



Evergreen Rodeo Royalty Handbook

The Evergreen Rodeo Royalty serves as ambassadors for the Evergreen Rodeo Association. Our Royalty represents the Evergreen Rodeo Association (ERA) as well as the community with the highest level of poise and integrity. They acknowledge 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 Rodeo Junior Princess: She is in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade during her reigning year.

Qualifications

- Royalty must reside within 50 miles of Evergreen during her reigning year. [Please be prepared to provide proof of age and residency.]
- Royalty must be able to attend Evergreen community events and all mandatory events in the State of Colorado.
- Royalty must be single and never married and/or pregnant.
- Royalty must not be cohabitating with a boyfriend or fiancée.
- The Queen and Princess must have the guaranteed use of a horse and tow vehicle/trailer during their reign. Your 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 Junior Princess is encouraged to be on horseback during her reign, but it is not a requirement, since this is a mentoring position.

Guidelines

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

- *Behavior:* Our Evergreen Rodeo Queen and Princess should always present a positive image. You should display 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 personal image.
- *Supervision:* Evergreen Rodeo Royalty will always be supervised/chaperoned for your 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 when traveling and at public events, 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 always look your best. As a titleholder, 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 a 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, hat, 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. While it is not against the rules to have a boyfriend, it is important that you remain modest/discrete (this includes the use of 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 this use does not cause a distraction.
- Consumption of alcohol, smoking, other tobacco use of any kind, drug use, and being arrested is grounds for immediate dismissal.
- A determination at any time during your reign that you are, or have become pregnant, shall be grounds for immediate dismissal.

Evergreen Royalty Pageant

To be eligible for one of the Evergreen Rodeo Royalty titles, you must compete in the Evergreen Rodeo Royalty Pageant. The pageant shall consist of horsemanship, a speech, one or two interviews, a written test, and impromptu questions. The independent judges' decisions will be final.

- *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, and that you are in control of your horse.
- *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 judge(s). 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. Duties the Royalty will perform are as follows:

- Attend monthly general rodeo meetings (usually the 4th Wednesday of the month) and royalty committee meetings. Exceptions may be made, in advance, as necessary.
- Attend events associated with the Evergreen Rodeo and its sponsors.

- Attend and volunteer at local Colorado rodeos, the National Western Stock Show, and other parades, festivals, and community events, as determined by the Royalty Committee.
- Obtain non-rodeo volunteer hours (hospital, school, animal shelter, etc.)
- Secure sponsorships and promote sponsors.
- Help maintain social media associated with the Evergreen Rodeo Royalty.
- The Queen and Princess are obligated to mentor and coach the Junior 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:

- Evergreen Rodeo Royalty are only permitted to attend and represent the Evergreen Rodeo Association at rodeos and events solely in Colorado. The only out-of-state rodeo they will be permitted to attend is Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming.
- At the end of their reign, titleholders may keep their prizes. Leather and cloth 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. Royalty is not permitted to attend any event or rodeo (in an official capacity) without consulting and coordinating with the Royalty Coordinator first. 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 the Facebook page) should be approved or copied to the Royalty Coordinator. Our Royalty agrees to be available for appearances, interviews, filming, photographic and recording sessions and such other events as determined by the Royalty committee, provided they do not unreasonably interfere with education or employment obligations.
- While you are serving as the Royalty for the Evergreen Rodeo, you may not enter any other royalty pageants. However, if you are the Evergreen Rodeo Princess or Junior Princess, you may be a contestant for the Evergreen Rodeo Queen or Princess title the following year, if you meet the respective age requirements.

- Resolving conflicts: If a problem arises, it should be brought to the Royalty Committee. If the committee cannot resolve the dispute, the ERA Board of Directors will be asked to intervene. If it is determined that a Royalty member has disobeyed one of the expectations listed, the Royalty Coordinator will first issue; (1) a verbal warning, followed by, (2) a written warning, followed by termination if the Royalty member continues to disobey the expectations after these two warnings.
- The Royalty Program Coordinator, Royalty Committee, ERA Officers and Board or Directors will have the final decision in all areas of behavior and appearance. If for some reason the reigning individual is unable to fulfill her duties, the Royalty Committee, with the approval of the ERA Board of Directors, may appoint a replacement for the remainder of her term.
- The Evergreen Rodeo Royalty serves at the will of the Evergreen Rodeo Association who 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 its sole discretion; without prior notice, change, delete or add any policy to this handbook.
- If for any reason Royalty should be asked to forfeit her reign, she will be asked to surrender her prizes and awards to the committee/coordinator.
- Any Royalty that is arrested or issued a ticket for drinking, drugs, or any violent act shall be considered grounds for immediate dismissal.
- A determination at any time during your reign that you are, or have become pregnant, shall be grounds for immediate dismissal.

Evergreen Rodeo Royalty Contract Acknowledgement

By signing this 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 Rodeo 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 for my actions and conduct during my term as Evergreen Rodeo Queen, Evergreen Rodeo Princess, or Evergreen Rodeo Junior Princess.

Participants and Parents

I, _____ (print name), have read and understand the rules and policies outlined in the handbook, and acknowledge that by signing this handbook I will be expected to uphold the rules and policies outlined in this handbook during the pageant and reigning year.

Signature of Participant _____

Date _____

I, _____ (print name), have read and understand the policies outlined in this handbook and acknowledge that by signing this handbook I am acknowledging that my daughter will be expected to uphold the rules and policies outlined in this handbook during the pageant and reigning year.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

Royalty Program Coordinator

I, _____ (print name), have ensured that the participant and her parents/guardians have been made aware the policies and rules outlined in this handbook.

Signature of Coordinator _____

Date _____