

April 25, 2026

CONGRATULATIONS!

You have qualified to compete at the GHSRA State Finals!

The State Finals will be held May 22nd, 23rd and 24th at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agriculture Center in Perry, Georgia.

Included in this email is the Cognito entry link and the events the contestant is qualified in for the state finals. Please only enter the events in which the contestant is qualified. Stalls are included in the entry link. There is an option for Credit card, Venmo, Paypal, or Cash/Check at the rodeo. RV hook-ups are made through the fairgrounds website:

<https://www.gnfa.com/p/rvreservations>

Please enter by May 8th at 8 am, with NO exceptions!

Check-in will start Friday, May 22nd at 1 pm in the Perdue Arena. All contestants will submit paper copies of the School Eligibility form, Grades/Report card, State Waiver of Liability form, and Payment if not paid by Paypal. These forms should also be emailed to Amanda Orozco at georgiahsstatesecretary@gmail.com by May 15th. For any questions about submitting these forms, please call Amanda at (678)492-3947.

The mandatory roll call and event pictures begin at 2:30 pm. Contestants, please be in Western attire for pictures. The Opening Back Number Ceremony and required Contestant and Parent meeting will begin at 3:00 pm. If unable to be in attendance, please notify Julie Townsend prior to the meeting (850)566-4008.

The Roll Call and Meeting are required. PLEASE be on time!

Contestants, please remember to be in full Western attire including boots and shirt tucked in while all three performances are in progress. Back numbers are required at all times throughout the rodeo weekend except for the Gala. Represent GHSRA well by wearing your back number when around the town of Perry.

You may enter the Fair Grounds at any time after noon on Thursday, May 21st.

ENTRIES

The entry form on Cognito will have the option available to enter any event offered. Please only enter the events for which the contestant is qualified.

Entry fee is \$135.00 per event except for reined cow horse which is \$165.00 (this is for all 3 rounds at \$45.00 and \$55.00 per round).

There will be payout on each of the 3 rounds, but not on the average.

STALLS

Stalls will be labeled, and a list posted at each end of the barns. The list of assigned stalls and barn map will be posted on the GHSRA Website and Facebook after Tuesday, May 20st. All horses on the grounds must have a stall. Additional stalls may be purchased for tack and are encouraged since horses are not allowed in the campground area. There is a comment section under stalls where any additional information regarding stall needs can be added. High School contestants should make stall reservations through the High School entry link. If stalls are

needed together with a Jr High Contestant, please include that information in the comments section.

All stalls are \$50.00 (for the whole weekend) and include 2 bags of shavings. Additional shavings are available for \$8.00 per bag on the grounds but have limited office hours. Included is a form with a QR code and for ordering more.

For extra stalls not included on the entry link, please call or text Amy by Wednesday May 21st. (770)356-4525 Stalls reserved after May 8th will be \$60.00. After stalls are assigned, adding extra stalls together cannot be guaranteed.

HOOKUPS

Hook-ups should be reserved through the Fair Grounds and be done online.

<https://www.gnfa.com/p/rvreservations>

T-SHIRTS

State Finals T-shirts will be available to pick up at check-in and will be included in fees if not prepaid.

TO NATIONAL FINALS QUALIFIERS

What to expect when you come to State Finals regarding the National Finals Rodeo.

- To fill our National team, we may roll down, to eighth place, to get our top four contestants in each event to compete at Nationals. If someone who placed in the top four does not accept their position, this makes the person who finished 5th qualify and we can keep going until 8th place to fill the 4 positions.
- THERE ARE NO ENTRY FEES.
- **Jackpot – is available and optional, cost is \$150.00 per event. This must be paid in Perry after the awards ceremony.**
- All parents that are legally responsible for the contestant must be present after the awards ceremony to sign the National Entry paperwork.
- Stalls – You are allowed one stall per contestant per event qualified in and two stalls for steer wrestling and cutting. Rough stock events do not get a stall. **Extra stalls are available for \$265 with no guarantee of location or stall type.** The GHSRA association will pay for one stall per event qualified in. We do not pay for helper horses. Tack Stalls are NOT allowed. If you use a stall that the association paid for, for a helper/extra horse or a tack stall we will deduct the amount we paid for that stall from your travel money.
- Nationals arrival and departure dates are needed at State Finals to complete the required paperwork.

The following information is from previous years to help contestants prepare financially and with filling out the national entry application. National Finals is in Lincoln, Nebraska this year.

GHSRA will have a limited number of camping spots this year so it is possible that not everyone will get the option of a camping spot with the State. Camping spots are assigned based on ad sales and rodeo credit amounts. Prices listed are for the entire time period of noon July 16th through noon July 26th. Make sure to bring an adapter, as some sites are 30 amp, and some are 50 amp. Sites are assigned by state. Specific

electrical needs are not taken into consideration and the stores usually sell out of these quickly in the area. **Your camping choices must be paid for when filling out your** application and Amanda will mail these deposits with the housing requests. All contestant & family campsite reservations must be arranged through our state secretary Amanda Orozco.

1. Full service: \$410 with all taxes.
2. Dry Camping: \$245 with all taxes

Hotel accommodations are the contestant's responsibility if choosing to stay off-site.

Available Hotels and other information including golf cart rentals, tickets, schedule, and ground rules are listed on the National High School Finals Rodeo page:

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

Summary of Contestant Expenses Required to be Paid on Sunday, May 24th:

Campsite (if staying on site)	\$410/\$245 depending on camping choice
Optional Event Jackpot	\$150
Extra stall if needed	\$265
Optional Nationals Georgia T-shirts	\$16/\$19/\$20 depending on sizing

It is important to be prepared to complete the above information prior to leaving state finals on Sunday. The state only has 5 days to submit our National entries including contestant scores, camping, stalls, etc. to the National office in Denver. Legal parents or guardians must be present to sign permission for contestants to compete at Nationals. If there is no possible way for them to be available to sign, please notify Amanda Orozco ASAP, but before arriving in Perry to make accommodations.