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SADDLE CLUB CONFIRMS 2023 ACTIVITY LINE-UP

The Mandan Horse and Saddle Club's activity plans for 2023 include two family rodeos on June 4 and July 9 featuring competition for all ages.

Divisions are: beginners, ages 6 and under; peewees, ages 7-9; juniors, ages 10-14; and seniors, ages 15 and over. age divisions are based on age as of Jan. 1.

Events, depending on age division, include calf and steer riding, breakaway roping, tie-down roping, team roping, dummy roping, barrel racing, keyhole race, goat tying, goat tail tying, and pole bending.

At the June rodeo, the top three contestants in each event receive cash prizes equal to 75% of entry fees, excluding stock charges. Contestants placing among the top six in events accumulate points toward overall awards. The July competition is dubbed the "Wild West Rodeo" because of a tradition of special prizes: certificates for custom saddles to all-arounds and trophy buckles for event winners.

Anyone is welcome to compete by paying an annual membership of \$50 for families and \$30 for individuals. Entry fees vary by age division and any stock charge. Advance entry is required by the Monday prior to rodeos. Rodeos begin at 9 a.m. and run through mid-afternoon to early evening. Spectator are welcome free of charge.

In addition to family rodeos, the Mandan Horse and Saddle Club plans to host a June 25 barrel racing extravaganza called "Take the Money and Run" featuring a high stakes race, open, Women's Professional Rodeo Association sidepot, peewee stakes race, youth, peewee and senior classes.

National Barrel Horse Association N.D. District 3 races are scheduled for Aug. 17 and Sept. 4. The club will host its 16th annual N.D. High School Rodeo Association sanctioned rodeos on Aug. 19-20.

All activities will be held at the new Dale Pahlke Arena at the Dakota Community Bank and Trust Rodeo Grounds in Mandan.

Visit the club's website mandanhorseandsaddle.com or Facebook [@MandanHorseSaddleClub](https://www.facebook.com/MandanHorseSaddleClub) for more details as planning continues.

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