

**Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty  
Program Code of Conduct & Pageant Rulebook**

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**Purpose Statement:** *To provide a quality Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty program where contestants, spectators, and partners are enriched; to select a ambassadors of goodwill, integrity and dignity to represent themselves and Teton County within our community as well as wherever they may travel; who will promote western heritage, the Teton County Fair, the sport of rodeo and horsemanship.*

## **WHO ARE THE MISS TETON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO ROYALTY?**

Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty consist of young girls and women who wish to further promote western heritage, the Teton County Fair, the sport of rodeo and horsemanship.

## **WHAT TYPE OF YOUNG GIRLS AND WOMEN DOES THE MISS TETON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO ROYALTY ATTRACT?**

- Any young girl or woman who wants to be a leader and representative of Teton County;
- Any young girl or woman who wants to promote western heritage, the Teton County Fair, the sport of rodeo and horsemanship;
- Any young girl or woman who wants to portray good sportsmanship, and high moral and ethical character;
- Any young girl or woman who exhibits careful and humane treatment of animals;
- Any young girl or woman who can act, speak, and dress according to the prestige of her respective title.

***The Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty program is open to anyone who is interested. Contestant does not have to be a Teton County, Wyoming resident to participate.***

# **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & CODE OF CONDUCT**

## **CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – GENERAL**

- Residency: Contestants must be a citizen of the United States.
- Gender: Contestants must be female and have always been female.
- Marital Status: Contestants must not be married, and never have been married, shall not be engaged at the time of her crowning and agrees not to enter into engagement for the duration of her reign. It is expected that no member of the Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty shall live with any male other than an immediate family member during her reign.
- Parental Status: Contestants must not be the parent of any child; must not be pregnant and must have never been pregnant.
- Good Character: Contestant is of good moral character and has never been committed or involved in an act of moral misconduct.
- No Criminal Record: Contestant must not have been and must not get convicted of any crime or misdemeanor during her reign (excluding minor traffic offenses).
- Substance Abuse: Contestant does not use and will not use any illegal or controlled substances (other than prescription medications and only in the manner prescribed). Does not abuse alcohol or other dangerous substances. Underage drinking is considered substance abuse.
- No Other Acts Detrimental to Reputation: Have not engaged in any act, which if made public, would be reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to the contestants' reputation or the goodwill and reputation of the Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty program.
- Title Holder: An individual contestant is only allowed to hold any one title for 2 consecutive years.

## **CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – AGE**

### **a. Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Queen**

Contestant must be 19-24 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year and a high school graduate. Contestant will go on to represent Teton County the following year at the Miss Rodeo Wyoming competition.

### **b. Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Lady-in-Waiting**

Contestant must be 18-22 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year and a high school graduate. Contestant will go on to compete for the Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Queen title the following year.

### **c. Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Senior Princess**

Contestant must be 16-18 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year.

### **d. Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Junior Princess**

Contestant must be 12-15 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year.

**e. Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Peewee Princess**

Contestant must be 8-11 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year.

**f. Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Mini Princess**

Contestant must be 5-7 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year. No horsemanship is required except if they are skilled and want to participate in grand entries for their reigning year. If they choose to present a horsemanship pattern, they will be asked to do "Figure 8" pattern, back their horse up and do a Queen lap at the end of the pattern at a speed that is comfortable to them.

## **CONTESTANT REIGN REQUIREMENT**

All Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty crowned for 2020 will begin their reign on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend, which will run until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

## **CONTESTANT PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

**a. Queen**

- Any Queen contestant is highly encouraged to hold the title of Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Lady-in-Waiting the year before;
- The winner is highly encouraged to represent Teton County at the Miss Rodeo Wyoming competition at the Wyoming State Fair in Douglas in August of the competition year;
- If the Queen accepts funds from the Teton County Fair Board, then she obligates herself to compete in the Miss Rodeo Wyoming competition (except in extreme cases due to health). If she has obligated herself by accepting financial support, and chooses not to compete, she will reimburse the Teton County Fair Board and all sponsors for all the monies and awards won and/or received as the Queen;
- The Queen will be required to attend the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Queen Clinic, if one is held;
- The Queen is required to ride in both the Old West Days and 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades;
- The Queen is required to participate in all Teton County Fair night event grand entries and major events, and at least 3 ribboning events at the Teton County Fair. This is the Queen's one week to shine, she must do it with honor and dignity befitting the title she represents;
- The Queen is required to dress appropriately for all events when she is representing her title. Appropriate dress includes clean jeans, a pressed western shirt, cowboy boots, a cowboy hat, a sash, a belt buckle and a crown;
- If there is no one eligible to run for Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Lady-in-Waiting, the current Queen may obtain written permission from the Fair Board to run for the Queen title again the next year. However, she is only allowed to

hold the title for a maximum of 2 years. The Teton County Fair Board must vote on this decision.

- If for some reason, the Queen is unable to fulfill her reign, the Lady-in-Waiting will be deemed the successor.

**b. Lady-in-Waiting**

- If any contestant is aspiring to become Queen, it is highly encouraged that she holds the title of Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Lady-in-Waiting first;
- The Lady-in-Waiting is highly encouraged to shadow and support the Queen during the Miss Rodeo Wyoming competition at the Wyoming State Fair in Douglas in August of the competition year;
- The Lady-in-Waiting will be required to attend the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Queen Clinic, if one is held;
- The Lady-in-Waiting is required to ride in both the Old West Days and 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades;
- The Lady-in-Waiting is required to participate in all Teton County Fair night event grand entries and major events, and at least 3 ribboning events at the Teton County Fair.
- The Lady-in-Waiting is required to dress appropriately for all events when she is representing her title. Appropriate dress includes clean jeans, a pressed western shirt, cowboy boots, a cowboy hat, a sash, a belt buckle and a crown;
- If for some reason, the Lady-in-Waiting is unable to fulfill her reign, then the title will remain vacant.

**c. Senior Princess**

- She is required to ride in at least one of these events; the Old West Days Parade (Saturday of Memorial Weekend) and/or the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade;
- She is required to participate at the Teton County Fair Rodeo Grand Entry, and in at least 3 ribboning events at the Teton County Fair;
- She is required to dress appropriately for all events when she is representing her title. Appropriate dress includes clean jeans, a pressed western shirt, cowboy boots, a cowboy hat, a sash, a belt buckle and a crown.

**d. Junior Princess**

- She is required to ride in at least one of these events; the Old West Days Parade (Saturday of Memorial Weekend) and/or the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade;
- She is required to participate at the Teton County Fair Rodeo Grand Entry, and in at least 3 ribboning events at the Teton County Fair;
- She is required to dress appropriately for all events when she is representing her title. Appropriate dress includes clean jeans, a pressed western shirt, cowboy boots, a cowboy hat, a sash, a belt buckle and a crown.

**e. Peewee Princess**

- She is required to ride in at least one of these events; the Old West Days Parade (Saturday of Memorial Weekend) and/or the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade;
- She is required to participate at the Teton County Fair Rodeo Grand Entry, and in at least 3 ribboning events at the Teton County Fair;
- She is required to dress appropriately for all events when she is representing her title. Appropriate dress includes clean jeans, a pressed western shirt, cowboy boots, a cowboy hat, a sash, a belt buckle and a crown.

f. **Mini Princess**

- She is required to participate in at least one of these events; the Old West Days Parade (Saturday of Memorial Weekend) and/or the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. At the discretion/responsibility of the parents, they may participate on horseback. For non-riding Mini Princesses, Teton County Fair will provide other means for them to participate;
- She is required to participate at the Teton County Fair Rodeo Grand Entry, and in at least 3 ribboning events at the Teton County Fair;
- She is required to dress appropriately for all events when they are representing their title. Appropriate dress includes clean jeans, a pressed western shirt, cowboy boots, a cowboy hat, a sash and a crown.

## **ROYALTY CLOSET**

Regarding the Royalty Closet, clothing will be distributed at the beginning of the reign to all title holders. Clothing must be returned at the end of the reign, cleaned and ready for use. ***A credit card guarantee form must be on file at the Fair Office.*** If items are not cleaned and returned, at the end of the reign, the card will be charged a cleaning fee and/or a replacement fee for the item (s).

## **PARTICIPATION IN JH RODEOS**

Attendance at the Jackson Hole Rodeo is not part of the Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty responsibilities. While participation is not required, it is strongly encouraged. This helps to promote the Teton County Fair and cultivates good relations with the Jackson Hole Rodeo.

## **CONTESTANT CODE OF CONDUCT**

Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty have a personal investment in maintaining ethical conduct and an ethical organization. This includes all aspects of the organization from representatives of Teton County, representatives of the Town of Jackson, representatives of Jackson Hole Rodeo, Fair Office staff, Fair Board members, Royalty Committee members, members of the public and fellow Royalty members and their families.

- Always conduct yourself as a lady when representing Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty, whether in your respective attire or not. This includes, behaving in a polite and gracious manner at all times. The Royalty Court must remember that they are in the public eye and are expected to represent the Teton County Fair & Rodeo properly.
- The Royalty members and their parents/family members will refrain from slandering others which includes but is not limited to all information and slanderous remarks made via texts, phone, photos, and all social media platforms etc.
- Always remember to handle your horse as a horsewoman. All training and discipline should be done at home or in lessons.
- Keep well informed of all events going on during Teton County Fair.
- It is the duty of the Royalty members and their parents/guardians to minimize the drama.
- All representatives of the Royalty Court shall always project a positive image. Remember you are role models as well and must act accordingly.
- It is a privilege to be a Royalty member not a right.

### **PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

The parents of the Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty are very instrumental to the support and implementation of the duties and responsibilities of the title holders; however, it is the intent of the Teton County Fair Board to foster leadership skills in the Royalty Court. Although parental input and guidance is encouraged, great efforts will be taken to develop the individual title holder's skills by allowing them to make their own decisions. A parent or representative not being respectful, supportive, helpful or friendly to all fellow parents, representatives or Royalty members will be just cause for the removal of themselves and their Royalty member (s) and subject a disciplinary discussion. The parent will be notified in advance.

# **PAGEANT INFORMATION**

## **GENERAL**

- Only one Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Queen and Lady-in-Waiting may be given out each year.
- One title holder per age group may be given out each year.
- The “Attendant” contestants in all divisions may receive a “Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Attendant” title.
- A panel of judges will be selected at the discretion of the Fair Board. A contestant’s score will consist of the total of all judge’s scores.
- The Pageant is judged in 3 categories: Horsemanship, Personality, and Appearance. The judges understand the Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Program seeks the following qualities: horsemanship, sincerity, integrity, intelligence, high moral standards, maturity, public speaking ability and knowledge of rodeo, current events, and horse science
- Judges are selected for their expertise in all fields of the competition; horsemanship, personality, and appearance, etc. They should all have a knowledge of western dress, should be knowledgeable about the sport of rodeo, and they should be experienced western-type horsemen and horsewomen who are accustomed to judging horse events.
- All decisions of the judges are final.
- Ties for all winners and attendants will be broken by the horsemanship scores, i.e., the contestant with the higher score in horsemanship will receive the higher ranking.

## **CATEGORIES**

### **APPEARANCE**

- Grooming: neatness and cleanliness in every detail, such as hair, hats, boots, and other wearing apparel.
- Poise & Posture: good sportsmanship and kindness in every situation.

### **PERSONALITY**

- Intelligence: good common sense.
- Education: conversational ability in rodeo and other areas, with special emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
- Promptness in keeping pageant schedule.
- Public Appearance: includes public appearances of contestants where they will be asked to answer impromptu questions and deliver a speech. Both categories require her to show maturity, intelligence, wisdom, and imagination.

### **HORSEMANSHIP**

All contestants will be given their respective horsemanship patterns 2 weeks prior to the pageant. All contestants must bring their own horse.

- Horsemanship: control of the mount and the way any situation that may occur is handled. This includes execution of pattern, speed, and use of arena.
- Balance - ability to sit a saddle.
- Position of hands, feet, and seat.
- Mounting and dismounting.
- Saddling: knowledge and ability, safety, confidence and ease and awareness of properly fitting tack.



This portion is optional and requested at the judge's discretion.

- The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged, not the horse or the equipment.
- Attire for horsemanship is a button-down shirt with long-sleeves and with shirttail tucked in. Denim Jeans (any color), hat and boots required. Gloves are optional, chaps are not allowed.
- The order will start with the Queen contestant, then Lady-in-Waiting and move down through seniority rank (Senior Princess, then Junior Princess, etc.). The order within each title division will be alphabetical by the last name. If two girls are competing in the same title division with the same last name, the first name may then be used to determine the order.
- **STALLIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED** for any portion of the competition.
- Any contestant running for the title of Junior Princess or of a higher seniority is required to perform one sponsor flag lap, one Queen lap around the arena, mount and dismount their horse once they are dismissed for their horsemanship interview.
- Any contestant running for Peewee Princess must do one unattended Queen lap around the arena once they are dismissed from their horsemanship interview.
- Mini princesses are not required to ride in the horsemanship portion of pageant, unless they are skilled and choose to participate.

### **INTERVIEWS**

- Each contestant will be interviewed privately by the judges the day of the pageant.
- Each contestant will also do a horsemanship interview immediately following their horsemanship pattern.
- Questions asked may test the contestant's knowledge of rodeo, horsemanship, horse science, current events, or personal (goals etc.). This may include but is not limited to the following: horse tack, horse care, feeding, diseases, anatomy, knowledge of rodeo and its history, organization, rodeo terminology or vernacular, standard events, championship standings, and awareness of the PRCA and WPRA/PWRA.

### **IMPROMPTU AND ICE-BREAKER QUESTIONS**

Each contestant will be asked one "impromptu" question and one "icebreaker" question. The "impromptu" question will immediately follow their speech and may be about topics such as rodeo, current events, or horsemanship. The "icebreaker" question will immediately follow the contestants modeling of a western outfit, and will cover topics such as personal goals, or something fun.

### **SPEECHES**

- Queen and Lady-in-Waiting contestants will be required to give an extemporaneous speech. The judges will provide a topic to each contestant. Each contestant will have 10 minutes to prepare a 1-1.5-minute speech. Judging for all speeches will be based on content, delivery, and the time allotted for the presentations.
- Senior Princess contestants will be required to give a 2 to 2.5-minute speech on one of the following topics: rodeo, Wyoming, current Fair theme.
- Junior Princess contestants will be required to give a 1 to 1.5-minute speech about one of the following topics: rodeo, Wyoming, current Fair theme.
- Peewee Princess contestants will be required to give a 30 second to 1-minute speech on one of the following topics: rodeo, Wyoming, current Fair theme.

## **MODELING**

- Contestants will participate in a fashion show on stage in front of the judges and audience.
- Contestants are required to wear proper western attire (skirt and blouse with boots and a hat, or dress with boots and a hat.
- Mini Princesses may be allowed to wear jeans with a blouse, hat, and boots.
- The ability to show the outfit on stage with poise, grace and good stage presence will be considered.

## **FORMAL COMPLAINT/GRIEVANCE PROCESS**

Any complaint that is filed regarding any Pageant operations or issues must be submitted to the Teton County Fair Board and adhere to the following:

- Complaints must be submitted in writing.
- Complaints must include the name, address and daytime phone number of the person filing the complaint.
- The complaint should include as much detail about the subject as possible, in order for appropriate action to be taken.
- Complaints must be signed and dated.
- If a response to the complaint is desired, a letter must indicate so.
- Research and information will be gathered about the situation, and then the involved parties will be notified and given the opportunity to provide a response.
- The Teton County Fair Board will vote to determine any necessary action that may need to be taken.

Any complaints that do not follow the above process will be classified as invalid.

**Failure to comply with any and all of these rules will result in immediate removal of the contestant's respective title and crown; the contestant's reign will end immediately.**