

Guidelines for the Delta County Fair and  
Rodeo Royalty

2018

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## Become a member of our Royalty Program.

The royalty program is designed to provide an opportunity for young women to be spokespersons for the Delta County Fair & Rodeo, the sport of rodeo, the western way of life and their community of Delta County. There are many events in Delta County, neighboring counties and the state of Colorado that offer opportunities for the royalty to connect with the communities and professionally represent our county fair. The royalty program is also designed to prepare the participants to become future leaders of our community through leadership skills, organizational skills, public speaking and community relations. Selection to the Delta County Fair and Rodeo royalty is a privilege and an honor. The royalty will fulfill their responsibilities with grace, dignity, and courtesy at all times. They are role models who exhibit good moral character and social behavior at all times.

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## Contestant Eligibility

- Each contestant must be a resident of Delta County or attend school in Delta County.
- Each Queen contestant must be 16-19 years of age, as of January 1, 2018.
- Each Princess contestant must be 12-15 years of age, as of January 1, 2018.
- Each Junior Princess contestant must be 9-11 years of age, as of January 1, 2018.
- The Queen shall never have been married. It is requested that the winner of the Delta County Fair and Rodeo title agree not to marry during the term of her reign.
- **The Rodeo Queen must be of high moral standards.** She shall have never been pregnant, be pregnant, or become pregnant during her reign or she will forfeit her crown and all benefits and gifts received from the pageant and title.
- Once you have served as the Delta County Fair and Rodeo Queen you cannot participate in any Delta County Fair and Rodeo pageant.
- Should circumstances ever occur that a contestant is conducting herself in an improper manner, she will be relieved of her duties.
- The Delta County Fair and Rodeo Royalty are required to sign a contract that defines the requirements during their reign. They will meet with the royalty coordinator following the crowning of titles to review and sign the document.

# Delta County Fair and Rodeo 2018 Royalty Duties & Expectations

These duties are general and not limited to the following:

## **Duties:**

Royalty members are spokeswomen for the Delta County Fair and the sport of rodeo. As public figures, they are easily recognizable on a daily basis. Therefore royalty and their parents must always exhibit good moral character and social behavior.

Participants and parents must comply with the Delta County Fair and Rodeo rules and regulations for the full year of reign, including attending and participating in scheduled events.

## **Queen:**

- You are a role model for all young ladies. You are to act, speak, and dress appropriately, as well as portray excellence in sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character and reflect careful treatment of animals.
- Oversee the visiting royalty for each rodeo and other events.
- Work with the Coordinator in organizing appearances, ideas, etc.
- When at other events follow the instructions of the event organizers and coordinators and make sure the Princess and Junior Princess does the same.
- Turn in the biographies for the Delta County Royalty at each event you are attending.
- Coordinate clothing for royalty for each appearance.
- Carry flags for all rodeos and parades as needed.

## **Princess and Junior Princess:**

- You are a role model for all young ladies. You are to act, speak, and dress appropriately, as well as portray excellence in sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character and reflect careful treatment of animals.

- Work closely with the Coordinator and the Queen in planning and making appearances.
- Carry flags for all rodeos and parades as needed.

### **Parents:**

- Assist with appearances as needed.
- Ensure that royalty is early and properly dresses for each appearance.
- Be responsible for getting the child and horse to each event in a timely manner.
- Families are responsible for all liability while traveling to and from appearances, as well as any other damage or injuries occur while representing the Delta County Fair and Rodeo.

### **Coordinator:**

- Work closely with the DCFB, the Queen, Princess, Junior Princess and their parents in planning appearances etc.
- Plan appearances made by the royalty, send in parade, clinic, luncheon and other entry forms.
- Order clothing, crowns, sashes, buckles, and saddles and make sure clothing fits properly.
- Organize and run the royalty tryouts each year, including updating the Royalty Guide, judge's sheets, judges and awards.
- Report **any** behavior issues to the Delta County Fair Board.
- Delegate duties as needed.
- Assist to ensure the grand entry runs as smoothly as possible, royalty is prepared, and carries out duties efficiently.

### **Expectations:**

- **Your reign is from August 2018 to the end of the 2019 fair.**
- **You are role model for all young kids, you are to act, speak, and dress appropriately. As well as portray excellence in sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character and reflect careful treatment of animals.**
- Attend monthly fair board meetings. At least one royalty shall be in attendance at all meetings. You may rotate
- If you are showing a project at the fair, **DO NOT** wear your crown or sash.

- You will help gather sponsorships for your group.
- Send thank you notes to all sponsors by September 2018.
- You will return your chaps and magnets to the coordinator at the end of your term.
- You shall be available the week before the 2018 Delta County Fair and Rodeo for publicity, helping with the royalty contest, and be available the week of fair to help with activities and judging in Heritage Hall and livestock area, as well as with the nighttime activities.

### **Events All Royalty Shall Attend:**

- Ouray County Fair – Ridgway
- Colorado Fairs and Show Convention Queen Workshop/Western Slope Rodeo Royalty Clinic
- Parade of Lights in Crawford, Delta, and/or Cedaredge
- Pioneer Days – Crawford Parade
- Cherry Days – Paonia Parade
- Deltarado Days – Delta Parade
- Montrose County Fair- Rodeo and/or Parade (Montrose)
- Help with community activities

### **Alternate Events:**

- Cattlemen’s Days Parade and Rodeo – Gunnison
- Rimrock Rodeo – Fruita
- Any other events, parades, or rodeos are encouraged.

## Contest Rules

**Division of Judging:** There will be three judges. Contestants will be judge on horsemanship, written test, interview, personality, appearance, 3-5 minute speech, and impromptu question. Each contestant will have the opportunity of being judged informally, in formal interviews, speech and horsemanship competition; as well as any other activities deemed appropriate by the pageant committee or judges. Criteria within each major area of judging include the following:

**Horsemanship Division:** The purpose of this division is to select the young women who scores the highest in:

- Horsemanship control of a mount and handling in a riding pattern chosen by the committee.
- Ability to sit a saddle-balance, position of hands, feet, seat, mounting and dismounting, as well as their presentation.

**Dress for this event will be a solid colored blouse and jeans. No Chaps!**

**For this event contestants are required to use their own horse or leased horse. If a leased horse is used, then a copy of the lease must be attached to the application. The horse should be leased for the full term if rein if the contestant is selected. Contestant could be asked to saddle her own horse in front of the judges.**

The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged and not the horse. However, it is certainly recommended that you have your horse, and tack clean and ready for competition. Please make sure your equipment is in working order.

The contestants will be required to carry a flag around the arena and will be required to do a “Queen” wave as she is introduced in the arena.

The pattern for the horsemanship competition will be selected by the committee and will be available on the day of the competition. The contestant will be required to mount and dismount as well as executing the pattern as outlined. Judges will also ask questions regarding your tack, the pattern, your horse, etc., so be prepared.

Please choose a horse that is controllable in most situations and suits your riding ability. If your horse has any special needs you are responsible for providing and taking care of these needs.

**Written Test:** There will be a written test given on basic equine knowledge. Refer to the study guide provided to help prepare you for the test.

**Interviews:** The judges in various situations will conduct interviews. The contestant should realize that they could be judged at anytime during the pageant whether formally or informally. Judges will be asking a variety of questions and it should be expected that many of the questions would have some depth so that the judges may determine the character and knowledge of each contestant. This is expected whether the contestant is being questioned on the sport of rodeo, current, national, or local events, as well as, items of major importance happening in the world. Each contestant should be prepared for a private interview with the judges.

**Portfolios:** Portfolios will not be judged. However, include your past experience in rodeo, 4-H, FFA, school, hobbies, or employment. You may include photographs, awards, etc. Get creative and don't forget to include your name at the beginning of your portfolio. They will be used as a tool for the judges to get to know each contestant a little better and be able to question them more personally. Portfolios will be due July 29, 2018.

**Personality Division:** The purpose of this division is to select the young woman who scores the highest in the following areas:

- Intelligence and knowledge of current events and the general ability to present herself to people in a positive manner.
- Conversation ability in varied areas, grammar, and proper use of the English language is most important.
- Genuine interest in other people and noticeable courtesy and diplomacy in all situations.
- Showmanship-ability to present herself in a gracious manner, but also demonstrate the ability to promote Delta County Fair and

Rodeo and serve in public events as a rodeo Queen, Princess, and Junior Princess.

- Ability to project her personality to people she may meet in a short time span, as well as, being able to present herself positively in formal situations, in the riding area, or before an audience in other activities.
- Have a happy outlook, general sense of humor, and the ability to adapt to most situations requiring her presence.
- General ability to handle herself in situations that require maturity and leadership while maintaining a genuine ability to relate to the western way of life.

**Appearance Division:** The purpose of this judging is to select the young woman who score the highest in:

- General attractiveness, poise, and proper behavior in every situation.
- Grooming – this is most important as the royalty represents the Delta County Fair and Rodeo. She must have neatness about her appearance and cleanliness is expected in every detail such as complexion, hands, nails, fragrance, and clothing.
- Apparel is most important in the pageant. Meticulous care and condition of clothing worn in competition is expected. Appropriate clothing for rodeo should be worn.
- The following rules of dress must be adhered to during the pageant.
  - Western dress is expected at all times during the pageant.
  - Western boots will be worn with all outfits and may not be fashion boots.
  - A western hat must be worn with all outfits during the competition. Please make sure that they are clean, in good condition and quality.
  - Blouses should be long sleeved, western style. Revealing or transparent blouses are not allowed.
  - No cleavage and absolutely nothing braless should be worn.
  - Western style denim jeans (any color) should be worn during the pageant.

- All clothing must be western style, accessories such as belts, buckles, hats, gloves, boots, skirts, blouses, jackets, dresses, suits, jumpsuits, split skirts, vest, etc.
- Chaps will only be permitted when they are used during the speech.
- Western style dress should be long at least knee length.
- A variety of sleeve lengths and collar styles are allowed. Sleeveless or revealing necklines are not permissible.
- No visible tattoos or body piercings, other than single hole earrings are allowed at anytime.
- Jewelry pendants must be no longer than one inch if they are short and should hang above opening of blouse or it is on a long chain worn on the outside of clothing. Items worn must also be symbols that are respectful to all who will see them in public.

The contestant's posture and poises are important. She should have an awareness of fashionable western dress and style with particular attention given to proper fit, style, color and coordination that enhance her total appearance.

Judges will observe a contestants posture, how she sits, walks, and models her outfits, the style she projects and her overall appearance and behavior. Judges will also be looking for individuality, imagination, versatility, creativity, and how the contestant presents a complete image and appearance.

**Judging continues through the week of fair. An unidentified judge/person will be observing the contestants throughout the week of fair. Points will be awarded on how well she interacts with other contestants, showing up on time, how she interacts with fair personal, being respectful, and willingness to help out, and how she will overall represent Delta County.**

**Speech:** Each contestant will be required to prepare and deliver a 3-5 minute speech on a given topic. A penalty will be assessed if the contestant goes over 5 minutes or under 3 minutes. We are looking for

creativity in developing, and the presence during the delivery of the speech.

**Impromptu Question:** Each contestant will be asked an impromptu question which will be drawn after the speeches.

**Congeniality:** Contestants will vote for the congeniality award to be given to the contestant that demonstrates a genuine caring and friendliness towards other contestants throughout the pageant activities.

**Parents and Relatives:** The Delta County Fair and Rodeo Board, welcomes and encourages family, relatives, and friends, to attend all events open to the public, or as designated in the agenda. Your support and assistance during the pageant is very important to your contestant. She needs encouragement and help during this time. We want the people associated with the contestant to have a good time and enjoy the activities throughout the pageant.

**Complaints:** Contestants, relatives, and friends must all show good sportsmanship. Complaints must be submitted in writing, dated and signed, along with \$75.00 cash or certified check, which will be forfeited if the grievance or protest is not sustained. This complaint must be presented to the pageant officials within 24 hours of the end of the competition. Complaints not submitted in this manner will be considered frivolous.

**Score Sheets:** Your score sheets will be given to you following the pageant. These scores sheets are yours to keep, you may share them with others if you wish but the pageant committee will not give them out to anybody. The Delta County Fair and Rodeo Board feels that this should be a learning experience for the girls. It will help to know which area a contestant scored well in or needs improvement. Contestants should remember that the main purpose of this contest is to have fun and good sportsmanship is a MUST!

**Entry Fee:** An Entry Fee of \$40.00 cash or money order payable to the Delta County Fair Board on or before the deadline of **June 11, 2018**.

The Delta County Fair and Rodeo Pageant Committee will endeavor to provide a quality pageant worthy of your talents and efforts. **Have Fun!!!**

**Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of 01/01/18 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Notify in case of Emergency \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ Queen (16-19) \_\_\_\_\_ Princess (12-15) \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Princess (9-11)

Size of saddle needed \_\_\_\_\_

Information about yourself: Feel free to do on a separate page.

**Goals:**

**Hobbies:**

**I will be available August 5-12, 2018 for the Delta County Fair and Rodeo. I will also attend all activities and interviews set up for me by the Pageant Committee. I have received a copy of the "Guidelines for the Delta County Fair and Rodeo Royalty" and agree to fully comply with the rules and procedures set forth therein.**

**Participants Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to committee coordinator:

Teresa Burns  
PO Box 155  
Hotchkiss, CO 81419

**Be sure to include the following:**

- Registration Fee \$40.00
- Release of Liability signed and Notarized

- Equine Helmet Waiver of Liability
- Completed application
- Proof of age may be required

## **Delta County Royalty Study Guide**

- What is the job of rodeo royalty?
- Be able to name some of the major sponsors of the Delta County Fair.
- Describe events and activities at the rodeos including basic rules.
  1. Equipment used by the contestants for each rodeo event.
  2. Which rodeo events are timed, which are scored?
  3. Describe misperceptions of rodeo equipment and animals that spectators might have (spurs, flank straps, hot shots, treatment, etc.)
- Know the history of the Delta County Fair.
- Know events held throughout the week of the Delta County Fair.
  1. Know admission costs for spectators, what time gates open, and when the events start.
- How many years has the Delta County Fair been running?
- Who is Miss Rodeo Colorado and where is she from?
- Who is Miss Rodeo America and where is she from?
- Know your horse's health program, veterinary, farrier, etc.
- Know the parts of the horse and tack.
- Know the purpose of each piece of tack you are using.
- Have an opinion on current events and issues and acknowledge other views.
- What does PRCA, WPRA, CPRA stand for?
- Where is the rodeo hall of fame located? What will you find there?
- What is the difference between animal rights and animal welfare?

### **Queen's Run / Presentation Ride**

- Remember that this is your opportunity to welcome the rodeo fans to the greatest sport ever!
- Have a natural and friendly wave. (Keep your fingers together. Avoid the "sweeping wave" and the super fast wave.)
- Keep your hand at shoulder height, and arm bent.
- Look at the crowd, but also watch where you are going. (If you look high into the crowd, it will allow your face to be seen by most everyone.)
- A queen's run should be done with speed, but always CONTROLLED! (Check your horse before you get to the gate. Always remember safety!)
- Remember to have good posture. It looks great to "open" yourself up towards the crowd.
- Wear Lipstick. (All the flag girls and Miss Rodeo America are required to wear RED lipstick at the WNFR.)

- SMILE!!

## Flag Presentation

- Your horse should be comfortable with carrying a flag BEFORE you ever got to the rodeo!!
- Do exactly what you are told!! Know your line up and positioning.
- Never insist on carrying a certain flag. Be glad to carry whatever you are given.
- While you are holding your flag and waiting for your cue to enter the arena, don't wad your flag up but do be aware of other horses that may not be flag friendly. IF it is windy you can hold part of the flag close to the flagpole to prevent spooking other horses.
- Always have a flag boot.
- Your flag boot should be placed so the bottom of the flag is above your head. (Flagpoles vary in lengths.)
- Place your hand on the pole at shoulder height or above depending on the size of the flag, speed of the run, and wind conditions.
- Keep the flag straight up and down don't let it get behind you.
- If you are not carrying the American Flag, tip your flag forward during the National Anthem to show respect and courtesy. The American flag should only be tipped forward during the prayer.
- Don't ever let the American Flag touch the ground, or drape over your horse.
- Remember that the sponsors have paid to have their flags seen at the rodeo, do your best to give them what they paid for.
- Look at the crowd and smile, while ALWAYS being aware of what is going on ahead of you.
- Keep good posture.
- HAVE FUN!

## Helping in the Arena

- REMEMBER that the cowboy/cowgirl competing has a lot invested in one run, and he or she has a lot to gain by doing well. DO NOT get in the competitor's way and DO NOT get in the judges way!
- Learn how to herd cattle with horses before you go to the rodeo.
- Only assist in the arena if asked. If you do not have the ability to help in the arena say NO!
- Never begin chasing the cattle to the catch pen until the flag has been dropped or been waved for a no time.
- Always keep a reasonable distance between your horse and the calf or steer.
- Always do your best to keep the rodeo moving quickly and smoothly.