

Scoring

Regions: 30 Points possible

Huron and Watertown – East Region
Buffalo and Dupree – Northwest Region
Winner and Ft. Pierre –River Region
Wall and Sturgis – Southwest Region

Contestants must rodeo in their designated regions, unless approved by a regional director from each region. 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 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 Girls Cutting, there are only six entries – the first place gets 6 points towards the All-Around, second gets 5 points and so on.

Contestants can compete at their two regional rodeos, giving them four rodeos to gather points from. The lower-point rodeo is thrown out, the three best rodeos in each event count towards the State. Therefore, 30 points is the maximum in each event that can be carried into the State Finals. Contestants with three points in an event qualify for the State Finals. (change 9-08)

State Finals: 40 possible points

The State Finals consists of two Go-Rounds and a Short Go.

First two go-rounds – 55 possible points per go-round; i.e. – first = 10 points, second = 9 points, etc.

Short go-round – 55 possible points – first = 10 points, etc.

Average on three rounds – 55 possible points

Contestant must cover one ride/head at State Finals to be eligible for average points (change 11-08)

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 15 highest cumulative point's earners of the year after the second Go at State Finals. (change 9-08) Contestants must score/ride on at least one head of stock at State Finals to earn State Finals average points. (change 11-08) Short Go contestants will compete in order of total points, from lowest to highest.

Cattle Cutting: The number of cutters advancing to the Short Go in each event of the boys and girls events will not be more than two-thirds of the total cutting contestants competing at State. If two-thirds results in a fraction, the next contestant is moved up to compete in the Short Go. Cattle cutters will draw for positions.

Year End Awards and National Team: Year-end point earners in each event will qualify for the National Finals Team. Awards given at the State Finals will be given on the High Point Year End totals. Go-rounds placings, 1-4, shall receive Go-round awards. All around winners will be placed on the year end point totals.

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. Queen placing first at the State Finals is the only qualifier for the National Finals Team.

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