on/before August 1, 2024.

Contestants must email a signed letter from the County 4-H Office describing the conflict to the Finals Secretary by August 1, 2024. SD 4-H Finals Inc. Rodeo may confirm the conflict with the contestant's County 4-H Office. The email for the 4-H Finals Secretary is [4HFinalsSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:4HFinalsSecretary@gmail.com).

## Trade Out Rule

Once the draw is posted on the 4-H Rodeo Website, the only way the random draw can be altered is with the Trade-Out rule. A contestant wishing to change their set performance can find a contestant in the same event who is in the opposite performance and request their draw spots to be switched. BOTH contestants must send an email to the 4-H Finals Secretary requesting the change. If there is not an email received from both contestants, the trade will not be processed. There is a 24-hour deadline from the time the draw is posted, there will be a clock on the 4-H Rodeo website that is the official time deadline for the trades to occur.

EXAMPLE: John Doe in Sr. Calf Roping on Friday night and Sunday morning can trade with Jake Doe in Sr. Calf Roping on Saturday am and Saturday pm. **Requests to trade must be emailed to the secretary within 24 hours of the draw being posted. BOTH CONTESTANTS MUST EMAIL 4-H FINALS SECRETARY THEIR PERMISSION BEFORE THE DRAW WILL BE CHANGED.** In the event of a team roping trade, emails must be received from ALL FOUR contestants (both headers and both heelers). A change will only be allowed if there is a trade able to be made. In the event a contestant cannot find someone to trade performances with or both contestants wanting a trade do not meet the time deadline which is exactly 24 hours, then no trade will be made, and the Contestant will keep their original draw. NO EXCEPTIONS.

## Stalls

Due to limited space, all horses must be stalled with the Stanley County Fairgrounds, tied to a trailer, or kept off site overnight. **Absolutely no pens of any nature are allowed on the grounds.** With the large number of pickups, trailers, and horses on the grounds, please use as little space as possible to ensure that all contestants have room to park their pickups and trailers. The on-site stalling process is controlled by the Stanley County Fairgrounds staff and not within the control of the 4-H Finals Rodeo Committee. See the Stall Information link under the Finals Rodeo tab on the SD 4-H Rodeo website ([sd4Hrodeo.org](http://sd4Hrodeo.org)) for more information. **Please note, Stall Forms will NOT be accepted until June 17, 2024.**

## Camping

There are a limited number of camping spots available on the fairgrounds. There are 16 Full spots and 48 spots with electricity only. Reservations for these spots are handled by the Stanley County Fairgrounds staff and not within the control of the 4-H Finals Rodeo Committee. **Reservations will only be taken over the phone during the following times: June 24, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm central time.** See the "Camping/Lodging Information" link on the Finals Rodeo tab on the SD 4-H Rodeo website ([sd4Hrodeo.org](http://sd4Hrodeo.org)) for complete information.

## 4-H Rodeo Scholarships

Scholarship applications are available on the SD 4-H Rodeo website ([sd4hrodeo.org](http://sd4hrodeo.org)). Scholarships are for high school seniors and college/university/technical institute freshman who participate in the SD 4-H Finals Inc. Rodeo. The scholarship application deadline is a **postmark** date on/before Sunday, July 28, 2024. Personal interviews will be conducted during the Finals rodeo.

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