



ROYALTY HANDBOOK CODE OF CONDUCT and CONTRACT

The Responder Relief Rodeo Royalty serves as ambassadors for the Responder Relief Rodeo. Our royalty represents the Responder Relief Rodeo as well as the community with the highest level of poise and integrity. They acknowledge the importance of promoting a positive image and of preserving our western heritage. They fully understand the cause of Responder Relief Foundation and who it serves.

Selection to the Responder Relief Rodeo Royalty is a privilege and an honor. The Responder Relief Rodeo Royalty fulfills their responsibilities with grace, dignity, and courtesy at all times. Our Royalty are role models who exhibit good moral character and social behavior.

ROYALTY TITLES

The Royalty will be comprised of a Queen, a Princess and two Attendants for the remainder of 2022. Starting with the 2023 reign there will be a Queen and an Attendant.

RRR Queen

She is no less than 17 years of age and no more than 24 years of age during her reigning year.

RRR Attendant

She is no less than 14 years of age and no more than 18 years of age during her reigning year.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Royalty must reside within 60 miles of Kiowa during her reigning year.
- Royalty must be able to attend meetings, fundraisers, and various community service events throughout the year. Some of these events may be on short notice.
- Royalty must be single females, never have been married, and remain unmarried during their reign. They must not co-habitate with any significant other during their reign. They must not be, nor ever have been pregnant.
- The Queen, and Attendant must provide their own transportation for themselves and their horses, when making required appearances. If a horse is being leased, a copy of the written

lease must be provided to the Committee. Your horses 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 competition will be held in September, but the reign will begin on January 1st of the following year. You may hold another title to compete if allowed by your current royalty program, but only if you will be free on January 1st to start your reign. If age appropriate you may apply for both Queen and Attendant.

GUIDELINES

Our Royalty will attend numerous rodeos and community events in Colorado to promote the Responder Relief Rodeo. The following guidelines are to ensure everyone's safety, the overall integrity of the royalty program and the rodeo association.

- Behavior: Our RRR Queen, and Attendants shall always present a positive image at all times. You should display a pleasant attitude and be willing to help promote our rodeo, our sponsors and our community. You should always remember that you are in the public eye, even when not on official rodeo business. It is your responsibility to uphold and maintain an outstanding personal image.
- Supervision: Responder Relief Rodeo Royalty will be supervised/chaperoned at all times by the Royalty Coordinator, Assistant Royalty Coordinator or other committee member or with prior approval, a parent. Parents/guardians are always welcome to accompany their daughters, however they shall respect the decisions of the the committee and refrain from giving them directions. The royalty court should be perceived as a team. Therefore, the court should remain together when traveling and at public events, unless other arrangements have been made and approved by the royalty committee, in advance. If one or the other cannot make it to an event, the Queen or Attendant may go with a chaperone, however, they may not attend different events on the same day.
- Dress Code: Responder Relief Rodeo Royalty will always be in the public eye. It is extremely important that they look their very best at all times. A polished look is very important. Hair should be clean and neat, make-up should be properly applied, and attire should be modest and appropriate for the occasion. When on official business appropriate attire should consist of current western wear. This should 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 you will be required to wear a certain type of western attire, including an official crown, sash, chaps, belt buckle, belt, long sleeve western shirt and boots. Each titleholder will be responsible for providing their own clothing. Clothing may also be borrowed from one of many available Queen's closets. You will be provided the following items which need to be returned at the end of the year. You will be expected to repair or replace any rodeo-issued items that are damaged while in your possession.

Chaps, Crown, Back the Blue Vest, and parade blanket

Items that you will be allowed to keep at the end of your reign are as follows:

Breast Collar, logo jackets, logo shirt, sash, buckle, any jewelry given by the committee or Sponsor, logo t-shirts and baseball caps used for outdoor non-rodeo community events

- **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 and discreet (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 and being arrested are grounds for immediate dismissal from the Royalty program.
- **Social Media:** The Royalty agree to not create any separate social media sites, email address, or internet presence other than those provided by Responder Relief Rodeo Royalty. Royalty agrees to allow the royalty coordinators to review/edit all correspondence and responses, as necessary.
- **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 Coordinator or Assistant Coordinator at least 24 hours in advance if they are unable to attend an event/appearance. It is the responsibility of the Royalty to always communicate.

Royalty Competition

In order to apply for the royalty competition you must first attend our clinic, which will be announced prior to the competition. To be awarded one of the Responder Relief Rodeo Royalty titles, contestants must complete the competition. The competition will be fair and consist of horsemanship, speech, one or more interviews, and impromptu questions. There will be some modeling involved. The independent judges' decisions will be final.

- **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. Responder Relief Rodeo Royalty 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 Responder Relief Rodeo Foundation, and other questions that will help the judges to 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 Responder Relief Rodeo Royalty program is designed to have fun while representing the rodeo and the community, especially our First Responder 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.

Annual Events for the Queen and Attendant:

- Royalty committee meetings (designated as necessary)
- Events associated with Responder Relief Rodeo and sponsors
- Royalty clinic and competition for the following year
- Responder Relief Rodeo Royalty Holiday Party/Coronation
- Local rodeos and events as follows:
 - National Western Stock Show Parade (if held)
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 - Responder Relief Rodeo Queen's Luncheon
 - Responder Relief Rodeo
 - Elizabeth Stampede Queen's Luncheon/Parade/Rodeo
 - Cowboy Up in Kiowa
 - Rooftop Rodeo (Estes Park) Queen's Luncheon/Parade/Rodeo
 - Deer Trail Queen's Luncheon/Parade/Rodeo
 - Cheyenne Frontier Days Queen's Luncheon/Parade/Rodeo
 - Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Queen's Luncheon/Parade/Rodeo
 - Elbert county County Fair Queen's Luncheon/Parade
 - El Paso County Fair Queen's Luncheon/Rodeo

Optional Events:

- Greeley Stampede
- Park County Queen's Brunch/Rodeo
- Lincoln County Queen's Luncheon/Parade
- Kit Carson County Fair Queen's Luncheon
- Arapahoe County Fair Royalty Luncheon/Rodeo
- Visits to local schools, hospitals and other parades, rodeos and community events

Royalty Contract

Royalty and parents will be required to sign a contract acknowledging that they intend to uphold the rules and policies in this Handbook . They are also agreeing to the following stipulations:

- At the end of reign, titleholders may keep belt buckles, breast collars, jewelry, logo jackets, logo t shirts and ball caps and any sponsored personal clothing items. Crowns, chaps, parade blankets and other Responder Relief Rodeo Royalty apparel must be returned as those will be passed on to future titleholders.
- The Responder Relief Rodeo 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 the Facebook page) should be approved or copied to the Royalty Coordinator. Our Royalty agrees to be available for appearances, interviews, filming, photographic and such other events as determined by the Royalty Committee, provided they do not unreasonably interfere with education or employment obligations.
- While holding a current title as Responder Relief Rodeo Queen or Attendant, titleholder may not enter any other royalty competitions. The exception to this would be if the competition is in the summer and the reign does not begin until January of the following year. The other exception is the RRR Attendant may be a contestant for RRR Queen for the following year.
- In the event a conflict arises , it should be immediately brought to the attention of the Royalty Coordinator or Assistant Royalty Coordinator . If the conflict cannot be resolved by one or both of those, a representative of the Responder Relief Rodeo Foundation may be contacted for guidance.
- The Royalty Coordinator, Royalty Committee, and Responder Relief Rodeo 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 RRR Board, will appoint a replacement for the remainder of her term.
- The Responder Relief Rodeo Royalty Committee 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 RRR Board. If for any reason any Royalty should be asked to forfeit her reign, she will be required to forfeit any prizes or awards to the Royalty Coordinator.
- Any Royalty that is expelled from school or arrested or issued a ticket for drinking, drugs, or any violent act is ground for immediate dismissal.

Financial Obligations

As part of the honor and role as a Responder Relief Rodeo Royalty, there are related expenses that may not be covered by the program.

- The Queen and Attendant will help find sponsors for their autograph signing cards. Photography will be provided by the program.
- Both Queen and Attendant have the use of RRR crowns, chaps and serapes that are returned at the end of their reign.
- Custom belt buckles, sashes, breast collars, logo jackets and personal jewelry items are provided for the royalty. Some sashes may remain with the program.
- All appearances of the royalty are accompanied by the Royalty Coordinator, or Assistant Royalty Coordinator. We try to get admission wristbands for at least one parent as much as possible. If the Royalty Coordinator or Assistant Royalty Coordinator 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 for the Queen and Attendant. Guest, parent's tickets are not reimbursed.
- Gas mileage to and from events is the responsibility of the royalty.
- If overnight hotel stay is requested by the Royalty Committee, we typically try to stay in one room and share in the costs equally.
- Meals while traveling are the responsibility of the individual royalty.
- Clothing is the responsibility of the royalty. We encourage royalty to be creative in acquiring suitable clothing such as borrowing from prior royalty, second hand and consignment stores.
- Royalty is responsible for providing their own hats, unless a sponsor is acquired for that purpose.
- Royalty are provided thank you cards for their use.

Responder Relief Rodeo Royalty Contract

Royalty

I, _____, have read and understand the rules, code of conduct policies and waiver and release outlined in the handbook, and acknowledge that by signing this handbook I will be expected to uphold the rules and policies outlined in this handbook during the pageant, lady-in-waiting period and reigning year.

Royalty Signature: _____ Date: _____

Royalty Printed Name: _____

Parent

I, _____, have read and understand the policies outlined in the handbook, and acknowledge that by signing this handbook I acknowledge and agree that my daughter will adhere to and uphold the rules and policies outlined in this handbook during the pageant, lady-in-waiting period and reigning year.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent printed name: _____

Waiver and Release

The undersigned royalty and parent understand and agree that the undersigned royalty will be participating in rodeo and rodeo related events. The undersigned royalty and parent further understand and agree that rodeo is an inherently dangerous sport and that the undersigned royalty and parent understand the risks of injury associated therewith and shall indemnify and hold harmless Responder Relief Rodeo, Responder Relief Rodeo 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 Responder Relief Rodeo Royalty or this contract.

Royalty Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Date

Waiver of Liability

In consideration of my application being accepted, I hereby for myself, my executors, administrators, and assignee's, agree to abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to the Responder Relief Rodeo Royalty Program. I assume all liability and responsibility for any loss, accident, or injury, whether as to property or person, arising in any way with operations or activities of the Responder Relief Rodeo in any event, performance or activity representing the Responder Relief Rodeo. I further agree to indemnify the Royalty Committee and Responder Relief Rodeo Foundation from and against any loss or damage sustained by reason of claims made by any of my executors, administrators, or assignee's. I hereby release the right, title, and claim of all photographs taken by authorized representatives/members of the Responder Relief Rodeo Foundation and/or its affiliates for their us. By signing below I agree to the following: a) I have received, read and understand all Contest Rules and the Royalty Handbook/Contract; b) I have asked and received answers to any questions I may have related to the Contest Rules and Royalty Handbook/Contract; c) I agree to adhere to all Contest Rules and the Royalty Handbook/Contract; d) If I fail to adhere to the Contest Rules and the Royalty Handbook/Contract, I will relinquish any title received and release the Responder Relief Rodeo Foundation and the Royalty Committee from any and all liability. If Contestant is under 18 years of age, a parent/legal guardian must also sign.

Contestant Name (Printed) _____

Contestant

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (Printed) _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____