



International Gay Rodeo Association

Dear Stock Contractor,

On behalf of all International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) member associations, let me take this opportunity to thank you for your contributions and for helping to make Gay Rodeo a thriving and exciting event. The Stock contractors who work with our associations help us provide safe and high quality rodeo events throughout the United States and Canada. IGRA prides itself on our attention to detail regarding safety for our contestants and our animal "athletes" as well. We enjoy cooperation from our officials, contestants and most importantly, our Stock Contractors.

The completion of the 2007 Rodeo Season brought IGRA another of year of great success. Unfortunately, with such success comes unwanted scrutiny. During the past year we have found our way back onto the "radar" of P.E.T.A (People for the Ethical Treatment of animals). IGRA's position on animal safety is clearly outlined and as an organization we do everything that is possible to provide a safe and humane environment for animals during our events. Our rules are strict and we take enforcement of these rules seriously.

Those of you who provide Stock for IGRA sanctioned rodeos are being provided a copy of the IGRA rule book by the hosting association/chapter. It is imperative that you and your staff know and understand all of the rules that are in place for IGRA events. Associations/chapters who fail to adhere to published rules are subject to sanctions and fines. These fines may be passed on to you as a Stock contractor subject to the terms and conditions of the contract between you and the host Association/Chapter.

We understand that you as a Stock Contractor work in other environments which may not have the same rules in place. The IGRA Rodeo Rule book will be provided so that everyone who helps make our rodeos possible understands the very specific stock requirements and the manner in which we expect all animals be treated. IGRA contestants, volunteers, officials and Stock Contractors are expected to operate within our published rules and guidelines. Operating within guidelines assures IGRA that the animals are safe and that we are presenting ourselves in the most professional and responsible manner.

Thank you again for your continued support of our organizations. If you have any questions you visit our website www.IGRA.com for a list of contacts and associations.

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