

2023-24 Yorkville Christian Rodeo Club Information

Spring Rodeo Dates:

Illinois High School & Jr High Rodeo Associations

- January 16-20 National, Midwinter Meeting - Branson, MO
- Feb 2-4 Illinois Midwinter Meeting & Cowboy Prom - Springfield Illinois
- March 23-24 - State Rodeo - Mustang Arena, Sheridan, IL
- April 6-7 - District 3 - DuQuoin, IL
- April 27-28 - District 2 - Monticello, IL
- May 11-12 - District 1 - New Windsor, IL (High School Only)
- **National High School Finals Rodeo-July 14-20 Rock Springs, WY**

Illinois Little Britches Rodeo 2023-24 Saddle Series Dates

- January 27, 2024 (2 rodeos)
- January 28, 2024
- February 17, 2024 (2 rodeos)
- February 18, 2024
- March 16, 2024 (two rodeos)
- AWARDS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

Illinois Little Britches Rodeo Last Chance Qualifier

- Tentative date of June 1 & 2, 2024
- There will be TWO RODEOS held each day
- NOTE: this is not apart of saddle series
- NATIONAL LITTLE BRITCHES FINALS RODEO-June 30-July 6,Guthrie, OK

Training Opportunities, Meetings & Activities

- Practices Wednesdays 4-7pm or upon request
- Weekly lunch meetings - Wednesdays Room W102
- Winter Series at Mustang Arena (see flyer)
- Steer Wrestling Clinic (see flyer)
- Goat Tying Practice Weekend (see flyer)
- AND MORE! Check rodeo board for updated information!

Practices Guidelines

Yorkville Christian School rodeo student athletes are welcome to practice at Mustang Arena on **Wednesday afternoons from 4-7**. Rules and opportunities are as follows:

- No hay, hay bags, or grain is allowed inside the arena or warm up arenas at any time, feed in stall barn only
- School Behavior Policies still apply on rodeo grounds.
-ABSOLUTELY NO alcohol, tobacco, vape, cigarettes, or any other illegal substances will be tolerated on the property at any time. If student, family members or guests are caught with such activities, student will not be permitted to continue use of Mustang Arena. This is not only for your benefit as an extreme athlete, but for the safety of all animals & other people involved.
- Clean up after yourself (ex- When done using barrels and poles please return them to fence, pick up manure piles, etc)
- No use of livestock or farm machinery unless under approved adult supervision
- No stalls will be used during open arenas
- Cameras are in use in arena / stalls / parking lots at all times for the safety of people and animals

Events available to be practiced regularly:

- Barrel Racing
- Pole Bending
- Goat Tying (dummy)
- Breakaway Roping/Calf Roping (dummy)
- Team Roping (dummy)
- Arena will be open to just ride as well

Athlete Expectations-

- Be a student in good academic standing at Yorkville Christian School
- Be a member in good standing of the YCHS FFA (Rodeo Club is a division of the FFA)
- Attend Rodeo Team Service Days as requested
- Follow the Codes of Conduct set by the NHSRA, NLBRA, and YCHS, YCHS Athletics and YCHS FFA. Rulebooks & Handbooks can be found at the following websites:

- www.yorkvillechristian.com
- www.nlbra.com
- www.nhsra.com