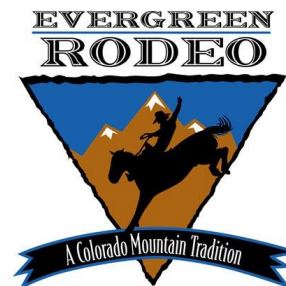


## Evergreen Rodeo Royalty Handbook



The Evergreen Rodeo Royalty serves as ambassadors for the Evergreen Rodeo Association. Our Royalty represents the Evergreen Rodeo Association as well as the community with the highest level of poise and integrity. They recognize the importance of promoting a positive image and of preserving our western heritage.

Selection to the Evergreen Rodeo Royalty is a privilege and an honor. The Evergreen Rodeo Royalty fulfills their responsibilities with grace, dignity, and courtesy at all times. Our Royalty are role models who exhibit good moral character and social behavior.

### The Evergreen Rodeo Royalty Titles

**Evergreen Rodeo Queen:** She is no less than 17 years of age and no more than 24 years of age during her reigning year.

**Evergreen Rodeo Princess:** She is no less than 14 years of age and no more than 17 years of age during her reigning year.

**Evergreen Junior Princess:** She is in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade during her reigning year.

### Qualifications

- Royalty must reside within 100 miles of Evergreen during her reigning year. Please be prepared to provide proof of age and residency.
- Must be able to attend Evergreen Community Events and mandatory events in the State of Colorado.
- Royalty must be single and never married and/or pregnant.
- Royalty must not be living with a boyfriend or fiancée.
- The Queen and Princess must have the guaranteed use of a horse and truck/trailer during their reign. Their horses should be sound, healthy, well-broke and accustomed to loud noises and commotion. Horses should be up-to-date with vaccinations and routine veterinary and farrier care. The Jr princess is encouraged to be horseback during her reign, but not required, as it is a coaching program.

## Guidelines

Our Royalty will attend numerous rodeos and community events to promote the Evergreen Rodeo. The following guidelines are set forth to ensure their safety, the overall integrity of the royalty program and the rodeo association.

- Behavior: Our Evergreen Rodeo Queen and Princess should maintain a positive image at all times. You should have a pleasant attitude and be willing to help promote our rodeo, the PRCA, our sponsors and our Evergreen community. You are in the public eye, even when not on official business, and it is your responsibility to uphold and maintain an outstanding image.
- Supervision: Evergreen Rodeo Royalty will be supervised/chaperoned at all times for their safety, by a parent, royalty committee member, or ERA volunteer. The royalty court should be perceived as a team. Therefore, the court should remain together unless other arrangements have been made and approved by the royalty committee in advance.
- Dress Code: Our Evergreen Rodeo Royalty is always in the public eye. It is very important that you look your best at all times. As a title-holder you should have a polished look. Your hair should be clean and well-trimmed, make-up properly applied, and attire modest and appropriate for the occasion. When on official business you should wear current western wear. This means long sleeved collared shirts, western jeans (no hip-huggers, faded or torn jeans), western dress boots and felt hat. While on official business, you will be required to wear a certain type of western attire, including an official crown, sash, chaps, belt buckle, belt and boots. The titleholders will be responsible for providing their own clothing. Clothing may also be borrowed from our Queen's closet. You will be asked to repair or replace any items that are damaged while in your possession.
- Boyfriends and Friends: They are welcome at events while you are fulfilling your official duties for the royalty program, as long as they do not distract you from your duties. While it is not against the rules to have a boyfriend, it is important that you remain modest (this includes social media).
- The use of cell phones and gum chewing is not permitted during an official appearance. Cell phones may, however, be used to take pictures of the events you are attending, as long as it does not cause a distraction.
- Drinking alcohol, smoking, tobacco use of any kind, drug use and being arrested is grounds for immediate dismissal.

## Evergreen Royalty Pageant

In order to be eligible for one of the Evergreen Rodeo Royalty titles you must compete in the Evergreen Rodeo Royalty Pageant. The pageant shall be fair and consist of horsemanship, a speech, one or two interviews, a written test and impromptu questions.

- **Horsemanship:** The purpose of this portion of the pageant is to demonstrate your ability as a rider. The horse's ability is not judged however, you should demonstrate that you are mounted on a safe horse that is accustomed to the loud noises and commotion that will occur at parades and rodeos.
- **Speech:** Each contestant will give a prepared speech on a topic chosen by the royalty committee. The speeches will have a set time limit that may vary depending on the title you are competing for.
- **Interview/Impromptu Questions:** Each contestant will participate in at least one interview with the selected judges. The questions in the interview will include topics like rodeo, the community, current events, the Evergreen Rodeo Association, and questions that will help them get to know you as a person.

## Duties/Expectations

Responsibilities of the Evergreen Rodeo Royalty include learning about and promoting the Evergreen Rodeo Association and the PRCA. Some of the duties the Royalty will perform are as followed:

- Attend monthly general rodeo meetings (last Wednesday of the month) and royalty committee meetings. Exceptions may be made in advance, as needed.
- Attend events associated with the Evergreen Rodeo and our sponsors
- Attend and volunteer at local rodeos, National Western Stock Show, parades, festivals, and community events.
- Obtain non-rodeo volunteer hours (hospital, school, animal shelter....)
- Secure sponsorships and promote sponsors
- Help maintain social media associated with Evergreen Rodeo Royalty
- Queen and Princess are obligated to mentor and coach Jr Princess

## Royalty Contract

Our Royalty and their parent(s) will be required to sign a contract acknowledging that they uphold the rules and policies in this handbook. They are also agreeing to the following stipulations:

- At the end of their reign, titleholders may keep their prizes. Leather sashes, tiaras, chaps and other ERA apparel must be returned so they can be passed on to future titleholders.
- The Evergreen Royalty Committee is solely responsible for making arrangements for all appearances and fundraisers. Coordination of all communications and/or invitations must be done through the coordinator/committee. All press releases, official email communications, and Social Media (such as our Facebook Page) should be approved or copied to the Royalty Coordinator. Our Royalty agrees to be available for appearances, interviews, filming, photographic and recording session and such other events as determined by the Royalty Committee, provided that they do not unreasonably interfere with their education or employment.
- While you are serving as the Royalty for the Evergreen Rodeo, you may not enter any other pageants. However, if you are the Evergreen Rodeo Princess or Jr Princess, you may be a contestant for Evergreen Rodeo Queen or Princess the following year.
- Resolving conflicts: In the event that a problem arises it should be brought to the Royalty Committee. If the committee cannot resolve the dispute the ERA Board will be asked to intervene.
- The Royalty Program Coordinator, Royalty Committee, ERA Officers and Board will have the final discretion in all areas of behavior and appearance. If for some reason the reigning girl is unable to fulfill her duties, the Royalty Committee, with the approval of the ERA Board, may appoint a replacement for the remainder of her term.
- The Evergreen Rodeo Association Royalty serves at the will of the Evergreen Rodeo Association and may terminate any member of the Royalty Court with or without cause at any time and without advance notice, procedure or formality. The Evergreen Rodeo Association may at any time, and in it's sole discretion; without prior notice, change, delete or add any policy.
- If for any reason Royalty should be asked to forfeit her reign, she will be asked to forfeit her prizes and awards to the committee/coordinator.
- Any Royalty that is arrested or issued a ticket for drinking, drugs, or any violent act is grounds for immediate dismissal.

## Evergreen Rodeo Royalty Contract Acknowledgement

By signing the contract, you are agreeing to the following:

I hereby release, remise, acquit, and discharge forever and agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Evergreen Rodeo Association and the Evergreen Royalty Committee, its members, officers, employees or agents for any injury or loss sustained by me or to my property as a result of participating in the Evergreen Royalty Contest or any activity under this Contract. I further release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Royalty Committee, its members, officers, agents, and employees for and from all liability to my actions and conduct during my term as Evergreen Rodeo Queen, Evergreen Rodeo Princess, and Evergreen Rodeo Jr Princess.

### Parents and Participants

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the rules and policies out lined in the handbook and acknowledge that by signing this I am acknowledging that I would be expected to up hold the rules and policies outlined in this handbook during the pageant and reigning year.

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Print name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the policies out lined in this handbook and acknowledge that by signing this handbook I am acknowledging that my daughter will be expected to up hold the rules and policies outlined in this handbook during the pageant and reigning year.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Royalty Program Coordinator

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have ensured that the participant and her parents/guardians understand the policies and rules outlined in this handbook.

Signature of Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_