



GRA-TRAILS
Greater Randolph Area Trail Riders Association
1983 – 2023
Gettin' down the trail for 40 years!

Wrangler Rules of Conduct (2023 version)

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Participation as a GRA-TRAILS Wrangler should be valued and considered a privilege to be part of a unique program that will provide opportunities unlike many others. The program is built upon four pillars, or “fence posts”: the 1) selfless service 2) ethics, 3) conduct, and 4) loyalty of young men and women beyond reproach. These pillars rest upon a solid foundation known to most as “the golden rule”. That is to treat others as you wish to be treated, with dignity and respect.

GRA-TRAILS expects our Wranglers to always treat others with dignity and respect as they learn to develop the 4 pillars whenever we come together as a group and as a family. Not just to “get down the trail” but to do so successfully in life. This is the core of the western lifestyle and heritage that we hope to preserve and to instill in our youth and all those we meet.

The greatest skill of Wranglers of the past is their horsemanship. This is essential to maintaining the true lifestyle and heritage that GRA-TRAILS promotes along with trail-riding. Horsemanship skills along with knowledge and care of a horse will always be expected of any Wrangler.

1. The GRA- TRAILS Wrangler must conduct themselves in a proper gentleman or ladylike manner and always portray the 4 Wrangler Fence Posts and Wrangler Golden Rule.
2. While identifiable as a GRA-TRAILS Wrangler during any GRA-TRAILS or San Antonio Livestock Exposition (S.A.L.E.) affiliated event a Wrangler will not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, use, or possess illegal substances, paraphernalia, use tobacco products, or use inappropriate language or profanity.
3. A Wrangler shall not become publicly intoxicated or associate notoriously with any person(s) in a manner that brings disrepute to GRA-TRAILS or S.A.L.E.
4. A Wrangler will not display body piercings (except for earrings on the lobes) on any visible part of their body, tongue, nose, eyebrow, etc. and tattoos must always be covered.
5. A Wrangler may be expected to provide the appropriate horse and tack necessary for GRA-TRAILS rides, parades, and/or any activities throughout the year promoting GRA-TRAILS. The horse shall be in good health, groomed, clean with hooves properly trimmed and/or shod. Obvious injuries or lameness shall be treated before being ridden. The Wrangler shall ensure that food and water are made available for their horse and shall not abuse it in any way. Proof of Coggins and Health Certificate will need to be provided with the horse.

*** Wranglers are not required to have a horse and will be assigned other duties/tasks by the Wrangler Director should then not have one.**

6. All Wranglers will provide their own transportation along with transportation of their horse to and from GRA-TRAILS events.

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7. All Wranglers will abide by the most recent version of the Court Rules of Conduct. The Wrangler Director is responsible for ensuring that Wranglers adhere to these rules. Should any Wrangler fail to adhere to these rules or be deemed unworthy to participate in this program, they shall be removed by the Board of Directors through a recommendation of the Wrangler Director. Removal from the Wrangler program may or may not revoke GRA-TRAILS membership. This will be determined by the Board of Directors if the conduct or situation warrants such action.
8. All Wranglers will be approved for participation in the program by the Wrangler Director. The Director will meet with the candidate/applicant prior to application approval to discuss these rules and the role of the Wranglers in GRA-TRAILS. A copy of Rules of Conduct will be acknowledged and signed in the presence of the Director and kept as a record.

NOTICE: Minors require a parent/guardian’s consent and signature to apply. Candidates and parent/guardian must be members of the GRA-TRAILS organization. Family membership is encouraged.

STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND UNDERSTANDING

I understand that as a GRA-TRAILS Wrangler I will be expected to abide by the GRA-TRAILS By-Laws as well as these Rules of Conduct. These strict conduct rules are intended to allow me to represent GRA-TRAILS in the best light possible. I will also be expected to participate in all GRA-TRAILS and S.A.L.E. events throughout the year. This may include riding and participating in equine events/activities and other community service activities/events. I understand that GRA-TRAILS is not obligated to reimburse me for the cost of participating in said events or cost required by other organizations such as S.A.L.E., other trail-riding clubs, or the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo. Should I decide not to abide by these rules, fail to attend and participate in an adequate number of events, or represent GRA-TRAILS in a manner not suitable to the Board of Directors I can be removed from the GRA-TRAILS Wranglers. I accept that I will be working closely with the GRA-TRAILS Wrangler Director, Trail Boss, and Assistant Trail Boss who will direct and guide me as a GRA-TRAILS Wrangler. I will give the utmost respect to these leaders and perform every task to the best of my ability.

 Wrangler’s Printed Name

 Parent / Guardian’s Printed Name

 Signature / Date

 Signature / Date