



Elizabeth Stampede Rodeo

Royalty Handbook and Code of Conduct



The Elizabeth Stampede Rodeo Royalty (“Royalty”) serves as ambassadors for the Elizabeth Stampede Rodeo (“ESR”). The Royalty represents the ESR as well as the community with the highest level of poise and integrity. Each recognizes the importance of promoting a positive image and of preserving our western heritage.

Selection to serve as Royalty is a privilege and an honor. The Royalty willingly fulfills responsibilities with grace, dignity, and courtesy at all times. The Royalty serves as role models who exhibit good moral character and social behavior.

Royalty Titles

ESR Queen:

She is no less than 17 years of age and no more than 24 years of age as of January 1 of her reigning year. The ESR Queen will be awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship toward her college education from the Elizabeth Stampede Foundation and a trophy saddle sponsored by Auto Nation Dodge Ram Arapahoe.

ESR Attendant:

She is no less than 14 years of age and no more than 17 years of age as of January 1 of her reigning year.

Qualifications

Each Royalty representative must:

- ❖ Live within 100 miles of Elizabeth Stampede. Please be prepared to provide proof of age and residency.
- ❖ Be able to attend Elizabeth Stampede community events and other mandatory events in the State of Colorado.
- ❖ Must be single and never married and/or pregnant and remain so during her reign. She may not cohabit with any significant other during her reign.
- ❖ Own her own horse(s) or have made prior arrangements for the use of horse(s) for the entire year of her reign.
- ❖ Must provide her own transportation and that of her horse(s) to each point of departure and/or event for official appearances.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the ESR Queen and Attendant include learning about and promoting the ESR and the PRCA. Each titleholder is not required to own a horse, but must have the guaranteed use of a horse and truck/trailer during her reign. Each titleholder's horse(s) 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 Queen and Attendant will attend numerous rodeos and community events to promote the ESR. Guidelines to ensure everyone's safety, the overall integrity of the Royalty program and the rodeo association are as follows:

- ✿ Behavior: ESR Queen and Attendant, as individuals and jointly, should maintain positive images at all times. Each should have a pleasant attitude and be willing to help promote the Rodeo, the PRCA, sponsors and the Elizabeth Stampede community. At all times each is to be considered in the public eye, including when not on official business, and it is the responsibility of each titleholder to uphold and maintain an outstanding image.
- ✿ Supervision: Elizabeth Stampede Royalty will be supervised/chaperoned at all times, for her safety, by a Royalty committee member or ERA volunteer. Parents are always welcome to accompany their daughters as well. The Royalty court should be perceived as a team. Therefore, the court should remain together during all events unless other arrangements have been made and approved in advance by the Royalty committee.
- ✿ Dress Code: Elizabeth Stampede Royalty is consistently in the public eye. And it is very important to look your best at all times. As a titleholder each Royalty should have a polished look. Hair should be clean and well trimmed, make-up properly applied, and attire modest and appropriate for the occasion. When on official business appropriate attire should consist of current western wear, to include a long sleeved collared shirt, western jeans (no hip-huggers, faded or torn jeans), western dress boots and a felt hat. While on official business it is a requirement to wear a certain type of western attire, which includes but is not limited to an official crown, sash, chaps, a belt buckle, belt and boots. Each titleholder will be responsible for furnishing her personal and expected to repair or replace any Rodeo--issued items that are damaged while in possession.
- ✿ Boyfriends and Friends: Guests are welcome at events while you are fulfilling your official duties for the Royalty program, as long as they are not a distraction 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).
- ✿ Use of cell phones and/or gum chewing is not permitted during official appearances. Cell phones must remain in a purse or somewhere that they are not a distraction.

- ✳ Drinking alcohol, smoking, tobacco use of any kind, drug use and being arrested are grounds for immediate dismissal.

Pageant

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

- ✳ **Horsemanship:** The purpose of this portion of the pageant is to demonstrate the ability as a rider. The horse's ability is not judged, however, one must demonstrate that one is 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 competed for.
- ✳ **Interview/Impromptu/Modeling 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 ESR Association, and other questions that will help the judges to get to know you as a person.

Appearances

Above all, the ESR Royalty program is designed to have fun while representing the Rodeo and the community. Below is a list of events that titleholders are requested to attend. Some events are mandatory; many events are optional. The decision to attend optional events will be made together by members of the Royalty Program Committee, the Royalty and their parents.

Mandatory Events (for the Queen and Attendant):

- General rodeo meetings (1st Thursday of the month)
- Royalty committee meetings (designated as necessary)
- Events associated with the ESR and sponsors
- Holiday Party
- Rodeo kick-off dinner
- Work days as necessary
- Local rodeos, as follows:
- Elizabeth Stampede and Community Rodeo
- Douglas County Fair and Rodeo
- Elbert County Fair
- Laramie Jubilee Days
- National Western Stock Show events
- Evergreen Rodeo
- Rooftop Rodeo (Estes Park)
- Cheyenne Frontier Days

- Commerce City Memorial Day Parade
- Stampede to Read Program

Optional Events:

- Greeley Stampede and/or Brush
- Visits to local schools, parades, hospitals, and community events

Royalty Contract

Our Royalty and parent(s) will be required to sign a contract acknowledging that they intend to uphold the rules and policies in this Handbook, and also agree to the following stipulations:

- ✿ At the end of reign, titleholders may keep awarded belt buckles and ribbon sashes. Leather sashes, tiaras, chaps and other ESR apparel must be returned, as those will be passed on to future titleholders.
- ✿ The Elizabeth Stampede 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. Each 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 personal education or employment.
- ✿ While serving as the Royalty for the ESR, Royalty may not enter any other pageants. As an exception, the ESR Attendant may be a contestant for ESR Queen the following year. However, she may not hold the same title more than once.
- ✿ Resolving conflicts: In the event that a problem arises it should be immediately brought to the attention of the Royalty committee. If the committee cannot resolve the dispute the ESR Board will be asked to intervene.
- ✿ The Royalty Program Coordinator, Royalty Committee, ESR Officers and Board will have the final discretion in all areas of behavior and appearance. If for some reason the reigning titleholder is unable to fulfill her duties, the Royalty Committee, with the approval of the ESR Board, will appoint a replacement for the remainder of her term.
- ✿ The Elizabeth Stampede Royalty serves at the will of the Elizabeth Stampede Board and the Board may terminate any member of the Royalty Court with or without cause at any time and without advance notice, procedure or formality. The Elizabeth Stampede Board may at any time, and in its sole discretion, without prior notice, change, delete or add any policy.

- ✿ If a selected Royalty Member should fail to abide by these conditions at any time either prior to or during her reign, she may be required to relinquish her position at the discretion of the ESR Board. If for any reason any Royalty should be asked to forfeit her reign, she will be required to forfeit her prizes and awards to the committee/ coordinator.
- ✿ Any arrest, ticket or citation for drinking, drugs, or any violent act is grounds for immediate dismissal from competition or being a member of the Royalty.

Royalty Committee Members

Chairwoman: Kathy Sweigart, 720-226-5491, royalty@elizabethstampede.com

Vice-Chairwoman: Camille Courtney, (720) 390-8434, royalty@elizabethstampede.com

Waiver and Release

The undersigned royalty, parent and each of them, understands and agrees that the undersigned royalty will be participating in rodeo and rodeo related events. The undersigned royalty, parent and each of them further understands and agrees that rodeo is an inherently dangerous sport and that the undersigned royalty, parent and each of them understands the risks of injury associated therewith and shall indemnify and hold harmless ESR, ESR Royalty committee, its members, employees, contractors, volunteers and invitees against all liability, claims, and demands on account of injury, loss or damage, including without limitation, claims arising from bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, death, property loss or damage, or any other loss of any kind whatsoever, which may arise out of or are in any manner connected with serving as ESR Royalty or this Contract. Furthermore, the undersigned royalty, parent and each of them understand and agrees that any and all photographs, videos, voice recordings, images and writings of any sort whatsoever that may be created by, for or in association with the undersigned royalty in any way relating to her service and reign as ESR royalty shall be the sole property of ESR and copyright thereto shall inure to the benefit of ESR, its successors and assigns, unless otherwise agreed by and between the parties in writing. **WARNING: UNDER COLORADO LAW, THERE IS NO LIABILITY FOR THE DEATH OF OR INJURY TO A PARTICIPANT IN AN AGRICULTURAL RECREATION OR AGRITOURISM ACTIVITY RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF THE AGRICULTURAL RECREATION OR AGRITOURISM ACTIVITY, PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-21-121, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES.**

Royalty

Parent

Elizabeth Stampede Rodeo Royalty Contract

Parents and Participants

I, _____, have read and understand the rules, code of conduct, policies and waiver and release outlined in the Handbook and, by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge and agree that I will adhere to and uphold the same during the pageant, in-waiting period and reigning year.

Signature of Participant:

Print name of Participant:

Date: _____

I, _____, have read and understand the rules, code of conduct, policies and waiver and release outlined in the Handbook and, by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge and agree that my daughter will adhere to and uphold the same during the pageant, in-waiting period and reigning year.

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Printed name of Parent/Guardian:

Date: _____