



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 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 1st of her reigning year. The ESR Queen will be eligible for a \$1,000.00 scholarship based upon merit and successful completion of her reign toward her college education from the Elizabeth Stampede. The scholarship will be paid directly to the school 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 1st of her reigning year.

Qualifications

Each Royalty representative must:

- Live within 60 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 and never married and/or pregnant and remain so during her reign. She may not cohabitate 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. If leasing a horse, must provide 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 necessary.
- Must not currently hold another royalty title at the time of competition

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. 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, should maintain positive images at all times. Each should 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 spread to the public 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:** Elizabeth Stampede Royalty will be supervised/chaperoned at all times, for her safety, by a Royalty committee member, ESR volunteer or parent.

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. When serving in an official capacity the Royalty's first responsibility is to the Rodeo and Royalty Committee. The Royalty court should be perceived as a team. Therefore, the court 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), belt, western dress boots and a felt hat. Additionally, Royalty is expected to wear a certain type of ESR Royalty specific attire, which includes but is not limited to an official crown, sash, chaps, and belt buckle. Each titleholder will be responsible for furnishing her personal attire and expected to repair or replace any Rodeo-issued items that are damaged while in possession. With the exception of 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 Royalty's term.
- 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, tobacco use of any kind, drug use, expulsion from school or 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.

Pageant

In order to be eligible for one of the ESR Royalty titles contestants must compete in the ESR Royalty Pageant. The pageant will 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 contestant's ability as a rider. The horse's ability is not judged; however, candidates must demonstrate the 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.
- **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 contestant's personality.

Appearance

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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 (meeting schedule is set and published annually by the ESR Board of Directors)
- Royalty committee meetings (designated as necessary)
- Events associated with the ESR and sponsors
- Royalty clinic and competition for the following year
- Holiday Party

- Rodeo kick-off dinner
- Work days as necessary
- Local rodeos and events, as follows:
 - National Western Stock Show events- min 5 days
 - National Western Stock Show Parade
 - Elizabeth Stampede Rodeo and Community Rodeo
 - Evergreen Rodeo Queen's Luncheon and Parade
 - Rooftop Rodeo (Estes Park) Queen's Luncheon and Parade
 - Laramie Jubilee Days
 - Cowboy Up in Kiowa
 - Cheyenne Frontier Days Queen's Luncheon and Parade
 - Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Queen's Luncheon and Parade
 - Elbert County Fair Queen's Luncheon and Parade
 - Mountain States Circuit Rodeo Finals
 - Commerce City Memorial Day Parade
 - Stampede to Read Program
 - Elizabeth Harvest Festival
 - Children's Hospital Holiday event
 - UAL Fantasy Flight
 - Parker Carriage Days Parade

Optional Events:

- Greeley Stampede
- Brush Rodeo
- Boulder County Fair
- CPRA Finals
- El Paso County Fair Queen's Luncheon
- Deer Trail Parade and Rodeo
- Gunnison Cattlemen's Days Rodeo
- Monte Vista Ski-Hi Stampede Rodeo
- Visits to local schools, parades, hospitals, and community events