

Guidelines for the Delta County Fair and Rodeo
Royalty

2019



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, 2019
- Each Princess contestant must be 12-15 years of age, as of January 1, 2019.
- Each Junior Princess contestant must be 9-11 years of age, as of January 1, 2019.
- 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 2019 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 2019 to the end of the 2020 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 2019.
- You will return your chaps and magnets to the coordinator at the end of your term.
- You shall be available the week before the 2019 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, 2019.

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 score 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 7, 2019**.

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

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 get 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.

Delta County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Application Form

Name _____ Age as of 01/01/19 _____

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 _____ Your height _____ (for fenders)

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

Goals:

Hobbies:

Something that is very interesting about you:

I will be available August 3rd-11th, 2019 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 by June 7:

Teresa Burns
PO Box 155
Hotchkiss, CO 81419

Be sure to include the following:

- Registration Fee \$40.00
- Signed Parent/Minor Liability Waiver
- Equine Event Wavier of Liability
- Completed application
- Proof of age may be required



PARENTAL/MINOR CONSENT, RELEASE, WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of a minor child (the Minor) being permitted to compete, officiate, observe, work or participate in any way in the event(s) or being permitted to enter for any purpose any RESTRICTED AREA, (defined as any area requiring special authorization, credentials, or permission to enter or any area to which admission by the general public is restricted or prohibited), Each of the undersigned parents, and minor, for himself or herself, his/her personal representatives, heirs and next of kin:

1. WE, the undersigned acknowledge, that the Minor knows the nature of the EVENT(S) and the Minor’s capabilities, and believes the Minor to be qualified to participate in the EVENT(S); and agrees, and represents that he/she has or will immediately upon the Minor entering any of such RESTRICTED AREAS, and will continuously thereafter, inspect the RESTRICTED AREAS which the Minor enters, and he/she further agrees and warrants that, if at any time, the Minor is in or about RESTRICTED AREAS and he/she or the Minor feels anything to be unsafe, he/she will immediately advise the officials of such and if necessary will instruct the Minor leave the RESTRICTED AREAS and/or refuse to participate further in the EVENT(S).
2. WE, the undersigned, HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE Delta County, Colorado, its board of county commissioners, officials, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, and any promoters, participants, stock contractors, stock owners, racing associations, sanctioning organizations or any subdivision thereof, arena and track operators, arena and track owners, officials, competition vehicle owners, drivers, pit crews, rescue personnel, any persons in any RESTRICTED AREA, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessees of premises used to conduct the EVENT(S), premises and event inspectors, surveyors, underwriters, consultants and others who give recommendations, directions, or instructions or engage in risk evaluation of loss control activities regarding the premises of EVENTS(S) and each of them, their directors, officers, agents and employees, all for the purposes herein referred to as “Releasees,” FROM ALL LIABILITY TO THE UNDERSIGNED, THE MINOR, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin FOR ANY AND ALL LOSS OR DAMAGE, AND ANY CLAIM OR DEMANDS THEREFOR ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY TO THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OR RESULTING IN DEATH OF THE UNDERSIGNED OR THE MINOR ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE EVENT(S), WHETHER CAUSED BY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEGLIGENCE OF OTHERS, OR BY ACT OR FAILURE OF OTHERS, OR OF STOCK, MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, or otherwise, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ACT OR FAILURE OF OTHERS, OR BY STOCK, MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, NATURAL CONDITIONS OR OF IMPROVEMENTS.
3. WE, the undersigned, AGREE HEREBY TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releasees and each of them FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST they may incur arising out of or related to the UNDERSIGNED OR MINOR’S INJURY OR DEATH, WHETHER CAUSED BY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEGLIGENCE OF OTHERS, OR BY ACT OR FAILURE OF OTHERS, OR OF STOCK, MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, or otherwise, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ACT OR FAILURE OF OTHERS, OR BY STOCK, MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, NATURAL CONDITIONS OR OF IMPROVEMENTS.
4. WE, the undersigned, HEREBY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE arising out of or related to the EVENT(S) WHETHER CAUSED BY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEGLIGENCE OF OTHERS, OR BY ACT OR FAILURE OF OTHERS, OR OF STOCK, MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, or otherwise, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ACT OR FAILURE OF OTHERS, OR BY STOCK, MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, NATURAL CONDITIONS OR OF IMPROVEMENTS.
5. WE, the undersigned, HEREBY acknowledge and will instruct the Minor that THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EVENT(S) ARE VERY DANGEROUS and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES and/or damages that could result from those Risk(s) COULD BE SEVERE AND COULD PERMANENTLY CHANGE THE MINOR’S FUTURE. Each of the UNDERSIGNED, also expressly acknowledges that INJURIES RECEIVED MAY BE COMPOUNDED OR INCREASED BY NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS OR PROCEDURES OF THE RELEASEES.
6. WE, the undersigned, HEREBY agree that this Release Parental/Minor Consent, Release, Waiver, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement extends to all acts of negligence by the Releasees, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Colorado and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
7. The Undersigned signs this agreement on his/her’s own behalf and on behalf of the Minor.
8. We, the Undersigned, HEREBY acknowledge that the Board of County Commissioners of Delta County has adopted a policy requiring the use of equine industry standard helmets at all equine activities conducted on the Delta County Fairgrounds. If I, or my child, choose not to wear such a helmet while participating, we AGREE HEREBY TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releasees and each of them FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST.

I HAVE READ THIS Parental/Minor Consent, Release, Waiver, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement and UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

PRINTED MINOR’S NAME

MINOR’S DATE OF BIRTH

SIGNATURE OF MINOR

PRINTED NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

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EQUINE EVENT LIABILITY RELEASE

WARNING

Under Colorado Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes.

1. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** Participation in any type of equine (horse) activity has certain inherent risks and regardless of the precautions taken, it is impossible to ensure the safety of the participant. Horses are large animals, with many standing over five feet at the shoulder and weighing over 1000 lbs. Horses can buck off a person, kick, bite, step on, or otherwise injure a person. Horses have a tendency to react unpredictably to different sounds, sudden movements and unfamiliar objects. Some of the injuries that may occur from participating in an equine activity include, but are not limited to, damage to personal property, bodily injuries such as bruises, strains, pulled muscles, ruptured disks, broken bones, lacerations, paralysis, and even death. Such damage or injuries may result from falls, actions of other persons involved with the equine activity, and malfunctions of tack, equipment, fencing or other improvements at the facility. I certify to the owners/activity sponsors/event organizers ("Event Organizers") that I am in good health and do not suffer from a heart condition, allergic condition, asthmatic condition, pregnancy, or other ailment which could be aggravated by my participation in this Equine Event.

2. **AUTHORIZATIONS AND AGREEMENTS:** I agree to adhere in strict accordance with all instructions received from the Event Organizers, and their employees, family members, instructors, guides and volunteers (collectively their "Agents"). I will accurately and to the best of my ability, describe my experience with horses and riding ability to all Event Organizers and their Agents. If I am not clear on an instruction, I will immediately request clarification to my satisfaction before continuing participation. I assert I have disclosed any health issues or medication that is relevant to my participation in this Equine Event. I will cease any and all participation and promptly report any unusual feelings (e.g., chest discomfort, nausea, trouble breathing, and apparent injury) and/or loss of control of a horse during this Equine Event to the Event Organizers and their Agents. I will promptly notify the Event Organizers and their Agents of any malfunctioning, defective or faulty equipment and any hazardous or dangerous conditions. I agree that Event Organizers and their Agents may administer emergency first aid, CPR, and AED when deemed necessary by such persons. I authorize emergency transport to medical care should that be deemed necessary by Event Organizers and their Agents. I authorize Event Organizers and their Agents to secure medical care when it is deemed necessary. I authorize Event Organizers and their Agents to share my medical information with emergency or medical personnel if deemed necessary by such persons. I agree to assume all costs of the care and transportation listed above. I am in full command of my faculties and I am not under the influence of intoxicates, alcohol, drugs or prescriptions, I further agree to abstain from any use of intoxicates or mind altering substances during my participation in this Equine Event. **I RECOGNIZE THAT THIS EQUINE EVENT IS A DANGEROUS ACTIVITY AND I AGREE TO ACCEPT AND ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS.**

3. **WAIVER OF LIABILITY/INDEMNIFICATION/COVENANT NOT TO SUE:** I understand that while participating in an equine activity, which may include, but is not limited to, grooming horses, saddling horses, leading horses, walking around and/or petting horses, being in the same immediate area of a horse, riding a horse, loading and trailering a horse, and feeding a horse, I am at risk of suffering damage to my personal property and bodily injury or death. In consideration for participation in this Equine Event, on behalf of myself, and my heirs, successors and assigns, I do hereby release, discharge, indemnify, and hold harmless, Delta County, its board of county commissioners, the Delta County Fair Board, the Event Organizers and their Agents, insurance carriers and all others who are involved in working at, sponsoring, or participating in, this Equine Event, and all of their respective officials, officers, directors, employees, members, and agents (collectively "Indemnified Persons") from and against any and all liability, injury, demands, claims, losses, costs, expenses, and damages of any kind whatsoever, including without limitation injury or death of myself or any animal that I may use in such equine activity, that arise from or are in any way related to this Equine Event or my participation in it. I covenant and agree not to sue any Indemnified Person for any cause of action or claim arising out of or in any way related to this Equine Event. I specifically agree, without limitation, to pay all costs and attorney's fees incurred by any Indemnified Person in investigating, responding to, and defending any claim brought by me or on my behalf.

I agree to be solely responsible for my own safety and to take every precaution to provide for the safety and wellbeing of others, while participating in the Equine Activities. This Release is given in the interest of permitting the Delta County Fair to exist and serve in the community. My indemnification, release and waiver is given in exchange for my or my child's participation in the Equine Activities and the Delta County Fair.

This Release shall apply to all Equine Activities associated with the Delta County Fair in 2018, and the indemnification, release and waiver shall not expire. Participants in the Delta County Fair do so at their sole risk. Insurance coverage for participants is not provided by any of the Indemnified Persons regarding any injury, loss or liability that may arise through the participation in Equine Activities at the Delta County Fair. I understand this Release could affect my legal rights and I acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to consult with a lawyer of my choosing before signing this Release.

4. We, the Undersigned, HEREBY acknowledge that the Board of County Commissioners of Delta County has adopted a policy requiring the use of equine industry standard helmets at all equine activities conducted on the Delta County Fairgrounds. If I, or my child, choose not to wear such a helmet while participating, we AGREE HEREBY TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Indemnified Persons and each of them FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST.

5. **SEVERABILITY, JURISDICTION AND VENUE:** I further expressly agree that the foregoing EQUINE EVENT LIABILITY RELEASE is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Colorado, and if any portion thereof is held invalid, the remaining portions shall be given such interpretations as may be necessary so as to preserve their validity and legal effect notwithstanding the deletion of the invalid portions. I consent to the personal jurisdiction of the courts in the State of Colorado, and I agree that the venue for any legal action brought concerning this Equine Event or this EQUINE EVENT LIABILITY RELEASE, shall be in Delta County, Colorado.

6. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND UNDERSTANDING:** I have completely read this EQUINE EVENT LIABILITY RELEASE and fully understand its terms. I understand I am relinquishing substantial rights, including the right to sue. I further acknowledge that I am signing this EQUINE LIABILITY RELEASE freely and voluntarily, and intend my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability, including but not limited to liability resulting from negligence by Event Organizers, to the greatest extent allowed by law in the State of Colorado.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 20____.

PRINTED PARTICIPANT NAME

PARTICIPANT'S DATE OF BIRTH

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT

If participant is a minor:

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN