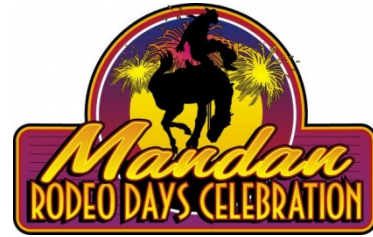


## 2014 Notable Contestants



The 2014 Mandan Rodeo's contestant line-up includes 540 entries from 28 states and five provinces of Canada. These professional cowboys and cowgirls (age 18 and over) will compete for more than \$100,000 and world championship points. The roster includes current world champions and leaders for the 2014 titles, several individuals who have qualified for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (NFR) and top contenders from the Badlands Circuit (North and South Dakota.) Some contestants to watch for:

### **Wednesday, July 2 – \*Slack competition – 8 a.m. (free admission)**

*\*Slack is the overflow portion of the competition as not all 540 entries will fit into the three scheduled rodeo performances. This is NOT qualifications or eliminations. Contestants in slack pay the same entry fees and compete for the same prize money as those in the performance and can win first place if their time is the fastest of the entire rodeo.*

- Barrel Racing
  - Layna Kight of Canton, Tex., is a former NFR qualifier.
  - Jessica Routier of Buffalo, S.D., currently leads the Badlands Circuit standings.
  - Wanda Brown of Edgemont, S.D., was Badlands Circuit Reserve Champion Barrel Racer in 2013.
- Steer Wrestling
  - J.B. Lord of Sturgis, S.D., is a former NFR qualifier, the reigning Badlands Circuit Champion and is currently ranked second behind his son Eli in the 2014 circuit standings. He is ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the World Championship All-Around standings.
  - Eli Lord of Sturgis, S.D., is currently leading the Badlands Circuit standings, just ahead of his father J.B. He finished 11<sup>th</sup> last season.
- Tie-Down Roping
  - Scott Kormos of Teague, Tex., finished the 2013 season ranked 5<sup>th</sup> after the NFR. He's back in the standings this year at 32.
  - Jason Schafer of Broadus, Mont., is the reigning Badlands Circuit champion.
- Team Roping
  - Bobby Harris of Gillette, Wyo., is a former world champion and many-time NFR qualifier.
  - J.B. Lord of Sturgis, S.D., is one of the top all-around cowboys in pro rodeo, last year's Badlands Circuit Reserve Champion header and a former NFR contestant. He is roping with his son Levi, a rookie this season.
  - Garrett Tonozzi of Fruita, Colo., is an NFR qualifier and nephew of NFR veteran Brett Tonozzi.

## **Wednesday, July 2 – 7:30 PM (Gates open at 5 p.m.)**

- Bareback Bronc Riding
  - Sam Nordick of Whitney, Neb., is a four-time qualifier to the College National Finals Rodeo and held a 4.0 grade point average throughout his college career.
  - Justin Miller of Billings, Mont., is ranked 24<sup>th</sup> in the world championship standings for 2014.
  - Joe Gunderson of Agar, S.D., finished third in the Badlands Circuit last year and is again ranked third in 2014. He's also 33<sup>rd</sup> in the world championship standings.
  - Casey Breuer of Mandan leads the Badlands Circuit standings in 2014 and is ranked 32<sup>nd</sup> in the world championship standings.
  - Ty Breuer of Mandan (Casey's older brother) qualified for last year's NFR and finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the world championship standings and second in the Badlands Circuit. He's back in competition after an injury at the NFR kept him out of competition for a few months and is ranked 38<sup>th</sup> in 2014.
- Tie-Down Roping
  - Timber Moore of Aubrey, Tex., qualified for last year's NFR and finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the standings. He's currently ranked fourth for the 2014 season.
- Saddle Bronc Riding
  - Jeremy Meeks of Belle Fourche, S.D., is the reigning Badlands Circuit Champion Saddle Bronc Rider.
  - Dawson Jandreau of Kennebec, S.D., is ranked 39<sup>th</sup> in the world championship standings.
  - Ty Hanke of Hermosa, S.D., is currently third in the Badlands Circuit standings.
- Team Roping
  - Walt Woodard of Stephenville, Tex., has two world championships (won 26 years apart) and more than 20 NFR qualifications.
- Barrel Racing
  - Jill Moody of Pierre, S.D., is the 2010 Reserve World Champion and a two-time National Finals Rodeo champion with the fastest total time for all 10 rounds.
  - Lisa Lockhart of Oelrichs, S.D., currently leads the world championship standings and is in good shape to qualify for her eighth NFR. She won three rounds at last year's NFR and also won barrel racing at the \$2 million dollar The American rodeo in March in Arlington, Texas. She's also the reigning Badlands Circuit champion.
  - Britany Fleck Diaz of Solen, N.D., qualified for the NFR in 2012 and is currently seventh in the world championship standings for 2014.
- Bull Riding
  - Bobby Welsh of Gillette, Wyo., qualified for seven consecutive NFRs and barely missed in 2013 (finishing 18<sup>th</sup>). He's ranked 30<sup>th</sup> this year.
  - Stetson Lawrence of Williston, N.D., finished second in the Badlands Circuit last year and currently leads the circuit in 2014.

## **Thursday, July 3 – 7:30 PM (Gates open at 5 p.m.)**

- Bareback Bronc Riding
  - Mac Erickson of Sundance, Wyo., the reigning Badlands Circuit Champion, is ranked second in 2014.
- Saddle Bronc Riding
  - Cort Scheer of Elsmere, Neb., is a three-time NFR qualifier. He finished the 2013 season ranked fifth and won second in the NFR average (highest score over 10 rounds). This year he's ranked third in the world championship Standings.
  - J.J. Elshere of Hereford, S.D., has qualified for the NFR four times
- Team Roping
  - Matt Kasner of Cody, Neb., barely missed last year's NFR, finishing 18<sup>th</sup> in the world.
  - Nick Sartain of Dover, Okla., a former world champion and NFR average winner, finished sixth for the world title last year and is currently ranked seventh.
  - Rich Skelton of Llano, Tex., has won eight world championships as a heeler. A many-time NFR qualifier, he's currently ranked sixth in the world championship standings.
  - NFR qualifier Ty Blasingame of Sugar City, Colo., is currently ranked 8<sup>th</sup>. He and partner J.W. Borrego of Weston, Colo., won the team roping at the 2014 Ram National Circuit Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City.
  - Jhett Johnson of Casper, Wyo., is a former world champion and NFR qualifier.
- Barrel Racing
  - Former World Champion Mary Burger of Pauls Valley, Okla., has qualified for several NFRs.
- Bull Riding
  - J.W. Harris of Mullin, Tex., is the premiere bull rider in the PRCA. He has won four world championships and is the reigning titlist. He is currently ranked second in the 2014 standings. He's qualified for eight NFRs and won two NFR average titles.
  - Tate Smith of Litchville, N.D., is the reigning Badlands Circuit Bull Riding Champion.

## **Friday, July 4 – 7:30 P.M. (Gates open at 5 p.m.)**

- Steer Wrestling
  - Matt Mousseau of Hensall, Ontario, has won two world titles in the International Pro Rodeo Association.
- Team Roping
  - Billy Bob Brown and Logan Medlin, both of Stephenville, Tex., are two-time National Intercollegiate Rodeo Team Roping Champions
- Barrel Racing
  - Nikki Steffes of Vale, S.D., is a former NFR qualifier.

## **North Dakota Contestants**

### **Wednesday, July 2 – Slack**

#### **BARREL RACING**

Jo Lynn Grieves Killdeer, ND  
Tisa Kraft Berthold, ND  
Kim Dunford Baldwin, ND  
Jackie Schau Almont, ND  
Tracy Bridwell Bismarck, ND  
Ashley Mertz Minot, ND  
Darcie Ridl Dickinson, ND  
Dawn Carson Killdeer, ND  
Michaela Kathrein Dickinson, ND  
Jennifer Meyer Dickinson, ND  
Molly Otto Grand Forks, ND  
Fonda Galbreath Oakes, ND  
Mackenzie Weber New Rockford, ND  
Donna Grann Sheyenne, ND  
Lisa O'Keeffe Mohall, ND  
Britta O'Keeffe Mohall, ND  
Billie Miller Menoken, ND  
Bobbie Miller Menoken, ND  
Ashley Ross Bismarck, ND  
Brandee Brugh New Town, ND  
Karleen Weigel Napoleon, ND  
Desirae Weigel Bismarck, ND  
Bobbi Grann Sheyenne, ND

#### **STEER WRESTLING**

Jason Reiss Dickinson, ND  
Scott Kleeman Killdeer, ND  
Cameron Morman Glenullin, ND  
Tom Hansen Killdeer, ND  
Austin Maier Elgin, ND  
Del Day Bismarck, ND  
Tyler Thorson Towner, ND  
Kory Carlson Dunn Center, ND  
Sheldon Portwine Dickinson, ND  
Lane Dahl Sawyer, ND  
Biff Swan Dickinson, ND  
Tyler Schau Almont, ND  
Lafe Nelson Almont, ND  
Justice Johnson Bismarck, ND  
Evan Entze Golden Valley, ND  
Tyler Pittsley Killdeer, ND  
Jim Roedeske Carwright, ND  
Jim Hansen Watford City, ND  
Anton Helfrich Killdeer, ND

#### **TIE DOWN ROPING**

Dan Bishoff Cogswell, ND  
Brodan Porter Dickinson, ND  
Jon Peek Williston, ND  
Dillon Wickum Minot, ND  
Scott Hoovestol Almont, ND  
Dustin Entzel Killdeer, ND  
Tanner Wznick Dickinson, ND

### **TEAM ROPING**

A.J. Zieman New Rockford, ND  
Chase Carson Grassy Butte, ND  
Cody Hilzendeger Bismarck, ND  
Luke Morast Halliday, ND  
Brodin Porter Dickinson, ND  
Wroper Kosel Bismarck, ND  
Jeff Schaefer Des Lacs, ND  
Lane Dahl Sawyer, ND  
Turner Harris Killdeer, ND  
Ross Carson Killdeer, ND  
Drew Gartner Killdeer, ND  
Kelly Roshau Dickinson, ND  
Patrick Monson Dickinson, ND

### **Wednesday, July 2 – 7:30 PM**

#### **BAREBACK RIDING**

Thomas Ladd Kronberg Forbes, ND  
Dan Miller Raleigh, ND  
Don Miller Raleigh, ND  
Casey Breuer Mandan, ND  
Ty Breuer Mandan, ND

#### **SADDLE BRONC RIDING**

Dalton Rixen Richardton, ND  
Chase Kukuchka Dickinson, ND  
Marty Young Bear New Town, ND

#### **TEAM ROPING**

Wyatt Bice Killdeer, ND  
Nate Horner Dawson, ND  
Joshua Lilley Dawson, ND

#### **BARREL RACING**

TK Lawrence Williston, ND  
Britany Diaz Solen, ND  
Shausta Blodgett Amidon, ND

#### **BULL RIDING**

Stetson Lawrence Williston, ND

### **Thursday, July 3 – 7:30PM**

#### **BAREBACK RIDING**

Jordan Pelton Halliday, ND  
Blake Smith Zap, ND

#### **STEER WRESTLING**

Caleb Teigen Bismarck, ND

### **TIE DOWN ROPING**

Joe Schmidt Belfield, ND  
Chase Lako Arthur, ND

#### **TEAM ROPING**

Layne Carson Grassy Butte, ND

#### **BARREL RACING**

Heidi Schmidt Belfield, ND  
Erin Wanner Dickinson, ND

#### **BULL RIDING**

Clayton Enzminger Steele, ND  
Coleman Entze Golden Valley, ND  
Cody Kehr Killdeer, ND  
Riley Blankenship Killdeer, ND  
Tate Smith Litchville, ND  
Colt Hensel Dickinson, ND  
Taryl Smith Litchville, ND  
Zac Peterson Velva, ND

### **Friday, July 4 – 7:30 PM**

#### **BAREBACK RIDING**

Logan Berg Mandan, ND

#### **STEER WRESTLING**

J.W. Lorenz Washburn, ND

#### **TIE DOWN ROPING**

John Pfaff Almont, ND

#### **SADDLE BRONC RIDING**

Britt Luger Fort Yates, ND

#### **TEAM ROPING**

Preston Billadeau Parshall, ND  
Jesse Fredrickson Menoken, ND  
Britt Luger Fort Yates, ND  
Clay Carlson Powers Lake, ND  
Alfred Hansen Dickinson, ND  
Clint Gorrell Beach, ND  
Levi O'Keeffe Mohall, ND

#### **BULL RIDING**

Jeremy Kramer Mandan, ND  
Jay Dunford Baldwin, ND  
Kacey Senger Devils Lake, ND  
Chaz Lee Grassy Butte, ND  
Brent Allen Mandan, ND