

# GCPRA Contestant Etiquette

As members of the GCPRA we should always look at how we can help improve and grow our association. There are many ways to accomplish that goal but the first, and most important is to take an active role in working with our rodeo committees and sponsors. These are the people that truly put in the most time and effort to see that you as a contestant have rodeos to compete at. For that reason, we as members need to work on making sure we are doing all we can to give the Committees and Sponsors a reason to come back and continue provide us with a place to compete.

## Here are a few things to think about the next time you go to a Rodeo:

1. **Be kind.** Most of the people we encounter at the rodeos are volunteers or fans. So be nice they are not the ones making the rules they are just trying to do a good job.
2. **Nothing is FREE.** Committees have to make money. The idea that just because we are contestants everything is free is wrong. No one is trying to rob you. They just need to cover their cost so they can do it again next year.
3. **Pick up After Yourself.** We are all adults, clean up your own mess. If you wouldn't do it at your place don't do it at theirs.
4. **Respect the Rules.** Most of our committees have Liquor Licenses to sell alcohol at the events. That means we cannot bring outside liquor in. This puts the committees at jeopardy of losing their license and getting monetarily fined. Please support them by leaving your alcohol at home and buying it from them. They want you to have fun and enjoy your time, but they have to follow the law or it could cost them and us a rodeo.

5. **Thank your Sponsors.** The GCPRA board of directors works very hard to get and keep sponsors for our association. Please take the time to thank them; and, when possible, shop with them. They are doing a lot to give back..... We need to support them.
  
6. **Stop with the Social Media Rants.** We understand that you are not always happy with how things are going. Let's try and be productive and not just create more problems. We have a very knowledgeable and capable board of directors to assist you with any issue you may have. Please call us any time to work through an issue. Blasting the Association or Committees on social media does nothing to solve the issue and most of the time will just make things worse.

**We have an amazing group of people in this Association and our main goal is to continue to provide you with the best possible rodeo season we can. With your support we can continue to take the GCPRA to the next level.**

**Good Luck and Stay Safe**

**GCPRA Board of Directors**