

Good Morning

The Executive committee of the 4-H Rodeo lay board, 4-H Rodeo Finals, Inc executive committee and SDSU Extension 4-H met on May 20, 2020 to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on the 2020 4-H Rodeo season. With the backdrop of the pandemic that the country is dealing with, as well as the public health measures being put in place by state and local governments, including the suspension of 4-H activities until sometime in the future, we wanted to continue the discussion on the status of 4-H Regional Rodeo's for this summer.

In keeping with policy established at the university level in regards to outreach activities (camps, conferences, extension/4-H) we will be postponing rodeos until July 1, 2020. The entities will meet again on June 11, 2020 to make decisions in regards to July 4-H Rodeos. At that time there may be more clarity and policy recommendations from the appropriate entities. However, we would suggest that regional committees be in contact with their stock contractors and award vendors to discuss alternatives or drop-dead dates for orders and notifications. We encourage local committees to have discussions with your communities, there may be concerns with exposing their communities to a large number of new people even if events are allowed to go forward in the future. In some instances cancellation of this year's event may be the prudent decision. The decisions which are being considered are never easy and there are many levels of individuals that have a stake in the outcome.

With the approaching June 1 late entry deadline approaching rapidly, we would like to remind you to get your problem entries corrected and returned to 4-H Finals secretary. Please make sure that you are actively enrolled in 4-H (this is required yearly) and that you are enrolled in Rodeo project area. If these issues are not rectified by June 1, youth affected will not be eligible to compete in any 4-H rodeos held this year (regional or finals).

There has been some questions in regards to the AIL rodeo insurance, that families purchase. To clarify, this insurance will only cover injuries suffered at a sanctioned 4-H rodeo. The insurance will not cover injuries suffered during practice, or other activities that are rodeo like but not official 4-H events (brandings, other sanctioning bodies).

Please continue to practice social distances, follow recommendations from the CDC and state health agencies and practice good sanitary habits, as we want to see you all this summer! Be safe and take care of yourself

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