



Welcome to the 2026-2027 Rodeo Season



****PLEASE NOTE NEW FORMS:**

New this season, our Georgia State Waiver of Liability is now good for (1) year from date of signature & will have to be notarized (same as your NHSRA Notarized Release). We will no longer submit a State Waiver of Liability before each rodeo because our waiver will now cover our entire season. You will submit the original State Waiver to me at check-in.

We have a new Georgia Code of Conduct/Escalation, Georgia Social Media Policy & Consent Form, as well as Participant Information Sheet that you'll bring me at check-in.

National Membership Application, NHSRA Minor's Release & Transfer Request Form are generated through the online membership program when you join or renew for season.

All other forms and grades will have to be uploaded to your National online profile prior to the first rodeo.

<https://nhsra.equestevent.com/>

****If these forms are not completed and uploaded, you will not be able to compete.**

A checklist of the forms that need to be completed is below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Kristan Wilson

865-388-8768

GHSRA and GJHSRA State Secretary

****Forms Checklist**

- _____ **Notarized Georgia State Waiver of Liability**
(Signed by both parents & contestant) *Original at check-in
- _____ National Application (Signed by both parents and contestant) *Upload
- _____ **Notarized Minor's Release** (Signed by both parents and contestant) *Upload
- _____ Copy of Birth Certificate (New Members Only!) *Upload
- _____ School Eligibility Form and/or Homeschool Form (Found on GHSRA website) *Upload
- _____ Grades *Upload
- _____ NHSRA Conduct, Behavior, and Social Media Agreement *Upload
- _____ Georgia Social Media Policy & Consent Form *Original at check-in
- _____ Georgia Rodeo Contestant Information Sheet *Original at check-in
- _____ Georgia Code of Conduct & Escalation *Original at check-in

If you have full custody or a parent is deceased, it must be written on the forms that requires both parent's signatures and contestant's signature. This is a NHSRA rule and requirement for membership to be completed.

IMPORTANT TIPS & INFORMATION

RULES

We encourage you to read the GHSRA/GJHSRA Contestant & Parent Handbook. A copy is in your folder for the season and it's also available on the GHSRA website.

ENTRY

To participate in qualifying GJHSRA rodeo, the contestant must enter online prior to the rodeo while the entry link is up. We will enter through equestevent.com. Contestants will need a login for equest. We suggest using the same username & password that you use for your NHSRA login.

DATES, TIMES & PROCEDURES

each rodeo will be posted on the GHSRA/GJHSRA website. The link will be posted under the tab for Schedule & Rodeo Entry. You will be able to pay online through equest with a credit card, bank draft or cash at the rodeo.

ELIGIBILITY

Each contestant must meet the requirements of their local school (or homeschool) that would allow them to compete in athletic events at their school. Every contestant must turn in the school eligibility form signed by an authorized school official & grades at the beginning of the season, mid-year and prior to State Finals. These will be uploaded in your NHSRA portal.

If a contestant is NOT meeting the State's grade requirements, they will NOT be allowed to rodeo until they furnish OFFICIAL proof, they are back in good standing.

LIABILITY WAIVER

A signed liability waiver is REQUIRED at the start of our rodeo season. You will bring the original (notarized) to your first rodeo. This waiver will be in effect for 1 year or at the end of the rodeo season; depending on which comes first. **Kriston Wilson is your State Secretary and will be the one checking for all required docs. See Check-List in folder and on our website for what's required. If you have questions call/text 865-388-8768.**

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Junior High Band



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Georgia Junior High Division

Georgia High School Rodeo Association

GEORGIA STATE WAIVER OF LIABILITY

GHSRA & GJHSRA

We, the parents or guardians of _____ (CONTESTANT/MEMBER) give permission to (1) enter the restricted area, (2) participate as a contestant, assistant official, or otherwise in rodeo events, (3) compete for money, prizes, recognition or reward, (4) to be covered by participants hospitalization insurance, if applicable, as limited by the master policy. Members are insured by Western Specialty Insurers, LLC. Claim forms can be obtained from the GHSRA State/Rodeo Secretary and/or GHSRA Rodeo Secretary.

We, the parents or guardians, give the local hospital and the physicians on the medical staff permission to administer emergency treatment for injuries he/she may incur while participating in the sport of rodeo. Each contestant **MUST** obtain medical insurance. We release the hospital, physicians on the medical staff, rodeo sponsors and stock contractors of liability.

RESTRICTED AREAS INCLUDE BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE RODEO ARENA, COMPETITION AREA, CHUTES, PENS, ADJACENT WALKWAYS, CONCESSIONS and other appurtenances. We the undersigned, on behalf of the contestant/member and for ourselves, our personal representatives, heirs, next of kin, spouses and assigns, do hereby:

1. **RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE** the rodeo committee, stock contractor, rodeo association, sponsors, arena operators or owners and each of them, their officers, agents and employees (hereinafter collectively referred to as "releasees" from any and all claims and liability arising out of strict liability or ordinary negligence of releases or any other participant which causes the undersigned injury, death, damages or property damage. We, the undersigned, jointly, severally and in common, covenant to hold releasees harmless and to indemnify releases from any claim, judgement or expenses releasees may incur out of any of the minor's activities or presence in the restricted area.
2. **UNDERSTAND** that contestant/member entry into the restricted area and/or participation in rodeo events contains **DANGER AND RISK OF INJURY OR DEATH TO MINOR**, that conditions of the rodeo arena change from time to time and may become more hazardous. Rodeo animals are dangerous and unpredictable. There is **INHERENT DANGER** in rodeo which we each appreciate and voluntarily assume because the contestant/member and we, choose to do so. Each of the undersigned has observed events of the type that the contestant/member seeks to participate in. We further understand that the arena surface, access ways or lack thereof, lighting or lack thereof and weather conditions all change a pose to danger to the contestant/member. We further understand that the other contestants and participants pose a danger to the contestant/member but nevertheless, **WE EACH VOLUNTARILY ELECT TO ACCEPT ALL RISKS** connected with entry in the restricted areas and/or participation in rodeo events.
3. **WE AGREE** that this **WAIVER** shall apply to any incident, injury, accident or death occurring on the above date and **FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR THEREAFTER** or until the contestant/member's association membership expires, whichever shall last occur. All subsequent agreements and release documents signed by any of the undersigned shall amplify but shall in no way limit provisions of this document. The provisions of this document may be cancelled by anyone of the undersigned with written notice to **GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION OR GEORGIA JR. HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION**. Written cancellation of this agreement will be effective 24 hours after received by the rodeo association.
4. Releasor or parents/guardians of the undersigned minor **AGREE TO INDEMNIFY** the Releasees and each of them from any loss, liability, damage or cost they may incur due to the presence or participation of the contestant/member in the described activities whether caused by negligence of the Releasees or otherwise.

****WE HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT; WE UNDERSTAND IT IS A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS. WE APPRECIATE AND ASSUME ALL RISKS INHERENT IN RODEO. ****

*SIGNATURE OF NATURAL FATHER

AND

*SIGNATURE OF NATURAL MOTHER

*SIGNATURE OF LEGAL GUARDIAN (if applicable)

*SIGNATURE OF MEMBER/CONTESTANT

On this _____ day of _____, 20_____, personally

appeared _____

to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing Release and acknowledged that they signed same as their free act and deed.

My Commission Expires: _____ Notary Public: _____

Notary Seal Fixed Here:

***BOTH PARENTS (OR LEGAL GUARDIAN/S) AND MEMBER MUST SIGN THIS FORM IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACES ABOVE. IF ONLY ONE PARENT IS SIGNING, PLEASE NOTE REASON ON SIGNATURE LINE. EXAMPLE: DECEASED, DIVORCED AND FULL CUSTODY, ETC. ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE WITNESSED BY A NOTARY AND LISTED AS PERSONALLY APPEARING IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACE ON THE FORM. BE SURE THE NOTARY SIGNS, DATES AND PLACES HIS/HER SEAL ON THE FORM. PLEASE RETURN MINORS RELEASE FORM TO THE STATE/PROVINCE SECRETARY.**

**NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION
GEROGIA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION**

CONDUCT, BEHAVIOR, SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY AGREEMENT

As an Officer, Board Member, Student Officer, Associate Member, and Contestant Member you will be a representative of the Association and symbolic of its reputation, principles and interests to other students and adults in your local community and the nation. Because of the importance of your position and what our appearance and behavior say to others about your and the Association, it is imperative you understand the expectations and responsibilities that accompany your position. You will be expected to behave in accordance with the standards provided in the Rules, Bylaws and Constitution of the Association.

The Rules, Bylaws and Constitution provide that acts of insubordination, misconduct, or acts, which are detrimental to the reputation, principles and interest of the Association, will subject a Member to discipline. Disciplinary action can include a variety of penalties-even removal of title, office, membership, suspension or expulsion.

Activities for which discipline has been and will be imposed include (but are not limited to) any association with or use of alcohol or drugs, or immoral or lewd conduct. Regardless of the permissive laws of your state or the indulgence or permission of your parents or legal guardian, these activities will not be permitted while you are attending local or national Association events, meetings or functions or serving as a representative of the Association, on any social media platform, in any way.

The Association will investigate all alleged offenses and the incident will be reported to the Member and/or Member's parent or guardian. A hearing pursuant to the Disciplinary Action or Disqualification provisions of the Rules, Bylaws and Constitution will be scheduled at which the Member will have the opportunity to present a defense to the charges.

At the end of your term, or upon the imposition of Disciplinary Action requiring relinquishment of the position or suspension or expulsion from the Association, all of the property of the Association must be returned to the Association within 7 days at the Member's expense.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

I have read and am familiar with the rules pertaining to conduct and behavior contained in the Rules, Bylaws and Constitution of the Association as well as the policies contained herein. I agree to the conditions of this Conduct, Behavior and Social Media Policy Agreement and assume responsibility for my actions.

CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY

From time to time Officers, Board Members, Student Officers, Associate Members, and Contestant Member may be called upon to negotiate, execute and vote upon certain contracts of the Association. In that capacity the Member act in a fiduciary and representative capacity on behalf of the Association. The terms and conditions of the agreement, contracts, leases or licenses are considered proprietary and confidential, unless mutually waived in writing by the parties. Disclosure of any term(s) or condition(s) of any of these agreements shall be in violation of the Member's duty of the Association. This policy shall also apply to any administrative staff member, employee or agent. Violation of the policy will be grounds for immediate dismissal of the Member, employee, staff or agent. While this policy does not require the following for enforcement it shall be the practice of the NHSRA and GHSRA to hall all Members as a condition of their service to the Board, all administrative staff members and employees as a condition of their employment and any agent as a condition for retention of their services to execute and agree to a non-disclosure agreement setting out the provisions of this policy.

Member Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

GEORGIA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

CODE OF CONDUCT & ESCALATION CLAUSE

Participation in any rodeo, event, or activity hosted or sanctioned by **GHSRA** or **GJHSRA** is a privilege. All contestants, parents, guardians, family members, guests, volunteers, and other individuals associated with a contestant are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the sport of rodeo, our association, and the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA).

EXPECTED CONDUCT

All individuals covered by this policy are expected to treat **rodeo personnel, directors, officers, judges, secretaries, timers, arena personnel, stock contractors, volunteers, contestants, parents, spectators, and other participants** with courtesy and respect.

Disagreement with a decision, ruling, procedure, draw, entry issue, pay-out or other rodeo matter **does not justify disrespectful or abusive conduct.**

A contestant WILL be held responsible for the behavior and actions of a parent, guardian, family member, guest, or other individual associated with or acting on behalf of that contestant.

DISCIPLINARY ESCALATION

FIRST OFFENSE

Disqualification from the event.

The contestant will be disqualified from the event associated with the violation.

SECOND OFFENSE

Disqualification from the rodeo.

The contestant will be disqualified from the entire rodeo in which the violation occurs.

THIRD OFFENSE

Disqualification from the Association.

The contestant will be disqualified from participation with the Georgia High School Rodeo Association and/or Georgia Junior High School Rodeo Association, subject to any applicable NHSRA rules, requirements, or procedures.

HOLD HARMLESS

To the fullest extent permitted by law, contestants and their parents/legal guardians agree to release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the **Georgia High School Rodeo Association (GHSRA), Georgia Junior High School Rodeo Association (GJHSRA), and their officers, directors, board members, employees, volunteers, agents, rodeo personnel, officials, judges, contractors, stock contractors, sponsors, and host facilities** from claims, demands, damages, losses, or liabilities arising from or related to the good-faith administration, interpretation, or enforcement of Association rules, policies, disciplinary actions, disqualifications, or removal from an event or the Association

ACCOUNTABILITY

The expectation is simple: **concerns must be communicated respectfully, appropriately, and through the proper channels.**

Sportsmanship, respect, professionalism, and personal responsibility are expected **inside and outside the arena.**

By participating in a GHSRA/GJHSRA rodeo, Western Legacy Rodeo, Southeastern Showdown, or other event hosted or sanctioned by the Association, the contestant and individuals associated with the contestant agree to abide by this Code of Conduct & Escalation Clause.

CONTESTANT

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN

PARENT/GUARDIAN

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Social Media Consent Form

Social Media Policy

_____ YES, I give GHSRA/GJHSRA permission to use or post pictures and/or videos of my child on all GHSRA & GJHSRA's Social Media platforms.

_____ NO, I do NOT give GHSRA/GJHSRA permission to use or post pictures or videos of my child on all GHSRA/GJHSRA's Social Media platforms.

As a condition of membership in GHSRA (Georgia High School Rodeo Association) and GJHSRA (Georgia Jr. High School Rodeo Association), the undersigned understand that the Association requires that student, parent and adult non-parent members agree NOT to post online any comments about the National High School Rodeo Association, the Georgia High School and Georgia Jr. High School Rodeo Association and/or it's official representatives that are inaccurate, detrimental, threatening, harassing and/or derogatory, as well as agreeing not to create unauthorized websites and social media accounts utilizing the Georgia High School and Georgia Jr. High School Association name, whether directly or indirectly.

We further understand that failure to abide by this agreement by either adult members, parent(s) or contestant/member(s) could potentially result in immediate revocation of all the undersigned's adult and student memberships in the Georgia High School Rodeo Association, including any points awarded in the current 2026-2027 rodeo season. The revocation of membership shall not, however, preclude Georgia High School & Jr. High School Association from bringing a claim against an adult member, parent or a parent on behalf of their minor child(ren) who is a member(s), for appropriate damages caused by actions of either the parent, adult non-parent or contestant/member. By signing below, the undersigned agree to this Social Media Policy.

Contestant/Member: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____



Georgia High School Rodeo Association



Georgia Jr. High School Rodeo Association

Certificate of Eligibility

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify _____ (Student) is currently enrolled and attending _____ (School). After reviewing grades and conduct records, he or she meets the eligibility requirements for interscholastic athletic competition at this school.

Additionally, he or she has not been suspended or expelled for violating the rules of conduct at the above named school.

Home School Students: This certifies that he or she is registered with the local board of education and has abided by their policy.

Signature of School Official

Position/Title

School Seal or Stamp

Date: _____

School Phone #: _____

Contestants must submit a current **Certificate of Eligibility** at their first rodeo of the season, at the start of the second half of the season, and again prior to competing at State Finals.¹

¹ Revised 8/2/2026

Home School Verification Form

Contestant Qualifications, page 30, Rule #1

In accordance with the NHSRA rulebook pertaining to contestant qualifications, students who attend a homeschool, private school, religious school or correspondence school are eligible for membership if the school is recognized and approved by the state/province board of education or National Board of Education in the state/province the member is applying for membership. The contestant would need to show proof that the school they are attending is accredited and that they have met the grade requirements.

If the school the student is attending is not accredited by the State or National Board of Education, the student shall demonstrate composite grade-level academic proficiency on any State Board or National Board of Education recognized achievement test or other mechanism as provided for in State or National Board of Education rules. A student shall be eligible if they achieve a minimum composite score or survey test score within the average or higher than average range as established by the test service utilized on any nationally normed test.

Please check one that applies:

_____ My child(ren) is enrolled in a homeschool program that is registered with my State Department of Education.

School Name _____

Address _____

_____ My child(ren) is enrolled in a homeschool program that is NOT registered with my State Department of Education. *Please attach verification of grade appropriate proficiency.*

Testing Center Name _____

Address _____

By signing this verification form, we the parents of _____, certify that our child meets these requirements to be eligible for high school/junior high rodeo. We also authorize the National Director or representative to contact the school/agency to ensure that the student is meeting proficiency requirements.

Parent's Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date



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CONTESTANT INFORMATION SHEET



Name_____

Hometown_____

School_____Grade_____

Rookie (Your first season in GJHSRA or in GHSRA) YES or NO

EVENTS:_____

NUMBER OF YEARS IN RODEO:_____

WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF BEING PART OF GHSRA OR
GJHSRA?_____

WHAT IS ONE THING THAT GHSRA/GJHSRA DOES THAT
YOU LOVE OR SOMETHING WE DON'T DO; THAT YOU WISH
WE DID?

FUN FACT?_____
