

May 7, 2024

## CONGRATULATIONS!

You have qualified to compete at the GHSRA State Finals!

The State Finals will be held May 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agriculture Center in Perry, Georgia.

Included in this email are the Cognito entry links and the events the contestant is qualified in for the state finals. Please only enter the events in which the contestant is qualified. Stalls and t-shirts order is included in the entry link. There is an option for Paypal or Cash/Check at the rodeo. RV hook-ups are made through the fairgrounds website: <https://sitereservations.com/>

Please enter by May 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 am, with NO exceptions!

Check-in will start Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 4 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](mailto:georgiahsstatesecretary@gmail.com) by May 18<sup>th</sup>. For any questions about submitting these forms, please call Amanda at (678)492-3947.

The mandatory roll call and event pictures begin at 4:40 pm. Contestants, please be in Western attire for pictures. The mandatory Contestant and Parent meeting will begin at 5:00 pm. If unable to be in attendance, please notify Julie Townsend prior to the meeting (850)566-4008. The Roll Call and Meeting are mandatory. 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 2 pm on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 21<sup>st</sup>. All horses on the grounds must have a stall. For extra stalls not included on the entry link, please call or text Julie. After stalls are assigned, adding extra stalls together cannot be guaranteed. 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.

### **HOOKUPS**

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

<https://sitereservations.com/>

### **T-SHIRTS**

State Finals T-shirts are available for pre-order through the Cognito entry link and must be paid with entry fees. Short-sleeve t-shirts and ladies' tanks are available. Size options include:

Youth t-shirts XS to XL for \$16

Adult t-shirts SM to XL for \$16

Adult t-shirts XXL to 4XL for \$19

Ladies tanks SM to XL for \$16

Ladies tanks XXL to 4XL for \$19



# 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 4<sup>th</sup> qualify and we can keep going until 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Rock Springs, Wyoming 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. There will be 3 camping options. Prices listed are for the entire time period of noon July 13<sup>th</sup> through noon July 20<sup>th</sup>. 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: \$350.00 plus 5% sales tax & 7% lodging tax. This includes electric, water and sewer. Total Price - \$395.50 with all taxes.
2. Tent Camping: \$175.75 plus 5% sales tax & 7% lodging tax. Tents only – NO Campers/Trailers. Restroom & shower facilities are available. Total price - \$197.75 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 26<sup>th</sup>:

Campsite (if staying on site)	\$395/\$175 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.