



The Gold Buckle Club

“All about building Community”

Our mission is simple: “*To support the Stockton Community 365 days a year by creating a place for folks to come together and build lasting friendships bonded by a common cause.*”

The Gold Buckle Club is composed of 100 business and community leaders who value community above all else. Each member contributes generously year-after-year to ensure the Friends of RB continues to thrive and remains financially sound.

The Gold Buckle Club is an Official Sponsor of the Friends of RB, Stockton Lake PRCA Rodeo and Cedar County Youth Fair. That means our funds help to promote and preserve ongoing fairground improvements along with other community events.

****Over the last several years the Stockton Lake PRCA Rodeo drew guests from three different countries and numerous states. It also has a major annual economic impact throughout Stockton, Missouri. Every member of the Gold Buckle Club is proud to contribute to the continued growth of the Stockton Lake PRCA Rodeo, Friends of RB, Cedar County Youth Fair and our beloved community.****



GOLD BUCKLE CLUB MEMBER POLICIES

(EFFECTIVE January 18, 2023)

By resolution of the Gold Buckle Club Board of Directors the following rules, regulations and policies for the GBC members has been adopted and may be amended by the Board from time to time:

Each Gold Buckle Club (GBC) membership includes full privileges for two (2) people, whether married or single, one of which is defined as the Member. Each new GBC Member will receive one custom designed and individually numbered silver belt buckle and one custom designed silver pendant. Each membership will include two (2) VIP rodeo tickets.

Memberships are private for individuals only, and no corporation or company may be designated as a member. Memberships cannot be resold. Membership privileges are exclusive to the specific member and are not transferable, assignable or available for use by anyone other than by the member and the spouse of the member. However, a membership may be permanently transferred to a direct family member (i.e. mother, father, children, step children or siblings) of either the member or the spouse of the member.

In case of a pending divorce, the privileges of membership shall be available to only the named member and not the spouse of the member unless: (a) a written agreement signed by both spouses, or (b) a court order directing otherwise are presented to the GBC.

At any given time, the GBC is limited to 100 active memberships and 25 associate memberships. A waiting list will be maintained with applicants listed in chronological order in which they were received. As openings occur, applications will be processed on a first come first served basis. Current membership initial dues are \$1,000.00 and subsequent dues are \$1,000.00 annually. These fees are subject to change at the sole discretion of the GBC Board of Directors. Members will be notified if fees are changed in the future.

Additionally, the following policies have been adopted regarding membership status and the payment of membership dues:

1. **Annual Membership Dues:** Members will receive an invoice every January. Members may opt to pay in full the \$1,000.00 annual dues or in \$250.00 increments

the first month of each quarter with the annual dues being invoiced four times per year.

2. **Payment of Membership Dues:** In order to be a member in good standing, all dues must be paid during the month in which the member is invoiced. If payment is not timely paid, the GBC Treasurer shall send one notice of late payment. If the Member fails to pay the dues the GBC Board of Directors may, without further notice, either (a) cancel the membership, (b) enter into a payment agreement with the member who has extenuating circumstances, or (c) in the case of a pending divorce, hold the membership on inactive status for one year by the payment of a \$250.00 charge by either the member or the spouse pending resolution of a divorce case and a court decree confirming who obtained the membership in the division of marital assets. If dues are not paid in accordance with this policy, the member shall be denied admission to the GBC event and may lose his/her privileges. In the event there are extenuating circumstances that cause a member to be tardy with payment, the member can contact the GBC Treasurer to request a variance from this policy. Each member's situation will be taken under advisement and a fair, consistent and expedient decision will be made by the GBC Board of Directors with regard to that member.
3. **Termination of a Membership due to Non-payment of Dues:** In the event a membership is terminated as the result of non-payment of annual membership dues, the member's privileges will cease immediately. That member may re-enter the club at a future date. Should that individual decide to re-enter the club, he or she will be placed at the end of the waiting list. When that person comes to the top of the list, he/she may be reinstated with the member's original buckle number. In order to regain membership the individual must bring all delinquent dues current and pay the annual membership dues in effect at the time of re-entry.
4. **Termination For Other Causes.**
 - a. *Alcohol to Minors.* If any member provides, or causes to be provided, any malt beverage or alcohol obtained through the Gold Buckle Club to minors at any GBC event, that member's membership shall be terminated. The GBC must take a zero-tolerance policy on allowing its alcohol to be provided to minors due to the significant liability concerns to the GBC and its members.
 - b. *Fraudulent or Deceitful Conduct.* If any member counterfeits or causes the deceitful use of tickets, passes, or other items provided by the GBC as membership privileges to unauthorized users, or any other conduct that is fraudulent or deceitful, the GBC Board will view any such deceitful actions with the highest level of scrutiny and is likely to terminate the membership.
 - c. *Other Causes.* The GBC Board reserves the right, in the Board's discretion, to terminate any membership for any other conduct by a member, or that member's guest, that is reasonably deemed to be detrimental to the overall wellbeing of the Stockton Lake PRCA Rodeo or Friends of RB and/or the Gold Buckle Club.
5. **Self-Termination of a Membership in Good Standing:** In the event a member chooses to drop out of the GBC, his/her privileges will cease immediately. Should that

- individual decide to re-enter the club at some point in the future, he or she will be placed at the end of the waiting list. When that member comes to the top of the list, he or she may be reinstated with the member's original buckle number. In order to regain membership the individual must pay the current year's dues in full.
6. **Inactive Status**: A member may choose "Inactive Status" for one year. For a fee of \$250.00 he or she will be able to maintain his/her membership during the year of Inactive Status. However, during that year the member is not allowed membership privileges. A member may reinstate his/her membership the following year by paying the current year's dues in full. Inactive status is only available for one year. If the membership is not reinstated the following year, the membership will be terminated for non-payment of dues. In that event, the member must relinquish his/her membership spot in the club and will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list. When that person comes to the top of the waiting list he/she may be reinstated with member's original number. In order to regain membership the individual must pay the membership dues in effect at the time of re-entry.
 7. **Guest Policy**: Guests are permitted at some, but not all GBC functions. This rule is subject to change at the discretion of the GBC Board of Directors. If guests are permitted, the number of guests is limited to two (2) per membership. Each Member is allowed to host two (2) adult guests each night. The guest fee shall be set by the GBC Board each year. For the current year, the guest fee is \$100.00 per guest per night. Payment for guests will be handled at the Hospitality Room check-in table and guest fees **MUST** be paid upon entrance. Each Member **MUST** arrive with or greet the guests at the check-in table or they will not be allowed to enter.

On rodeo nights children (under the age of 21) of GBC members are welcome and encouraged to attend the rodeo and the hospitality room with their parents from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. The fee for a member's child attending will be set by the GBC Board each year. For the current year, each child 0-5 will be free of charge, children age 6-12 will be \$20.00, and children age 13-20 will be \$25.00. Children under the age 21 do not apply towards the member's 2-guest limit. Any family members or guests 21 years and older will be considered a GBC Member's guest.

Members must keep their children supervised at all times when in the GBC Hospitality Room. All children under 21 years old must depart the GBC Hospitality Room no later than 10:00pm as a courtesy to all other adult members.

The Directors of the GBC will determine all terms of membership, rules, and policies for the GBC, any and all of which are subject to change by a majority of the GBC Board without prior notice. The Gold Buckle Club Board of Directors, the Stockton Lake PRCA Rodeo Board of Directors and the F.O.R.B. Board of Directors request your complete cooperation in abiding by these policies and any violation may result in a loss of membership. We appreciate your valuable support and all you do for our community. We look forward to many years of success as we grow together.



GOLD BUCKLE CLUB

Disciplinary Policy

The Board of Directors of the Stockton Lake Rodeo Gold Buckle Club (herein “GBC”) hereby adopt the following Member Disciplinary Policy for the benefit of its Members

Recitals of Intent:

- A. The purpose and intent of adopting a discipline policy is not to over-regulate the members’ enjoyment of the GBC; rather, the specific purpose and intent of these policies and all enforcement thereof, is to promote the greater good of the club and the global enjoyment by all members use of the GBC’s facilities during the Rodeo and other GBC special events, and to ensure that no individual member(s) unreasonably disrupt the overall experience of the membership body, as a group.

- B. The Board of Directors will have the discretion and final adjudicator of these policies, but every member can expect the fair, consistent and equal application of the policies of each member.

In furtherance of such purposes and intentions, the Board of the Directors of the GBC establish the following policies:

1. Definitions. For purpose of these policies, the levels of misconduct that may result in discipline are defined, but are subject to the final determination of the Board of Directors and the examples listed below are not to be considered as fully inclusive or covering all possible offenses.

- a. **“Misconduct”** is the carrying out of an offense considered to be of a minor nature (unless frequently repeated) and will normally incur a written warning from the Board of Directors for the first offense, together with the Board of Director’s demand for corrective action it deems reasonably appropriate. Examples of offenses that may be considered misconduct include:
 - i. Discourteous or crude behavior in the VIP Room, grounds and/or seating/stands at the Rodeo or a GBC event that other reasonable members might find offensive.
 - ii. Conduct of an unsafe nature - offensive disregard for equipment or property - Refusal to carry out reasonable instructions issued by GBC Directors or official event security.
 - iii. Failure to comply with or adhere to a reasonable level of conduct within the context of the GBC event.

- iv. Any other actions of similar gravity to the above, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
 Repetition of the above offenses or failure to comply with any reasonable demands made, in writing, by the Board of Directors may result in further action by the Board of Directors involving a disciplinary meeting.
- b. **“Serious Misconduct”** is the carrying out of an offense of such gravity that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, warrants a disciplinary meeting with the Board of Directors. Examples of offenses, which may be considered as serious misconduct include but are not necessarily limited to the following:
 - i. Misconduct offenses above if especially grave or repeated.
 - ii. Deliberate or consistent breaches of GBC rules.
 - iii. Theft, misappropriation or material damage of assets of the GBC or other GBC members/guests.
 - iv. Providing alcoholic beverages to person(s) not possessing a valid wrist band.
 - v. Serious threats of imminent physical violence towards another Member, their guests and/or GBC employees or contractors at GBC events, or a physical fight between members at a GBC event that is mutually-provoked.
 - vi. Blatant disregard for one’s own or other Members’/Guests’ safety.
 - vii. Any other action, which in the opinion of the Board of Directors may result in the detriment of the GBC’s ability to continue in its ordinary course of operations.
- c. **“Gross Misconduct”** is action of such seriousness that the Board of Directors will require the immediate expulsion of the offending member from the GBC. The Board of Directors may, by means of an executive decision and without notice, summarily expel such offending member without first invoking a disciplinary meeting. The expelled member will have the right to a disciplinary meeting as soon as the Board of Directors can be arranged but will remain expelled until and unless such a meeting overturns the Board’s executive decision. Examples of gross misconduct are
 - i. Counterfeiting wrist bands, passes, tickets and other similar GBC-issued tokens providing benefits to the members
 - ii. Unprovoked physical violence against another Member or guest and/or GBC employees or contractors at a GBC event
 - iii. Reckless disregard of safety of other Members or guests
 - iv. Other acts that are considered to be of an extremely serious nature perpetrated against the GBC membership.

2. Discipline Procedure

- a. *Affected Persons.* A disciplinary procedure/action may be brought by the Board of Directors against any GBC member(s), and/or any guest of a GBC member, and/or any Sponsor accessing GBC events and/or any guest of such a Sponsor. This policy shall apply equally and uniformly to all members, sponsors and their guests using any GBC facility or attending any GBC event.
- b. *General.* The procedure/actions may include expulsion without notice, may be taken for offenses of misconduct; however it is recognized and agreed that every member shall have the right: (a) to expect fair and consistent treatment; (b) to adequate notice from the Board of

Directors; (c) to request reconsideration of the Board of Director's decision in all disciplinary matters; (d) to representation; and (e) no member will be expelled for the first breach of GBC policies or rules except in cases of "gross misconduct". All disciplinary actions taken by the Board of Directors will be duly recorded and placed on file for reference at a future date.

- c. *Process.* On receipt of a verifiable complaint from a member, GBC employee or contractor, the Board of Directors will decide whether the complaint falls within the scope of this disciplinary code. If, in their opinion, it does, then the Board of Directors will decide as to the type and severity of the offense.
 - i. If the offense is considered to be one of simple misconduct, the Board will write to the offending member with a formal written warning including the demand for corrective action that the Board of Directors may deem appropriate. A disciplinary file will be opened by the Board of Directors in which will be placed copies and records of the original complaint, together with the written warning and any other correspondence. The action outlined above will normally finalize the process
 - ii. Should the complaint be considered by the Board of Directors as one of serious misconduct, then the following procedure will be implemented. The Board of Directors will appoint a Director who will research evidence presented and, if possible, will obtain further evidence, witness statements, etc. If necessary, the investigating Director will consult all relevant witnesses for supportive evidence. The investigating Director will advise the complainant, if one, that if a disciplinary meeting will be called, then the complainant and all relevant witnesses will be obliged to attend and give evidence. (Non-attendance at a meeting will only be allowed in extenuating circumstances). In cases of disputes of a personal nature, the Board of Directors will attempt to resolve the situation amicably and to the mutual satisfaction of the parties concerned. If settlement cannot be agreed between the parties, or if the offense merits it, then a disciplinary meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible. The Board will then notify all parties as to the meeting date and ensure the parties have all relevant copies of paperwork in good time prior to the meeting
 - iii. If a disciplinary meeting is scheduled by the Board, it shall take charge of the meeting and all questions will be addressed through the GBC President. The Board will cause the meeting to be conducted in a reasonable format and process and take the testimony and evidence reasonably permitted to be presented by the President. After the Board has reached a decision, the offending member will be notified in writing of such decision and informed of any penalties within 7 days of the decision being reached, penalties will be effective from the date of the decision.

3. Penalties. Following the disciplinary meeting, the Board of Directors will apply such penalties as the Board of Directors consider appropriate, including temporary or permanent expulsion of the offender from the GBC, such penalties will have immediate effect, notwithstanding the possibility of an appeal. Offenses of gross misconduct will carry automatic expulsion from the GBC, unless otherwise determined by the Board for good cause, and will preclude the offender from taking part in any GBC event.

4. Appeal – Request for Reconsideration. If a penalized member requests an appeal/reconsideration of the decision or of the penalty, such request must be made by written notice delivered to and received

by the Board’s President not later than 20 calendar days of being notified of the Board’s initial decision. No appeal will be valid or considered after that period has elapsed. It will not be sufficient to state “I wish to appeal”, the offender must give full written grounds for the appeal, stating exactly what is being appealed against and the reasons for this. An appeal together with full and recorded argument may be considered relative to the decision and/or the penalty. An appeal meeting will be convened as soon as practicable and will consist of Board of Directors, together with five (5) other GBC members not on the Board but who are designated by the Board, who shall consider the member’s request for reconsideration. The decision on appeal shall be made by majority vote of the Board of Directors and 5 other GBC members after the reconsideration, and such decision is final and binding on the parties and not subject to further appeal

Approved by the Gold Buckle Club Board of Directors, effective as of JANUARY 1, 2023

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GOLD BUCKLE CLUB APPLICATION

"ALL ABOUT BUILDING COMMUNITY"

Gold Buckle Club

This club shall be open to persons who are engaged in the promoting and the production of the Stockton Lake PRCA Rodeo and F.O.R.B.

Membership

\$1000 Annually

- Limited to 100 Members +1
- All rules of the Gold Buckle Club apply
- All benefits of the Gold Buckle Club Apply

Mission Statement:

"To support the Stockton Community 365 days a year by creating a place for folks to come together and build lasting friendships bonded by a common cause."

APPLICATION DATE _____

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Member Shirt Size _____ Men / Ladies (circle one)

Spouse Shirt Size _____ Men / Ladies (circle one)

I agree to the policies of the Stockton Lake PRCA Gold Buckle Club.

Signature

Date

Approval by: _____

Date: _____