



Dear NHSFR Contestant:

Congratulations! You have qualified to compete for a National Championship at the World's Largest and Best Rodeo. I look forward to seeing you at CAM-PLEX Event Center in Gillette, Wyoming for the 75th Annual National High School Finals Rodeo July 16-22, 2023.

The following items must be done:

- a. If you are bringing horses to the NHSFR, they must have health certificates and Coggins tests to get into Wyoming. Be sure to check with your state vet on what tests are needed to get them back home. All horses must go through brand inspection at horse check-in.
- b. Be sure both parents sign the entry form on the lines of each event you are entering as well as the appropriate places on the back of the form and the Minor's Release Forms.
- c. Be sure you have the entry form and release forms **notarized**.
- d. Be sure you **sign** the entry form yourself on the front and back. Your State/Province Secretary must receive your form **immediately following your State/Provincial Finals** to meet all required deadlines.
- e. Your State/Provincial Secretary must mail it to the National Office within five (5) days of your State/Provincial Finals in order for your entry to be accepted.
- f. **Stalling & camping reservations need to be made through your State/Provincial Secretary immediately following your Finals.** Keep copies of your horse ID papers with you for check in at Gillette. **DO NOT GIVE HORSE ID PAPERS TO YOUR SECRETARY!**
- g. **W-9 forms are REQUIRED if you are entering the Optional Added Money Jackpot.** You must provide your social security number to be entered into the rodeo performance jackpot. This is different than the practice / jackpot arena that is put on by the stock contractor. You will sign up for the practice / jackpot arena upon your arrival.
- h. You **MUST** check in at the NHSFR **before 7 a.m. Sunday, July 16, 2023.** A **MANDATORY** Contestants Meeting will be Sunday, July 16 at 11 a.m. in the Main Grandstands – Morningside Park.

DON'T FORGET, if you have trouble en route and may not be able to make the 7 a.m. check in deadline, be sure and call the Rodeo Office and speak to the Rodeo Secretary. You may not be excused but you need to discuss your situation with the Rodeo Secretary.

You must check in and pick up your back number and information by 7 am, Sunday, July 16!

Rodeo Office: (307) 687-6568. Keep this phone number with you.

I look forward to seeing you in Gillette for the 75th NHSFR. Travel safe!

Best of Luck,

James Higginbotham

NHSRA Executive Director