



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 as well as 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 with 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 no less than 10 years of age and no more than 13 years of age during her reigning year.

Qualifications

- 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 must be sound, healthy, trained and accustomed to loud noises and commotion. Horses must 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. If the Junior Princess wishes to ride, she will need approval from the committee. This will be allowed for certain events only.

Guidelines

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

- *Behavior:* Our Evergreen Rodeo Royalty will always present a positive image. You will display a pleasant attitude and help promote our rodeo, the PRCA, our sponsors and our Evergreen community. You are in the public eye, even when not on official business. It is your responsibility to uphold and maintain an outstanding personal image. This includes the use of profanity.
- *Supervision:* Evergreen Rodeo Royalty will always be supervised/chaperoned for your safety by a royalty committee member, or an ERA member volunteer. The royalty court will be perceived as a team. The court will remain together when traveling and at public events. Other arrangements may be made and approved by the royalty committee, in advance. Parents are welcome and required to attend the events as spectators. Parents are responsible for getting their daughter to each event in a timely manner, unless other travel arrangements have been made with the Royalty committee prior to the event. They are not allowed to accompany the Royalty during the event. This is their time to grow and mature both personally and within the community.
- *Dress code:* Our Evergreen Rodeo Royalty is always in the public eye. It is very important that you always look your best. As title holder, you should have a polished look. Your hair needs to be clean and well-trimmed. No unnatural hair coloring (i.e.- pink, purple, blue, green, etc.). Make-up should be properly applied and age specific. Attire needs to be modest and follow PRCA rules and appropriate for the occasion. No tinsel extensions in hair allowed. Blonde, brown, brunette hair coloring is allowed as well as weaves and extensions. No visible body piercings other than earrings. When on official business, you should wear current Western wear. This means long sleeved collared shirts, western jeans (no hip huggers, faded or torn, or skinny jeans), western dress boots and a felt hat. Jeans are always outside the boots. While on official business, you will be required to wear a certain type of western attire, including an official crown, sash, chaps, belt and belt buckle, hat and boots. The titleholders will be responsible for providing their own clothing. All clothing will have the Committees final approval. Clothing may also be borrowed from our Queen's closet. You will be asked to repair or replace any items that are damaged or lost while in your possession. A refundable deposit (\$100.00-subject to change) will be collected upon your inauguration. It will be refunded once items are returned in clean and original order.

- Boyfriends and friends: They are welcome at events while you are fulfilling your official duties. As with parents, boyfriends may attend as spectators, however, fraternizing of any kind at the event is strictly prohibited. Friends of course are allowed to socialize with you.
- Constant milling around and special treatment (ie- free admission, parking, etc) is not allowed. If at ANY TIME you are uncomfortable with anyone or situation, you notify your chaperon and it will be taken care of. DO NOT engage yourself.
- Living Arrangements- All contestants must be single, never married and never pregnant. In addition, they must not live in situations such as cohabitation with any member of the opposite sex that is not family or extended family member
- Gum chewing is not permitted during an official appearance.
- Texting, Social Media and Phone calls while in public is not allowed. Phones are not to be seen on your person by the public, i.e. pockets or in your hand. If you need to make a call or answer a call, your chaperone will excuse you from the public eye so you can do so. Cell phones may be used to take pictures of the events you are attending, as long as this use does not cause a distraction or impede your duties.
- Social Media- During your reign, use of social media will remain modest and discrete.
- Consumption of alcohol, smoking, other tobacco use of any kind, drug use, and being arrested is grounds for immediate dismissal. However, smoking or vaping of anykind by a legal aged person will only be tolerated in private settings, never in public eye or location (including but not limited to all social media platforms during your reign as Evergreen Royalty).
- 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, impromptu questions and a written test. 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 occur at parades and rodeos, as 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. These and questions will help us get to know you as a person.
- Required knowledge will be sent to you upon your application approval.

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..
- 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 as Royalty is Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming. Any other outside event will need the approval of the Royalty committee. Approval will be based on your conduct at local events.
- At the end of their reign, titleholders may keep their prizes. Leather and cloth sashes, crowns, chaps and other ERA apparel must be returned so they can be passed on to future titleholders. Once received in appropriate condition, their deposit will be refunded.

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- 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. Correspondence- The Evergreen Rodeo Royalty Program is designed and managed by the Royalty Committee. All Royalty related correspondence, invitations, suggestions, questions or concerns will be addressed to the Royalty Committee Chair at royalty@evergreenrodeo.com. All press releases, official email communications, and social media (such as the Facebook page) will be approved or copied to the Royalty Coordinator.
- Our Royalty agrees to be available for appearances, interviews, filming, photography 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 Evergreen Rodeo Royalty, 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 of 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 or terminate the title.
- 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 traffic 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 Acknowledgment

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

I hereby release, remiss, 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 _____