

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™

Gatekeepers Committee

Committee Overview

Purpose

The purpose of the Gatekeepers Committee is to welcome patrons to the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo through all pedestrian gates of NRG Park, including NRG Stadium. This is accomplished with a smile, a *"Welcome to the Rodeo"* on arrival and a *"Thank you for coming"* upon exit.

Gatekeepers also assist guests sitting in the action seats, chute seats, and suites inside NRG Stadium during the daily Rodeo performances.

There are 31 teams consisting of one captain and approximately 57 committeemen. All of your shifts are scheduled with your team and most likely, you will be working outside in ALL kinds of weather.

Please understand that this is a service committee; it may not be glamorous, but it can be a lot of fun.

Time Commitment

Your obligation will be approximately 40 hours of actual work time during 5 shifts. **These hours will include weekdays, nights and/or weekends.** You will receive your schedule at least three months prior to the Show so you can make the necessary arrangements. The Rodeo depends on your commitment and cannot have "no-shows".

There are two mandatory general meetings prior to each Show.

There are various other social events throughout the year that are not required; however, the more time you invest, the more people you will meet and the more fun you will have.

Financial Requirements

Annual costs:

Membership dues to Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (\$50 annual or \$500 lifetime) and Annual Gatekeepers Committee dues (\$60)

One-time costs: Committee jacket or vest (approximately \$65-\$75)

Required Uniform

Committee jacket or vest

Blue jeans

White collared, long-sleeved, button-down shirt

Black felt cowboy hat

Dark western boots

Jackets and other Gatekeepers Committee gear will be available for purchase at happy hours, the first general meeting, and online.

Benefits

Although it is one of the largest committees at the Show, Gatekeepers is still a relatively new committee that was established in 2003. The 2021 Show marked the 19th anniversary of Gatekeepers! As Gatekeepers continues to grow and add new responsibilities, this committee provides a great opportunity for people with no previous rodeo experience to get involved.

The Rodeo supports youth and education by raising scholarship money for high school students who might not otherwise be able to go attend college. It is a wonderful organization, and you will meet great people and know that you are making a difference!

As a volunteer of the Rodeo, you will be entitled to a gold badge. This badge allows you and ONE guest access to NRG Park during the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (livestock show, horse show, carnival, and commercial exhibit areas), NRG Stadium main concourse for each rodeo/concert performance (with the exception of special concerts; standing room only) the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest and Corral Clubs throughout the grounds.

How to Join

If you are interested in joining the Gatekeepers Committee, first I will need you to log on to <http://gk411.com/join> and complete the application. If you have a team you prefer, then please note the name and/or team name in the appropriate box.

Once we receive the completed application, you will be contacted with further instructions. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please email rookies@gk411.com and someone will get back with you promptly.

Thank you for your interest.

Justin Clark

Chairman, Gatekeepers Committee