

78th National High School Finals Rodeo Lincoln, Nebraska

2026 NHSFR Schedule **\*\*TENTATIVE\*\***



Date	Time	Event	Location
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**Daily Events During the Rodeo:**

	9:00 AM & 7:00 PM	NHSFR Rodeo Performances - Rough Stock & Timed Events	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena
	9:00 AM	NHSFR Cutting Events	LivestockMarket Pavilion
	8:00 AM & 6:00 PM	NHSFR Reined Cow Horse Event - NO SUNDAY PM PERFORMANCE	TractorHouse Pavilion
	8:00 AM	Daily Devotionals with Cory Young - Golden Spur Ministries	Northwest Corner of RCH - TractorHouse Pavilion
	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	NHSFR Tradeshow Presented by Capri Camper	Currency Pavilion
	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Cinch Town	Fr8Star Pavilion

**Wednesday, July 15**

	12 Noon	CHECK IN OPENS FOR QUEEN CONTESTANTS ONLY	
		QUEENS must be checked in by TODAY 6PM Wednesday, July 15th	
	6:30 PM	Queen "Let's Get Acquainted" Early Gathering	South Hall Meeting Rooms

**Thursday, July 16**

	8:00 AM	Queen Contest Written Test and Orientation (Roll Call 7:45 AM)	Lincoln East High School
	8:30 AM	Queen Contest Orientation	Lincoln East High School
	10:00 - 11:00 AM	Queen Contest Social with Judges	Lincoln East High School
	11:15 AM	Queen Contest Judge's Meeting and Lunch (No contestants)	Lincoln East High School
	12 Noon	CHECK IN OPENS FOR ALL RODEO / SHOOTING SPORTS CONTESTANTS	
		Contestants must be checked in by 7AM Sunday, July 19	
	1:30 PM	Queen Contest Horsemanship (Roll Call 1:15 PM)	TractorHouse Pavilion - RCH Arena
	6:30 - 10:00 PM	First Session of Queen Contest Personal Interviews	South Hall Meeting Rooms

**Friday, July 17**

	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Second Session of Queen Contest Personal Interviews	South Hall Meeting Rooms
	7:00 PM	Queen Contest Modeling and Speeches (Roll Call 6:45 PM)	Lincoln East High School

**Saturday, July 18**

	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	NCHA Cutting Clinic with TBD	LivestockMarket Pavilion
	8:30 AM	Reined Cow Horse Clinic/Workshop with TBD	TractorHouse Pavilion
	9:00 AM	Queen Contest Introductions/Impromptu Questions (Roll Call 8:45 AM)	Lincoln East High School
	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Crisis Fund Basket Silent Auction Entries Accepted/Bidding opens upon entry!	Currency Pavilion
	3:00 PM	Safety Seminar #1 - all Rough Stock Riders REQUIRED to go to Session 1 or 2 Bareback / Saddle Bronc / Bull Riding Equipment Check, 1st Session	Northwest Corner of RCH - TractorHouse Pavilion

**Sunday, July 19**

			<b>BOOT BARN DAY</b>	
		7:00 AM	CHECK IN CLOSES - ALL contestants MUST be checked in by this time	
		8:00 AM	Church Service by Golden Spur Ministries - Cory Young	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena
		9:00 AM	Student Delegate Meeting for Officers, Delegates and Candidates	South Hall
		10:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Crisis Fund Basket Silent Auction Entries Accepted/Bidding opens upon entry!	Currency Pavilion
		11:00 AM	MANDATORY CONTESTANTS MEETING - Immediately followed by Pictures	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena
			Team Photos // All-Around Photo	Rough Stock Arena
		2:00 PM	Cutting Q & A with NCHA Judges - NO horses required	LivestockMarket Pavilion
		2:00 PM	Safety Seminar #2 - all Rough Stock Riders REQUIRED to go to Session 1 or 2 Bareback / Saddle Bronc / Bull Riding Equipment Check, 2nd Session	Northwest Corner of RCH - TractorHouse Pavilion
		4:00 PM	Reined Cow Horse Q & A with NRCHA Judges - TBD	South Hall
		5:00 PM	Deadline to turn in Western Lifestyle Trade Craft Showcase Entry	Currency Pavilion (Western Horseman Booth)
		6:00 PM	All Contestant Horses MUST be checked in by Horse Check-In	Horse Check-In
		6:00 PM	Senior Scholarship Application Deadline	Foundation Office - Lancaster Room
		6:00 PM	NHSFR Volleyball Tournament - Team Declaration Deadline	NHSRA Rodeo Office
		7:00 PM	1st Rodeo Performance - Rough Stock & Timed Events	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena
		1st Cutting Performance	LivestockMarket Pavilion	
	10:30 PM - 1:00 AM	Contestants Dance Presented by HYER Boots	Ag Society Hall	

**Monday, July 20**

			<b>YETI COOLER DAY</b>	
		8:00 AM	1st Reined Cow Horse Performance	TractorHouse Pavilion
		9:00 AM	2nd Rodeo Performance - Rough Stock & Timed Events	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena
			2nd & 3rd Cutting Performance	LivestockMarket Pavilion
		10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Light Rifle Range open for practice	Lincoln Izaak Walton League
		10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Trap Range open for practice	Lincoln Izaak Walton League
		10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	NHSRA College Fair Presented by SMARTY	South Hall
		12:00 PM	Entries Due for High School Triathlon	NHSRA Rodeo Office
		2:30 - 5:00 PM	PRCA Knowledge Bowl - Awards to follow	South Hall Meeting Rooms
		5:00 PM	Draws posted for High School Triathlon	NHSRA Rodeo Office + Posting Boards
	6:00 PM	2nd Reined Cow Horse Performance	TractorHouse Pavilion	
	7:00 PM	3rd Rodeo Performance - Rough Stock & Timed Events		
		* Polka Dots / Stripes * Shirts	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena	
	10:30 PM - 1:00 AM	Contestants Dance Presented by HYER Boots	Ag Society Hall	

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			<b>QUANTA SERVICE DAY</b>	
	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	NHSRA Light Rifle Competition - Times will be posted in Official Posting Area	Lincoln Izaak Walton League	
	8:00 AM	3rd Reined Cow Horse Performance	TractorHouse Pavilion	
	9:00 AM	4th Rodeo Performance - Rough Stock & Timed Events	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena	
		4th & 5th Cutting Performance	LivestockMarket Pavilion	
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Trap Range open for practice	Lincoln Izaak Walton League	
	1:00 - 5:00 PM	NHSFR Volleyball Tournament - must have declared your team to play	Lot I - Grass Area near Gate #1	
	5:00 PM	Payment Due for High School Triathlon	NHSRA Rodeo Office	
	6:00 PM	4th Reined Cow Horse Performance (End of 1st Go)	TractorHouse Pavilion	
	7:00 PM	5th Rodeo Performance - Rough Stock & Timed Events	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena	
		* Memorial Tribute * <b>Black Shirts</b>		
10:30 PM - 1:00 AM	Contestants Dance Presented by HYER Boots	Ag Society Hall		
			<b>HYER BOOTS DAY</b>	
	8:00 AM	5th Reined Cow Horse Performance	TractorHouse Pavilion	
	9:00 AM	6th Rodeo Performance - Rough Stock & Timed Events (End of 1st Go)	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena	
		6th & 7th Cutting Performance (Perf 6 - End of 1st Go)	LivestockMarket Pavilion	
			<b>1st Go Awards Immediately following Performance</b>	South Hall
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Trap Range open for practice	Lincoln Izaak Walton League	
	12:30 PM	Man of the Year Presentation	South Hall	
	1:30 PM	<b>NHSRA LIGHT RIFLE SHORT GO</b>	Lincoln Izaak Walton League	
	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	CINCH Career Fair	Ag Society Hall	
	6:00 PM	6th Reined Cow Horse Performance	TractorHouse Pavilion	
	7:00 PM	7th Rodeo Performance - Rough Stock & Timed Events	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena	
		* Honor Men & Women in Uniform * <b>Red &amp; Blue Shirts</b>		
10:30 PM - 1:00 AM	Contestant Dance Presented by HYER Boots - <b>COWBOY PROM</b>	Ag Society Hall		
			<b>GIST SILVERSMITHS DAY</b>	
	8:00 AM	NHSRA Trap Shooting Competition, Times will be posted in Official Posting Area	Lincoln Izaak Walton League	
	8:00 AM	7th Reined Cow Horse Performance	TractorHouse Pavilion	
	9:00 AM	8th Rodeo Performance - Rough Stock & Timed Events	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena	
		8th & 9th Cutting Performance	LivestockMarket Pavilion	
	12:00 PM	Western Lifestyle Trade Craft Showcase Awards	Currency Pavilion (Western Horseman Booth)	
	1:00 PM	<b>High School Triathlon</b>	Jackpot Arena	
	2:00 PM	Crisis Fund Basket Silent Auction Closes (pick up basket from 2-5PM)	Currency Pavilion	
	3:00 PM	NHSR Foundation Scholarship Awards Presentation	South Hall	
		Presentation of Professionals Choice Equine/Student Scholarship Winners		
	6:50 PM	Retiring Address of NHSRA Student Secretary - Aubrey Gist	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena	
6:00 PM	8th Reined Cow Horse Performance (End of 2nd Go)	TractorHouse Pavilion		
7:00 PM	9th Rodeo Performance - Rough Stock & Timed Events	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena		
	* Cancer Awareness * <b>Shirt Color of Your Choice, Accordingly</b>			
10:00 PM	NHSFR Talent Show - <b>Awards to follow</b>	South Hall		
10:30 PM - 1:00 AM	Contestants Dance Presented by HYER Boots	Ag Society Hall		
			<b>PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE DAY</b>	
	8:00 AM	<b>NHSRA TRAP SHOOTING SHORT-GO</b>	Lincoln Izaak Walton League	
	8:50 AM	Retiring Address of NHSRA Student Vice President - Braxton Townsend	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena	
	9:00 AM	10th Rodeo Performance - Rough Stock & Timed Events	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena	
		10th & 11th Cutting Performance	LivestockMarket Pavilion	
	12:45 PM	Queen Contest Crowning Ceremony Practice, Lunch, & Congeniality Voting	Ag Society Hall	
	1:00 PM	American Hat Tug-O-War	Playground Lawn	
	2:00 PM	Student Delegate Meeting for Officers, Delegates and Candidates	South Hall	
	4:00 PM	<b>REINED COW HORSE SHORT GO PERFORMANCE</b>	TractorHouse Pavilion	
			Reined Cow Horse awards presented by NRCHA following Short-Go Performance	
	6:50 PM	Retiring Address of NHSRA Student President - Braedon Crain	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena	
7:00 PM	11th Rodeo Performance - Rough Stock & Timed Events	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena		
10:30 PM - 1:00 AM	Contestants Dance Presented by HYER Boots	Ag Society Hall		
			<b>CINCH JEANS &amp; SHIRTS DAY</b>	
	8:00 AM	12th Cutting Performance - <b>EARLY START TIME</b> (End of 2nd Go)	LivestockMarket Pavilion	
	8:50 AM	Retiring Address of NHSRA Queen - Cardyn Clem	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena	
	9:00 AM	12th Rodeo Performance - Rough Stock & Timed Events (End of 2nd Go)	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena	
				<b>2nd Go Awards Immediately following Performance</b>
	2:00 PM	<b>CUTTING SHORT GO PERFORMANCE</b>	LivestockMarket Pavilion	
	3:00 PM	Finalist Meeting for all Rough Stock Arena Contestants	Ag Society Hall	
	3:30 PM	Finalist Meeting for all Timed Event Arena Contestants	Ag Society Hall	
	5:30 PM	Queen Contest Crowning Ceremony, (roll call 5:15 PM)	Ag Society Hall	
	7:00 PM	Rodeo Short Go Round Performance - Rough Stock & Timed Events	AuctionTime Grandstand Arena	
			<b>Awards for Short Go and World Champion for all events to follow performance</b>	Ag Society Hall