



2026 NDWS 7th Annual King or Queen of the Sale Ring Bid Call

Contest Rules

Friday March 6th, 2 pm

Ag Country Stage, SEB, NDWS Valley City, ND

- 1) The NDWS Bid Calling contest is open to any auctioneer.
- 2) **Divisions:** The contest shall consist of the following
 - a) Division 1-Professional. Male or Female auctioneer holding a license in their state of residency (if state requires licensing).
 - b) Division 2-Rookie. Male or Female auctioneer holding a license in their state of residency (if state requires licensing). Must have graduated from Auction School in the last 3 years or less time. Rookies may also enter Division 1 if they choose to.
- 3) **Entry Fee:**
 - a) Contestants in Division 1 Professional will pay \$50 entry fee and supply 3 items in which they will auction off. Items should have a retail value of \$25-50 each. These items need to be checked into the auction committee by Noon the day of the contest.
 - b) Contestants in Division 2 Rookie will pay \$50 entry fee and supply 3 items to auction. Items should have a retail value of \$25 or more. These items need to be checked into the auction committee by noon the day of the contest. There must be 4 or more contestants in the Rookie Division to hold a separate division contest. Entry fee will be refunded if the minimum is not reached by the entry deadline.
- 4) **Dress Code:** All contestants must dress appropriately for a professional business presentation. Contestants may wear a cowboy hat if they so desire.
- 5) **Rounds:**
 - a) Division 1 Professional shall consist of 2 rounds, a Preliminary Round in which the contestant sells his or her 3 items. Scores from the preliminary round determine who will go onto the second round, which will be the Final Round to be held in succession on the same day. 5 items per finalist will be sold in the Final Round, these items will be provided by NDWS. Depending on the entry scale the Final Round will consist of 3 or 5 contestants based on the judges' scores. 15 or more contestants will qualify for the 5 finalists in Final Round. Finalists will be announced after the Preliminary Round judges' scores are tallied. Scores from the Preliminary Round will be used for a tie-breaker situation in the Final Round.
 - b) Division 2 Rookie will consist of 1 round in which the contestant sells his or her 3 items.
- 6) **Judges:** There will be a minimum of 3 judges. Each of these judges is knowledgeable of the auction process.
- 7) **People's Choice Award** is an overall of both Divisions people's choice and will be selected by the crowd, spectators and bidding audience. Award is a suitable trophy.
- 8) **Awards:**
 - a) **Division 1 Professional** will award the top 3 contestants. Winner shall receive \$1250 and a trophy buckle. Second Place shall receive \$650 and a trophy item from NDWS. Third Place shall receive \$300 and a trophy item from NDWS.
 - b) **Division 2 Rookie** will award the top contestant with \$300 and a trophy pocketknife.
- 9) Decisions of the judges are final and may not be appealed.
- 10) All proceeds from the sale of the items remain with the NDWS.
- 11) Any questions please call the NDWS Office 701-845-1401

As you can see, we have moved the contest from Sunday to Friday. This will ensure a larger crowd, we will have a cash bar near the stage and work to have a great show/contest for the participants. We hope to see you here! B.