

## Membership Information

Membership in the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association is open to individuals 18 and over. All memberships include a membership pin, name badge, ID card, subscription to the BigHorn Gazette, one vote privilege and eligibility to compete in any IGRA sanctioned event.

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP 21 YEARS AND OLDER

There is a one time initiation fee of \$25 while dues are current and renewed timely. In addition, Annual dues are \$24 per calendar year, prorated if joining after January at a rate of \$2 per month (starting with the month after dues are paid) through December of the same calendar year.

For example, if you join on April 5, you would pay \$16 (\$2 per month from May to December) plus the \$20 initiation fee for a total of \$36.

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP UNDER 21 YEARS OLD

For members under 21 years of age, the initiation fee and annual dues are one half the above listed amounts.

### CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP & SPONSORSHIPS

Corporate memberships are available for an annual contribution of \$200. Corporate sponsorships, which can be tailored to your particular needs, offer a variety of benefits for your business. Depending on the level of sponsorship, these include an optional complimentary corporate membership, advertising in the BigHorn Rodeo program and NGRA Newsletter, banners at rodeo and related events, tickets to the rodeo, and buckle sponsorships. Contact NGRA for additional information.

### NGRA PRIVACY POLICY

NGRA does not give out our membership list to any organization except the International Gay Rodeo Association in accordance with IGRA bylaws. Member names may be published in our newsletter and the membership directory. If you do not wish to have your name published, please notify the board of directors in writing and we will attempt to accommodate your request.

## Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(If Corporate, name of person designated to vote)

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *I prefer to receive my newsletter by e-mail*

Birth Date (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (day) \_\_\_\_\_

Application Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### Type of Membership

\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership—21 and over

\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership—under 21

\_\_\_\_ Corporate Member

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Print Below What You Would  
Like To Appear On Your Member Badge*

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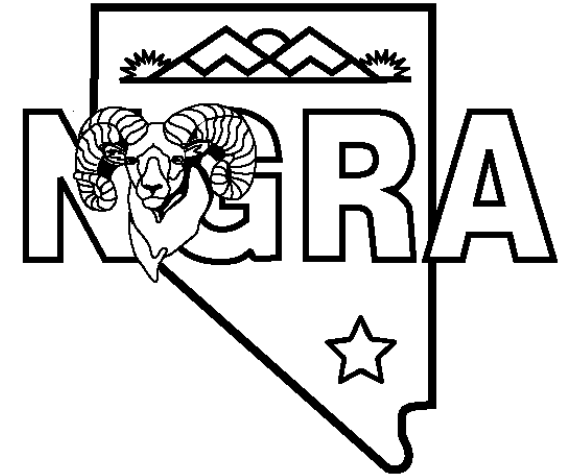
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Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

# WELCOME TO THE



## *Nevada Gay Rodeo Association*

## **Introduction and Membership Application**

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## This is the NGRA

It all started with cowboys who would show off their riding and stock handling skills at informal get-togethers. Today, it's one of the fastest growing and most exciting spectator sports in the country.

But there is much more than "sport" to rodeo and the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association (NGRA). There's friendship and camaraderie, fund raising for worthy charities, and a chance to be a part of a social organization committed to bringing the gay and lesbian community closer together.

NGRA was founded in Las Vegas in February of 1992 by a handful of Country Western fans. Since then, membership and recognition have grown quickly. This includes being fully sanctioned by the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA).

The two major goals of all rodeo associations are to produce rodeos and raise monies for charitable organizations. NGRA has produced the annual BigHorn Rodeo since 1996. While a rodeo is great fun, it also requires the support and commitment of our members to carry out the hard work of producing a rodeo.

That's where you come in! When you join NGRA you become a member of an organization committed to making a rodeo happen. Your membership dues, as well as your efforts, will go towards this goal. Only with you can we make it happen. The Rodeo Planning Committee is the place to be for full involvement in helping produce our rodeos.

## Questions and Answers

### ***Rodeo? But I've never even been on a horse!***

Rodeo is a sport that relies not only on its contestants but on its fans, too. It's fast, exciting, and addictive. NGRA will keep you posted on when and where rodeos are being held and fellow members can help you make plans to attend.

### ***Still, I don't know if I want to plan my life around weekends watching goat dressing!***

There's much more to gay rodeos than goat dressing (a "camp" event unique to gay rodeo). As well as regular horse and steer events, rodeos usually feature a wide variety of entertainment during the day including dancing, drag performances, live performers and more. There are vendors selling a wide range of products and lots of great people to meet and mingle with. At night, there are dances and parties. Plus, local bars are packed with fellow rodeo-goers.

### ***What else does the NGRA do?***

Throughout the year the NGRA Fundraising Committee plans fundraising events. But, it's the members who make the events work. We need a lot of help with everything from ideas and organization to volunteers to help make the event a success. Regular events include monthly beer busts, entertainment shows, and the annual NGRA Royalty Pageant. Recent special events include cookouts, training sessions, and rodeo play days. NGRA works closely with other local organizations including the Royal Court, Pride, the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Golden Rainbow, and Reach Out.

### ***The phrase "fundraising" comes up a lot.***

And for good reason! Almost all of our events are geared toward raising money for our rodeos, which can easily cost \$90,000 to produce. Of course, with skillful planning and plenty of help, a rodeo can make a profit. A portion of the proceeds from BigHorn Rodeo are reinvested as seed money for the following year's rodeo. The remainder is donated to local charitable organizations that serve our community.

### ***Do I have to live in Las Vegas to join?***

No! You can live anywhere in the world! Our members are primarily from Las Vegas, but we have members who reside throughout North America.

## NGRA's Leadership

NGRA relies upon all its members to function efficiently, but it's the officers and other members of the Board of Directors who help set the direction and provide leadership. NGRA's Board of Directors are elected annually in April. We also hold an annual state convention where all members can be involved in creating and modifying our bylaws.

## NGRA's Royalty

NGRA also selects Royalty each year to represent the organization at a variety of functions at the local and international level. Contestants compete for the titles of Mr. NGRA, Ms. NGRA, Miss NGRA (female impersonator) and MsTer NGRA (male impersonator). The Royalty also work to raise funds for the association and local charities.

## This is the IGRA

The International Gay Rodeo Association is the organizational and sanctioning body for gay rodeos. It is made up of 28 member associations throughout the U. S. and Canada.

IGRA sanctions over twenty rodeos each year. Events are Bull Riding, Team Roping, Bareback Bronc Riding, Chute Dogging, Steer Riding, Breakaway Calf Roping, Pole Bending, Calf Roping on Foot, Flag Race, Barrel Race, Steer Decorating, Goat Dressing and Wild Drag Race.

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