



**World Gay Rodeo Finals®**  
Indoor Horse Arena  
300 San Pedro Drive NE  
October 20-22, 2017  
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## **Rodeo Contestants!**

Congratulations and welcome to the 31<sup>st</sup> World Gay Rodeo Finals®. Hope you do well, have a great time and enjoy the Land of Enchantment! Now, let's get the process going...

**Host Hotel** - Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel, 2910 Yale Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM.  
Price: \$99. Phone: (505) 462-3966. Group Code: World Gay Rodeo Finals® (WGRF).  
Deadline for Group Rate: Oct 5th

**RV Camping** – plenty of spaces available at Gate 6. No reservations needed.  
Full Hookups (Ele, water, sewer) \$35 per night; Dry Camp is \$25. Pay security.  
Restrooms and showers are on the lot.

**Registration** – Friday, Oct 20, at Sidewinders Bar, 8900 Central Ave SE, Albuquerque.  
Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm (**ONLY 2 HOURS**).  
Call Ron Trusley at (602) 510-9671 if you will be late.  
No Shows will be fined per the 2017 Rodeo Rule Book.

**Variance** – approved for the arena. Arena size is 117' x 246' (minimum is 120' x 195').

**Added Money** – no money has been added.

**Opening Ceremony** – **ALL contestants** are included Sidewinders Bar, Friday night after registration closes. Contestants will be announced and enter as a group by your association. Thanks for Participation.

**Rodeo Grand Entry**- Grand Entry is for **all** contestants. There will be a **horse parade each day** and our non-horse contestants will have a place in this show too.

**Horse Information** – **Barn Manager:** Jonathan Suder at (972) 762-8688.  
**Assistant Barn Manager:** Sammy Simpkin at (425) 260-7907. Please record these numbers.  
**Veterinarian:** Dr. Heidi Hamlen. **Farrier** will be on site during the rodeo weekend.

**Stall Check in times:** Thursday, Oct 19 from **1pm – 7pm** and Friday, Oct 20 from **7am – 3:30pm**.  
It is very important to adhere with these times.

**Survey Monkey** – if you bring a horse(s), **please complete the survey** so that the best arrangements will be made for your four-legged friends. Go to - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WGRFHorse2017>

**Stall Fees** – Additional stalls for horses and/or tack are available at \$25 each.

**Late fee of \$50** for contestants who do not preregister number of stalls needed or who do not reserve the correct number of horse stalls on their acceptance form.

**Shavings** – You may bring your own. Shavings are available in the stall area or at the Feed Store for \$7 (approximate size bag is 3 cubic ft.).

**Horse Information** – Must have current negative-Coggins test.

Out of state horses should bring original coggins report (within one year)

And health certificate (within 30 days).

Follow the laws and requirements of New Mexico.

Find state laws at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/sregs/>.

**Rodeo Rules** are located at: <http://igra.com/resources/AdministrativeResources/RodeoRules.htm>

#### **Additional Information**

The 2017 International Gay Rodeo Association **Royalty Competition** is being held in conjunction with the 2017 World Gay Rodeo Finals® and we hope that you plan to attend the Royalty events as part of your weekend. The 2017 Royalty Team is hosting a Kick-off party at Sidewinders Bar on Thursday.

For Royalty Competition and other events for the weekend, see [ww.igra-wgrf.com](http://ww.igra-wgrf.com).

**Entertainment** will be scattered (literally) throughout the weekend. Check things out at Sidewinders Bar, the Horse Arena patio and even the ballroom of the host hotel. Donnie Lee Strickland will be singing, DJ Michael will be spinning and if you feel like dancing – Then Dance!

There will be an **Awards Banquet** on Sunday night at the host hotel. Banquet doors open at 7pm and the Awards Ceremony will be at 8pm. The banquet tickets are \$15 for each plated dinner and go on sale Thursday at the Kick-off party. So, put on your smart attire and relax for the evening.

Again, Congratulations and Best of Luck! I look forward to seeing you in Albuquerque and know that the 2017 WGRF Committee is here to help you make your WGRF Weekend a success. Please contact me if there are concerns or questions.