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Elite Youth Rodeo Contestants to Compete at SD Timed Event Championship at State Fair

HURON, S.D. – The sixth annual South Dakota Timed Event Championship (SDTEC) sponsored in part by Panhandle Slim, Double D Western, Producers Hybrids and Iverson Featherlite will be held Sept. 3-4 in Huron at the South Dakota State Fair.

The area's elite youth rodeo contestants will compete in six timed events, including tie-down calf roping, barrel racing, team roping, goat tying, breakaway roping and steer wrestling. Any rodeo youth from across the country, ages 14 – 19, are eligible to compete for the title but entries are limited. Entry forms can be found at www.sdtimedeventchampionship.webs.com.

The overall winner not only receives the coveted title of SD Timed Event Champion but the use of a horse trailer sponsored in part by Iverson Featherlite. Event winners receive trophy saddles.

The SDTEC continues to bring in contestants, their families and fans to the State Fair, making it one of the premier events for spectators at the fair. "We've been nothing but impressed by the quality of competition and the level of fan support," said Jason Edleman with SDTEC. "This is a tremendous opportunity to share our State's official sports event with those at the state's largest venue, the State Fair!" (*****Download [Edleman audio](#)*****)

"This is the only youth rodeo at the State Fair and the only one of its type in the Midwest," says Steven Birkholtz with SDTEC. "Contestants and fans travel from across the state and the nation to be at the SD Timed Event Championship. Since its inception we have had contestants from Minnesota, North Dakota, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Texas compete." (*****Download [Birkholtz audio](#)*****)

Last year's event was unique with a virtual tie between Annie Fulton of Miller, S.D., and Karissa Rayhill of Martin, S.D., for the title.

For more information, entry forms and pictures visit www.sdtimedeventchampionships.webs.com or like SD Timed Event Championship on Facebook.

The 2016 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Sept. 1, through Monday, Sept. 5. Channel Seeds Preview night will be Wednesday, Aug. 31. This year's theme is "Thrills, Squeals and Ferris Wheels." For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

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