

South Dakota Point System

REGIONAL RODEOS: 30 points possible

Southwest Region: Wall and Sturgis

Northwest Region: Buffalo and Dupree

Eastern Region: Winner and Watertown

Contestants must rodeo in their designated regions unless approved by their regional director. Each day is one complete go-round and counts as a 55-point rodeo. The points are distributed as follows:

1st = 10 points **2nd = 9 points** **3rd = 8 points** **through 10th = 1 point**

The average at a regional rodeo does not count for points; however, the awards are given on the average. The All-Around is to be figured on the 10-point system unless there are less than 10 contestants in that event. For example, in the Bareback Riding or Girl's Cutting, if there are only six entries – first place gets 6 points toward the All-Around, second gets 5 points and so on. These two methods must be used.

Contestants can compete at their two regional rodeos, giving them four rodeos to gather points from. The lower-point rodeo is then thrown out and the three best rodeos in each event count toward State Finals. Therefore, 30 points is the maximum in each event that can be carried into the State Finals. Contestants with one point in an event qualify for the State Finals.

STATE FINALS: 40 points possible

The State Finals consists of two go-rounds and a short round.

- First two rounds – 55 points possible per round; i.e. – 1st = 10 points, 2nd = 9 points, etc.
- Short round – 55 points possible – 1st = 10 points, etc.
- Average on three rounds – 55 points possible – 1st = 10 points, etc.

Therefore, each contestant in each event can accumulate up to 40 points in an event. All qualifiers compete in the first two go-rounds. Fifteen contestants advance on to the Short Go. The Short Go finalists will be the 10 highest cumulative point earners of the year after the second go and the top five average leaders from the first two go-rounds at State. If the top five average leaders are included in the top 10 point earners, then contestants will be rolled up from the average leaders from the first two go-rounds at State.

If after the top five average leaders are included in the top 10 point earners, then contestants will be rolled up from the average leaders until 15 finalists include the top five contestants in the average after the top 10 point qualifiers. In the event that there are not average qualifiers after the top 10 point earners, then the remaining Short Go positions will be filled using the next-highest point earners.

CATTLE CUTTING: The number of cutters advancing to the Short Go in each of the boys and girls events will not be more than two-thirds of the total cutting contestants competing at State. If the two-thirds results in a fraction, the next contestant is moved up to compete in the Short Go. Of the number of cutters to compete in the Short Go, two-thirds will be selected on cumulative points and one-third will be selected from the average leaders for the first two go-rounds. Short Go contestants will compete in the order of lowest position in the average to the highest position in the average. Cattle cutters will draw for position.

YEAR END AWARDS AND NATIONAL TEAM: Year-end point earners in each event will qualify for the National Finals Team, not the State Finals average winners. Awards given at the State Finals will be given on the go-rounds and average placings, not year-end points. All-Around awards at State will be based on points earned using the 10-point system. Points only from State.

QUEEN CONTESTANTS: Queen contestants placing first, second or third at regional rodeos will qualify for the State Finals. Contestants can only win one Queen contest prior to State Finals. The queen placing first at the State Finals is the only qualifier for the National Team.