

# RODEO IDOL RULES

The Nevada Gay Rodeo Association and BigHorn Rodeo are committed to supporting and promoting the Country and Western lifestyle through rodeo, dance, entertainment, and community outreach. With that in mind, we are excited to announce the BigHorn Rodeo Idol 2026 competition. This event aims to spotlight and celebrate the incredible talent within our community that often goes unrecognized.

## **Eligibility:**

- The competition is open to individuals aged 21 and above.
- Contestants must be residents of Southern Nevada.

## **Individual Bar/Club Competition Phase:**

- Local bars/Clubs with Karaoke nights must hold at least 3 qualifying competitions with one winner awarded at each qualifying completion.
- There will be a 3-person judging panel at each competition awarding 1 to 10 points for singing ability and 1-5 points for stage presence. 1 point for singing a C&W song.

## **Finale Competition:**

- Friday, May 8, 2026 at Horseman's Park at approximately 7 PM.
- There will be no video screens available at the finale.
- Contestants must provide their own background tracks.
- Finale contestants must provide a bio to the finale coordinator no later than 1 week prior to the finale.

## **Finale Judging Criteria:**

- There will be a 5-7 person judging panel awarding 1 to 10 points for singing ability and 1-5 points for stage presence. 1 point for singing a C&W song.
- High and low judges' scores will be eliminated from each contestant's total points calculation.
- Contestant with highest points will be declared the winner at the conclusion of the competition.

## **Prizes:**

- The winner of BigHorn Rodeo Idol 2026 will receive an official BigHorn Rodeo 2026 event buckle and the privilege of singing the USA, Canadian or Mexican National Anthem during Saturday and Sunday BigHorn Rodeo Grand Entries.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$150, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$50.
- All finalists will be invited to perform at the Rodeo in the festival pavilion on Sunday, May 10, 2026.

## **Media and Promotion:**

- By participating, contestants agree to allow NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo to use their image and performance footage for promotional purposes.

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## **Contact Information:**

- For inquiries and updates, contestants, bars or clubs, should contact  
[RodeoIdol@NGRA.com](mailto:RodeoIdol@NGRA.com)

BigHorn Rodeo Idol 2026 aims to celebrate local talent and provide a platform for aspiring singers in the Las Vegas community. Good luck to all participants!