

**True West Rodeo Royalty  
Guidelines and Responsibilities for the Royal Court**



PO Box 2082  
Durango, Co 81302

**Type of Girl We Are Looking For:**

1. A young lady who wishes to be a leader in her community and further promote the western way of life.
2. A young lady who is a shining example of what can be accomplished through hard work and dedication.
3. A young lady who is ambitious and interested in building a resume for her future career.
4. A young lady who can portray good sportsmanship, high morals and ethical character.
5. A young lady who has compassion for people, loves horses and believes in the humane treatment of animals.
6. A young lady who is familiar with the sport of rodeo and able to explain and promote rodeo to the community.
7. A young lady who understands how to act, speak, and dress according to the prestige this title deserves.

**Expectations:**

1. Throughout your reign, “significant others” cannot be a distraction while you are performing your duties. They cannot “hang out.” This is not acceptable as your priority is fulfilling your duties as Queen, Princess and Jr. Princess.
2. You are an example to young impressionable girls, and as such, you must ALWAYS conduct yourself in an exemplary manner.
3. Be very careful about what you post on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc. in the way of pictures and attitudes portrayed. Inappropriate posts may constitute a revoke of title and reign.
4. Please keep Pam Glasco, the True West Rodeo Manager and Sophia Belk, the Royalty Coordinator informed as to your schedule and availability.
5. When your Royalty responsibilities are complete and your reign, please return all of the clothing, chaps, etc that are property of True West Rodeo to the Manager Pam Glasco in clean and pressed condition. Please take good care of these items so that they can be passed along to the next court. Any items damaged or not returned will be charged to you and payment for these items will be due within ten (10) days of invoicing.
6. The Royal Court are the Public Ambassadors for The True West Rodeo and Hostess to all the visitors for the True West Rodeo Celebrations. As such they are expected to participate in all events as requested, including sponsorship visits, rodeo performances, meet and greets, activities, parades and special community events.
7. The Royal Court must arrive on time and well dressed in queen fashion. Always keep in mind you represent the City of Durango, La Plata County and the Great State of Colorado! Always conduct yourself in a professional manner recognizing that you are an example and a role model for others.
8. Parents and participants must comply with True West Rodeo series rules and regulations for the full year of rein.

**Who is Eligible:**

1. To apply for position of Queen, you must be 16 years old and no older than 19 as of June 1.
2. To apply for position of Princess, you must be 12 years old and no older than 15 as of June 1.
3. To apply for position of Jr. Princess, you must be 8 years old and no older than 11 as of June 1.

### **Rules and Proceedings for Application to the Royalty Court:**

1. Contestants may hold two different rodeo titles simultaneously for a period of no more than two months.
2. Informational Meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 2, 2019** at 6:00pm in the LaPlata Room upstairs in the La Plata County Extension Building.
3. Applications, biography and professional headshot due by **Friday April 5, 2019**.
  - a. Mail your completed application and biography to: True West Rodeo, PO Box 2082, Durango, Co 81302
  - b. Email your digital headshot image to: Pam@TrueWestRodeo.com
4. Contest will be held on **Saturday June 1, 2019** from 10:30am-2:30pm at a the La Plata County Fairgrounds.
  - a. We will meet inside the Extension Building for the contest interviews and written test, then move to the arena for horsemanship exercises.
5. Contestants must be able to ride and have access to a suitable horse for rodeos and all other events such as parades and public appearances. Contestants are expected to bring their horse to the Contest.
6. Contestants must reside within 60 miles of the City of Durango. This is to ensure punctual participation in our weekly rodeo, community events and public appearances.
7. Suitability of the Royal Court will be determined by the TWR Royalty Committee, Judges and Management.
8. Announcement and crowning of the new Royal Court will be made at 6:00pm at the June 12, 2019 Rodeo. The year of rein will begin that night and will continue for one year.
9. Royalty are expected to participate in all rodeos: **Wednesday June 5, 12, 19, 26 July 3, 10, 17, 24 August 7**.
  - a. Family vacations and/or illness are anticipated, please give as much notice as possible if you can not attend a rodeo or public event.

### **Contest Proceedings – contestants will be judged and scored in the following three categories:**

1. Application and Written Test (used as a tie breaker, if needed) – Contestants will be tested on True West Rodeo, horsemanship and community knowledge. Answers may not be right or wrong but based on the contestant's personal experience and philosophy.
2. Personal Interview (25%) – Contestants will be interviewed privately by the judges and scored on personality and presentation. Questions asked may test the contestant's knowledge of True West Rodeo, the local community, horsemanship, and personal goals. Personality attributes listed below will be recognized:
  - a. Intelligence – academic and common-sense life skills.
  - b. Confidence – should radiate self-assurance without making an issue out of it. Should also show maturity, high moral standards, sincerity, and integrity.
  - c. Enthusiasm – a sincere interest in True West Rodeo and the local community.
  - d. Compassion – a genuine interest in other people, in rodeo, and a noticeable consideration of others.
  - e. Humor – the ability to laugh and keep light in any given situation.
  - f. Attractiveness – neatness and cleanliness in every detail, meticulous care in general grooming is essential. Emphasis will be placed on inner beauty as well as exterior beauty.
  - g. Poise – elegant behavior in every situation.
  - h. Self-Projection – the ability to project one's personality, whether it is from horseback in an arena or on foot before an audience.
3. Speech and Modeling (25%) – Contestants will be asked to give a 1-3-minute presentation in front of the room. The topic will be given ahead of time and contestants will be scored on their dress, poise and presentation.
4. Horsemanship and Riding Ability (50%) – The pattern will be posted the day of the contest. Chaps are not allowed during any part of the competition. Contestants will be asked to mount and dismount their horse and then to ride the pattern with a flag and a queen's wave. Horsemanship attributes listed below will be recognized:
  - a. Equestrian Talent – control of mount and the way any situation is handled. This includes execution of pattern, speed, control of the flag, queen wave and use of arena.
  - b. Balance – Ability to sit a saddle, position of hands, feet, and seat.
  - c. Mounting and dismounting.
  - d. Saddling – Knowledge and ability, safety, confidence, ease, and awareness of properly fitting tack.

### **Responsibilities of the Queen:**

1. To oversee the Princess and Junior Princess at each rodeo/event.
2. Flag carrying and grand entry routine at the start of each rodeo, will be available at 6:15pm every rodeo waiting at the south end of the arena for directions.
3. To work with coordinator in organizing other appearances, ideas, etc. Communicate with the rest of the royalty and parents.
4. To help with the Mutton Bustin at each rodeo, handing a participation ribbon to each rider.
5. When the royalty is at other events, she must follow the instructions of the event organizers and coordinators and assist Princess and Jr. Princess.
6. Help prepare horses for the younger royalty.
7. Will be dressed and ready to assist volunteers, help with rodeo coordination and do public relations with arriving guests and spectators.

### **Responsibilities of the Princess:**

1. To assist the Queen in her duties.
2. Flag carrying and grand entry routine at the start of each rodeo, will be available at 6:15pm every rodeo waiting at the south end of the arena for directions.
3. To fill in for Queen when necessary.
4. Follow directions of Queen and coordinator.
5. Assist with rodeo events as noted in Queen's duties.
6. To help with the Mutton Bustin at each rodeo, handing a participation ribbon to each rider.

### **Responsibilities of the Jr. Princesses:**

1. To assist the Queen and Princess in their duties.
2. Flag carrying and grand entry routine at the start of each rodeo, will be available at 6:15pm every rodeo waiting at the south end of the arena for directions.
3. Helping with rodeo events as noted in the Queen's duties.
4. To help with the Mutton Bustin at each rodeo, handing a participation ribbon to each rider.

### **Fundraising and Financial Operations:**

1. The Royal Court candidates are responsible for acquiring \$500 per girl minimum in personal sponsorship. All of the sponsors will write checks to 'True West Rodeo Royalty.'
  - a. The Queen, Princess and Jr. Princess will receive a sash, crown and belt buckle to wear throughout their reign. If the minimum \$500 per girl is raised, the girls may keep these items.
2. Any other fundraising is encouraged and enhances the experience and opportunities of the Queen, Princess and Jr. Princess during their reign.
  - a. Chaps, breast collars and saddles are optional pursuant to availability of funds or may be purchased individually.
3. Required travel will be subsidized pursuant to availability of funds.
  - a. The Royal Court candidates must submit a receipt and voucher for reimbursement. If we advance money (for apparel, gas or travel expenses, etc.), the girls must submit receipts for payment of those expenses and reimburse the committee for any overages.
4. The True West Rodeo will pay for the flags and equipment required for our Opening Ceremony at each Rodeo. These items are the property of True West Rodeo.