



The International Gay Rodeo Association At a Glance

The International Gay Rodeo Association™ (IGRA™) is the organizing and sanctioning body for gay rodeo in North America. A 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, it traces its origins to the 1976 National Reno Gay Rodeo in Nevada, incepted as a fundraising event for Muscular Dystrophy. Following establishment of major gay rodeo associations in the US and Canada, IGRA™ was incorporated in 1985. LGBTQ communities in the US have benefitted from the educational efforts of IGRA™ through its sanctioning and sponsorship of various events and activities, which are part of what we call “Gay Rodeo.”

Today in the United States, IGRA™ is comprised of multiple regional gay rodeo associations nationwide. From the Golden State to Pennsylvania; and Minnesota to Texas & Florida, membership includes nineteen gay rodeo associations and chapters in fifteen states and the District of Columbia. Through a convention of these member associations, IGRA™ has engendered a code of fellowship and good sportsmanship including standardized rules, qualified officials, and other resources for the production of rodeo events. IGRA™-sanctioned rodeos, hosted by local gay rodeo associations, are open to all contestants regardless of sexual preference or identity. The annual culminating event is the World Gay Rodeo Finals®, where the top twenty men and women in each rodeo event compete for the title of International Champion. IGRA has expanded enrichment activities to include social Country & Western activities. Throughout the year regional associations sponsor dance competitions in preparation for IGRA’s annual Dance Competition featuring the best men and women dancers from across the country.

Encouragement of integrity, sportsmanship, openness, and fair play are hallmarks of the IGRA™ in its quest to enrich and educate the LGBTQ community. Through structured regional education programs and competition, IGRA™ men and women hone their athletic skills. In so doing, they encourage others to have & maintain a healthy respect for good sportsmanship and the all-important good treatment of animals which also participate in rodeo events and are a critical part of this heritage. Moreover, preparation and physical training for each rodeo our men and women participate in heighten our awareness of Gay Rodeo’s responsibilities to the greater LGBTQ community. IGRA™ and its regional associations are committed to raising funds from their activities to distribute back to their communities for charitable use. As reported by our member associations, over two million dollars has been donated to many nonprofit and charitable organizations locally to the benefit of health, social welfare, and community service causes.

Additional information including the 2018 rodeo schedule, a description of traditional and camp events in the gay rodeo, the IGRA™ policy on animal welfare, the World Gay Rodeo Finals®, and more, is available by visiting www.igra.com and the public relations page at www-igra-wgrf.com. Your interest in IGRA™ is appreciated very much.

Let's rodeo!
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