

Attention Contestants, Parents and Family Members attending the NJHFR
at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, IA

We all want to make and leave a good impression. With that in mind, we ask that you follow these guidelines that have been established for the 2024 NJHFR. We set the example for youth in our country; it's important to all of us. We appreciate your help to make this happen by adhering to some general rules / guidelines.

- **ALL HORSES, CAMPERS and CONTESTANTS MUST be checked in by 7:00AM ON SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS, SO PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS ACCORDINGLY. This applies to both rodeo contestants, shooting sports contestants and INCLUDES additional family members who will be staying on site with us.**
- If you bring a horse or any other hooved animal on the grounds that you have not reserved a stall for, you must pay for that stall in full **BEFORE** you will be allowed to unload that animal. Animal requirements are listed in the Contestant Letter.
- If you rent a golf cart in Des Moines, you **MUST** adhere to the Fairground, GTI /Dever Golf Cars Company and NHSRA Rules for operating your cart. Golf carts **can only be operated by anyone 21 years of age or older with a valid driver's license**. If you are under 21 and are caught driving a golf cart, your cart will be confiscated and further disciplinary action, including disqualification can be imposed. Please refer to Golf Cart Rules and Regulations you signed when you rented your golf cart. This rule will be enforced by the security that has been hired by the NHSRA.
- **NO PRIVATELY OWNED GOLF CARTS, ATV, UTV, MOTORCYCLES, GO CARTS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS. ONLY GOLF CARTS PROVIDED BY DEVER/GTI ARE PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS FOR LIABILITY PURPOSES. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- **If you are found operating an outside golf cart, that cart will be impounded until the end of the event or upon your leaving the finals.**
- All contestants will receive a back number AND a wristband at check-in. **All contestants will be required to wear the wristband they received at check-in in addition to your original back number that you signed when you checked in or your felt back number (if one has been purchased for you by your state/province).**
- Contestants **MUST** be wearing a back number (paper or felt) accompanied by a Contestant Wristband (that will be issued at check-in) at **ALL** times.

- Contestant Helpers **MUST** be wearing a wrist band or have a ticket for the performance(s) they are helping their contestant in. They must also be in official western attire and must adhere to the rules regarding arena access. **We do not issue Helpers Passes.**
- Rough Stock contestants **MUST** attend one of the safety seminars and equipment checks that are posted on the schedule. They WILL NOT be allowed to compete unless they have attended one of these sessions, their equipment has been checked and they have signed the check-in sheet.
- **The curfew for anyone under the age of 18 including contestants is 12:00am. (This means ALL CONTESTANTS.) If you are in violation of this curfew, you may be subjected to disciplinary action up to and including disqualification.**
- Grandstands **CANNOT** be taped, roped off **OR decorated**. State FLAGS, BANNERS OR OTHER DECORATIONS cannot be affixed to any of the seating areas in these areas! Seating cannot be **RESERVED IN THIS MANNER FOR YOUR STATE OR PROVINCE.**
- If you are a Student Delegate OR Candidate, **YOU MUST BE IN FULL WESTERN ATTIRE** when you attend the Student Delegate meetings.
- Contestants who are not competing but are in the stands **MUST** also be in **FULL WESTERN ATTIRE**, wearing their back number AND wristband they were issued at check-in.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO STALL REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED, REGARDLESS OF REASON, WITHOUT A STALL REFUND FORM.** Refund forms are available at and should be turned into the Rodeo Office and they **MUST** be signed by your National Director. Medical and Vet outs **MUST** have supporting paperwork attached (Doctor Notes, Vet Reports). **STALL REFUNDS ARE NOT GUARANTEED AND WILL BE REVIEWED POST FINALS FOR APPROVAL.** If it is determined you will receive a refund, those refunds will not be sent until August 2024.
- There is a shavings provider on grounds. **NO OTHER STRAW OR SHAVINGS FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES ARE ALLOWED AT THE FAIRGROUNDS.** Shavings must be purchased from this source. Your stall will come with 3 bags of shavings (included in the price) that will be delivered prior to your arrival.
- **Stalls CANNOT be altered or defaced.** Stalls will be checked daily for damages or conditions that could make for unsafe conditions. You will be charged **\$100** for any damages or alterations made to your stall per occurrence. (Regardless of whether you fix it later or not.)
- All livestock that will be used at the NJHFR will be conditioned by the Stock Contractor unless otherwise posted at the finals. (Goats, Calves, Steers, etc.)