

Welcome to our 38<sup>th</sup> year of Georgia Junior Rodeo Association. We are looking forward to a great year. Please use this welcome letter to learn about who we are and important information about our 25-26 rodeo season.

### **2025-2026 Rodeo Dates**

Date	Location	Additional Information
August 9, 2025	Murray County Saddle Club	First rodeo, please pick up membership packet and back number prior to 9:00 start time.
September 13, 2025	Murray County Saddle Club	
October 11, 2025	Murray County Saddle Club	Back Number Sheet Due
November 15, 2025	Murray County Saddle Club	
December 13, 2025	Murray County Saddle Club	Square Sheet Due
January 31, 2026	Murray County Saddle Club	
February 28, 2026	Murray County Saddle Club	Ads and ad money due
March 14, 2026	Murray County Saddle Club	
April 11, 2026	Murray County Saddle Club	
May 9, 2026	Murray County Saddle Club	
June 13, 2026 (Finals)	Murray County Saddle Club	More info will be released later in the season.

#### Call-In

Our GJRA "call-in" form is exclusively online this year, accessible via the Georgia Junior Rodeo's Facebook or website. Each division has a separate form, so please make sure that you are entering on the appropriate form. Call-In (online form only) will be the Monday of the week prior rodeo weekend and will run until Monday at midnight of rodeo week. During rodeo week, late entries will be accepted from midnight Monday until Wednesday at noon. Late entries must be paid online only, and will be subject to a \$30 late fee. No late entries will be accepted after Wednesday at noon.

#### **Communication**

Website- general information and online call in: georgiajuniorrodeo.com

Facebook: Georgia Junior Rodeo Association

Remind Updates: Text @GJRA2526 to 81010. To receive Remind updates, you must download the Remind app. Because we are not a school, text support is not available and the only way to receive messages is through the app.

Email: gjra.info@gmail.com

President: Barry Nix 706.331.7170

Vice President: Marshall Worley 706.463.1376

As always, GJRA is always willing to help in person at every rodeo!

#### **Payment for Entry Fees**

There are two options for payment of entry fees. Call in must be completed online first, then choose one of the following options: Please pay close attention as this is new:

- 1. Pay online via your cart on the call-in Cognito form.
- Pay at the window BEFORE 9:00. The window will be open from 7:30-9:00 am. After the rodeo begins at 9:00, no one will be at the window to accept payment to allow our volunteers to watch their children compete. The window will open again after calf riding to collect payout for winners.

#### **Payout**

One of the most exciting times for our winners is visiting the window for payout! Georgia Junior Rodeo Association is a non-profit. We are completely ran by volunteers of the families of our participants. In order to ensure that our volunteers can watch/assist their children competing, there will be two time frames for payout. Winners may visit the window after calf riding to collect their payout or pick it up at the window at the following rodeo.

#### **Dress Code**

Our dress code is designed to reflect tradition, ensure safety, and maintain a professional appearance in the arena. Participants must adhere to the following dresscode:

- Full length, clean denim jeans with no holes or frays, belt
- A long sleeved western style, button up shirt, tucked in
- Cowboy boots
- A cowboy hat or helmet
- Backnumber (will receive upon check-in at the first rodeo)

A first dress code violation will result in a warning, a second offense could result in disqualification.

#### **Grand Entry**

The tradition of a grand entry is a cherished part of every rodeo, symbolizing pride, patriotism, and the spirit of the sport—ours will begin promptly at 9:00 AM, with a five-minute notice announced beforehand so everyone is ready to ride in and represent. Participants will gather to enter on the arena end opposite of the announcer's stand.

#### **Finals Qualification**

To qualify for finals, a participant must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a current GJRA member
- Must compete in at least six regular season rodeos
- Must participate in all fundraisers
- Must sell/purchase \$100 in ads and turn in to <a href="mailto:gjra.info@gmail.com">gjra.info@gmail.com</a> by February rodeo
- Must turn in completed volunteer card or pay the \$250 non-volunteer fee.

#### **Volunteer Information**

Volunteers are essential to the success of the Georgia Junior Rodeo Association, and we rely on the support of our families to help each event run smoothly—A SignUpGenius link will be sent out prior to each rodeo, and each family will receive a volunteer card in their welcome packet that must be completed before finals to avoid a \$250 non-volunteer fee. Thank you for being a volunteer!

#### **Fundraisers**

Fundraisers are essential for the Georgia Junior Rodeo Association because they help provide the resources needed to host safe, fun, and competitive events that support our young rodeo athletes as well as celebrate their accomplishments at the end of the season. Please review the following information regarding our fundraisers this year:

Date	Fundraiser	Additional Information
October	Back number sells due-Sell your back number for \$25	Contestant with the most sales receives \$50 Amazon

		giftcard
December	Square Sheets Due-Raffle drawing	Contestant with the most sales receives a \$50 Amazon gift card
February	Ad Sales	Send ad information to gira.info@gmail.com, will send more information out
May	Mothers' Day Cake Auction	

We are incredibly thankful to have you as part of the Georgia Junior Rodeo Association family, and we truly appreciate your support in making each rodeo season a success! Let's rodeo! Please see the following pages for information on fundraisers and ad sales for the GJRA program at finals.

BACK #:	
CONTESTANT:	



## SELL YOUR BACK NUMBER FUNDRAISER

IRECTIONS: PLEASE SELL YOUR BACK NUMBER FOR \$25. YOU MUST SELL AT LEAST ONE BACK NUMBER. THE CONTESTANT WITH THE MOST SALES WINS A \$50 AMAZON GIFTCARD! DUE BACK AT OCTOBER RODEO BEFORE 9:00 AM OR AFTER CALF RIDING.



Back #:	
Contestant Name:	



## Square Sales Fundraiser

1st Winner: \$500, 2nd Winner: \$250, 3nd Winner: \$125

Pick a square with no name on it, donate \$5 per square, and be entered for a drawing on December 13th before 9:00 AM. Do not have to be present to win. The completed sheet is a total of \$125.

1	2	3	4	5
NAME	NAME	NAME	NAME	NAME
PHONE NUMBER				
6 NAME	7 NAME	8 NAME	9 NAME	10 NAME
PHONE NUMBER				
11 NAME	12 NAME	13 NAME	14 NAME	15 NAME
PHONE NUMBER				
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21	22	23	24	25
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PHONE NUMBER				

Member's Name:	



# Finals Rodeo Program Ad

DUE February Rodeo to be eligible for 2026 Finals			
Step 1: Please send in a head shot and small bio (nam rodeoing) to be put in the program for division informat Step 2: Ad Information:			
Please choose one:			
<ul> <li>□ Business Card - \$25</li> <li>□ ¼ Page - \$50</li> <li>□ ½ Page - \$75</li> <li>□ Full Page - \$100</li> </ul>	Place business card inside this box.		
☐ Inside Cover - \$200 ☐ Outside Back Cover - \$300			
Important Information:			
Absolutely NO pictures with watermarks can be accepted or used.			
Please remember that a business card ad must fit in the box to the right.			
All ads must come "print" ready. There is a free prograr ad. Please email ads to: <a href="mailto:gjra.info@gmail.com">gjra.info@gmail.com</a> If you do ad book for finals.			
Put additional information below:			