



## **Elizabeth Stampede Rodeo Royalty Handbook Code of Conduct and Contract**

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 professionalism, grace, dignity, and courtesy at all times. The Royalty serve 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 21 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of her reigning year. The ESR Queen may be eligible for a \$1,000.00 scholarship from the Elizabeth Stampede Foundation based upon merit and successful completion of her reign. The education scholarship will be paid directly to the college of her choice.

#### **ESR Attendant**

She is no less than 15 years of age and no more than 19 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of her reigning year. The ESR Attendant may be eligible for a \$500.00 scholarship from the Elizabeth Stampede Foundation based upon merit and successful completion of her reign. The education scholarship will be paid directly to the college of her choice.

### **Qualifications**

Royalty representatives must meet the following qualifications:

- ❖ Live within 50 miles of Elizabeth, Colorado. 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 and Wyoming.
- ❖ Must be single, never married and/or pregnant and remain so during her reign. She may not cohabitate with any significant other during her reign.
- ❖ Must own her own horse(s) or have made prior arrangements for the use of horse(s) for the entire year of her reign. If leasing a horse, must provide a copy of written lease to Committee.

- ❖ Must provide her own transportation and that of her horse(s) to each point of departure and/or event for official appearances.
- ❖ Must be available for impromptu appearances and events as requested.
- ❖ For those that currently hold a title, the following qualification apply:
  - 1) The current ESR Attendant is qualified to compete for ESR Queen as long as she meets the age requirements.
  - 2) Current title must end by December 31 of the competing year.
  - 3) Title periods must not overlap; absolutely cannot have two crowns at the same time.
  - 4) Must provide a letter from their current royalty program acknowledging they are permitted to and will be competing for Elizabeth Stampede Queen or Attendant.
  - 5) Title holder's current royalty program acknowledgment letter must agree that the new Stampede royalty will be announced on competition day.
  - 6) Must be able to participate in Elizabeth Stampede events as Lady-In-Waiting as requested.

Should there be no contestants or contestants do not meet minimum point requirements, the Royalty Committee will provide options for the Stampede Board to decide on how to handle royalty for the following year.

### **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-broken and accustomed to loud noises and commotion. Horses should be up-to-date with vaccinations and routine veterinary and farrier care. It is the responsibility of the ESR Queen and Attendant to maintain their horses in a body score of 4-5 to represent high standards of horsemanship and to utilize safe and well cleaned tack. The ESR Royalty Committee has the right to determine if the horse is appropriate to be used for royalty events.

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, shall always maintain a positive image. Each shall have a pleasant attitude and be willing to help promote the ESR, the PRCA, sponsors and the Elizabeth Stampede community. At all times each royalty 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. The role of royalty is to be a public relations ambassador and to increase the public's knowledge of the sport of rodeo and specifically the Elizabeth Stampede rodeo. Royalty shall also network with rodeo boards and rodeo royalty such that our rodeo is well presented and widely known throughout Colorado and Wyoming. We are looking for the young woman who exceeds our expectations and goes the extra mile in all endeavors.

- ❖ Supervision: For her safety, Elizabeth Stampede Royalty will always be supervised/chaperoned by a Royalty Committee member or appointed ESR volunteer. There shall be a designated chaperone at all events and the chaperone is in charge. Parents are always welcome to accompany their daughters as well, however parents are not required to attend events and in fact parents shall not interfere in the activities of the royalty. Parents/guardians shall respect the decisions of the Royalty Committee. Parents/Guardians shall refrain from giving direction to Royalty. The chaperone is in charge. When serving in an official capacity, the Royalty's first responsibility is to the Rodeo and Royalty Committee. The Royalty Queen and Attendant will be perceived as a team and should remain together and travel 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. 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, belt buckle, belt, long sleeve western shirt and boots. Each titleholder will be responsible for furnishing her personal attire and is expected to repair or replace any Rodeo-issued items that are damaged while in her possession. Except for the belt buckles and Queen's saddle, the rodeo issued items are the property of the ESR and shall be returned at the end of the year.
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ Cell Phones: Use of cell phones and/or gum chewing is not permitted during official appearances. Cell phones must remain in a purse, boot or somewhere that they are not a distraction. Cell phones shall not be carried in the back pocket.
- ❖ Alcohol and Drugs: Drinking alcohol, smoking, vaping, tobacco use of any kind, drug use, expulsion from school and being arrested are grounds for immediate dismissal.
- ❖ Social Media: The Royalty agree to not create any separate social media sites, email address, or internet presence other than those provided by the ESR. Royalty agrees to allow the royalty coordinators to review/edit all correspondence and responses as necessary. Royalty agrees and acknowledges that the ESR is a brand with full copyright protection and that the Board of Directors has final authority on all policies.
- ❖ Communication: Royalty shall respond to all electronic or verbal communication from coordinators within 24 hours. Confirmation of appearances at all official business shall be at

least 72 hours in advance. It is the responsibility of the Royalty to contact the Chair and Vice Chair at least 24 hours in advance if they are unable to attend an event/appearance. It is the responsibility of the Royalty to communicate and coordinate with the Chair and Vice Chair.

### **Royalty Competition**

To be awarded one of the ESR Royalty titles, contestants must complete the ESR Royalty Competition. The competition will be fair and consist of horsemanship, speech, one or more interviews, a written test and several impromptu questions.

- ❖ **Horsemanship:** The purpose of this portion of the competition is to demonstrate the ability as a rider. The horse's ability is not judged, however candidates must demonstrate their ability to stay mounted on a safe horse that is accustomed to the loud noises and commotion that will occur at parades and rodeos. ESR reserves the right to deny the use of a horse which is not suitable for the role.
- ❖ **Judges Interview:** 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 get to know the contestant's personality.
- ❖ **Speech:** Each contestant will give a prepared speech on a topic chosen by the royalty committee. Speeches may have a set time limit and guidelines will be provided prior to competition.
- ❖ **Modeling and Impromptu Questions:** Each contestant will model and answer impromptu questions selected and approved by the Royalty Committee.

### **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. When necessary, mandatory events may be curtailed in length or cancelled by the Royalty Committee.

Mandatory Events for the Queen and Attendant:

- General rodeo meetings (First Thursday in March, April, May, June)
- Royalty Committee meetings (designated as necessary)
- Events associated with the ESR and sponsors
- Stampede to Read Program/School Visits
- Royalty clinic and competition for the following year
- Rodeo kick-off dinner
- ESR workdays at Casey Jones as necessary
- ESR Holiday Party/Coronation

- Local rodeos and events, as follows:
  - National Western Stock Show Parade
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  - Elizabeth Stampede Queen's Luncheon
  - Elizabeth Stampede PRCA and Community Rodeo – all events
  - Evergreen Rodeo Queen's Luncheon/Parade/Rodeo
  - Cowboy Up in Kiowa
  - Rooftop Rodeo (Estes Park) Queen's Luncheon/Parade/Rodeo
  - Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Queen's Luncheon/Parade/Rodeo
  - Elbert County Fair Queen's Luncheon/Parade
  - Mountain States Rodeo Circuit Finals
  - Elizabeth Harvest Festival
  - Parker Christmas Parade
- Optional Events:
  - Brush Queen's Luncheon/Parade/Rodeo
  - Boulder County Fair
  - Cheyenne Frontier Days Queen's Luncheon/Parade/Rodeo
  - Commerce City Memorial Day Parade
  - Deer Trail Queen's Luncheon/Parade/Rodeo
  - El Paso County Fair Queen's Luncheon/Rodeo
  - Greeley Stampede Parade
  - Gunnison Rodeo
  - Laramie Jubilee Days Queen's Luncheon/Parade/Rodeo
  - Pikes Peak or Bust Parade/Rodeo
  - Visits to local schools, hospitals, other parades, rodeos, and community events

### **Royalty Contract**

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

- At the end of reign, titleholders may keep awarded belt buckles, bracelets, sashes, jackets, Queen's saddle and sponsored personal clothing items. Crowns, chaps, sarapes, breast collars 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. All communication and/or invitations must be coordinated through the coordinator/committee. All press releases, official email communications, and social media (such as ESR Facebook and Instagram pages) shall be approved or copied to the Royalty Chair. Each 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 personal education or employment.

- While holding a current title as ESR Queen or Attendant, titleholders may not enter any other royalty competitions without written permission from the Royalty Committee acknowledging the intent to compete. The potential title can only be for the following year and cannot overlap with the current reign of the ESR Queen or Attendant. Any inability to complete her reigning year may jeopardize the Queen or Attendants title and scholarship.
- In the event a conflict arises, it should be immediately brought to the attention of the Royalty committee Chair or Vice-Chair. If the committee cannot resolve the dispute, the Committee Chair shall contact the ESR Board Representative for guidance. Parents or guardians of Royalty are not members of the committee. Any negative comments directly or indirectly made about the program or committee members may jeopardize the reign of the royalty member.
- The Royalty Program Chair, Royalty Committee, ESR Officers and Board will have the final discretion in all areas of behavior and appearance. If for some reason the reigning Queen or Attendant is unable to fulfill her duties, the Royalty Committee, with the approval of the ESR Board, may 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 the Queen or Attendant reign 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 titleholder 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 Royalty that is expelled from school or arrested or issued a ticket for drinking, drugs, or any violent act is grounds for immediate dismissal.

### **Financial Obligations**

As part of the honor and role as an Elizabeth Stampede Rodeo royalty, there are related expenses that may not be covered by the program.

- The Queen is provided with the use of a horse trailer during her reign. The Queen's trailer is required to be pulled in all parades except Cheyenne Frontier Days. We expect the trailer to be kept clean and in good repair. Prior to appearing in a parade, it is the responsibility of the Queen to wash the exterior of the trailer. Once a year the trailer shall be serviced by Parker Trailers in Parker, Colorado. The parent's vehicle (and/or Committee member) pulling the trailer will be noted on our insurance policy. All incidents and damage shall be reported immediately to the Royalty Committee Chair. Any damage caused to the trailer that is not covered by our insurance policy will be the Queen's responsibility to repair.
- The Queen may work with the Sponsorship Committee to find sponsors for her custom Queen's saddle.

- Both Queen and Attendant have the use of Elizabeth Stampede crowns, chaps, serapes and breast collars that are returned at the end of their reign. The sponsor for crowns will clean and polish the crowns throughout the year.
- Custom belt buckles, sashes, bracelets and personal jewelry items are provided for the royalty. Autograph cards with professional photography are provided by the program. Prints of photographs can be purchased from the photographer.
- All appearances of the royalty are accompanied by a Committee Chaperone. We try to get admission wristbands for at least one parent as much as possible. If a Royalty Committee member cannot attend and a parent is appointed as Chaperone only then will the cost of admission be reimbursed by the program budget. All other admission will be the family's expense.
- Tickets for luncheons are paid by the royalty budget for the Queen and Attendant. Tickets for parents and guests are not reimbursed.
- Gas mileage to and from events is the responsibility of the royalty and reimbursement will depend on budget availability.
- If overnight hotel stay is requested by the Royalty Committee, room expenses for Queen, Attendant and Chaperone may be paid from the royalty budget. Additional rooms for family members are the family's responsibility.
- Meals while traveling are the responsibility of the royalty.
- Clothing is the responsibility of the royalty. We receive sponsored clothing which varies from year to year. We encourage royalty to be creative in acquiring suitable clothing such as borrowing from prior royalty, second hand and consignment stores. Also purchasing from our sponsor/fundraising efforts may result in donated clothing.
- Royalty is responsible for providing their own hats. Resistol offers PRCA rodeos a discounted hat program. Stampede volunteers order twice per year.
- Costs associated with hosting our Queen's luncheon are paid for by our royalty budget and/or sponsors.
- Royalty are provided thank you cards for their use.
- Traditionally royalty provides thank you gifts at the end of their reign. Gifts are the responsibility of the royalty.

Please direct questions and concerns to the  
Elizabeth Stampede Royalty Committee  
[royalty@elizabethstampede.com](mailto:royalty@elizabethstampede.com)

### **Elizabeth Stampede Rodeo Royalty Contract**

#### **Royalty**

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 competition, lady-in-waiting period and reigning year.

Royalty signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Royalty printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Parent**

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 competition, lady-in-waiting period and reigning year.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **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.

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Royalty signature

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Parent signature

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