

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

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