



WET MOUNTAIN VALLEY SADDLE CLUB WESTCLIFFE STAMPEDE RODEO ROYALTY 2018 HANDBOOK AND CODE OF CONDUCT

The Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo Royalty ("Royalty") serves as ambassadors for the Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo and Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club (WMVSC). The Royalty represents the WMVSC 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 serves as role models who exhibit good moral character and social behavior.

Royalty Titles

- Westcliffe Stampede Queen:
She is no less than 16 years of age and no more than 20 years of age as of January 1, 2018.
- Westcliffe Stampede Queen Attendant:
She is no less than 16 years of age and no more than 20 years of age as of January 1, 2018.
- Miss Stampede:
She is no less than 12 years of age and no more than 15 years of age as of January 1, 2018.
- Westcliffe Stampede Princess:
She is no less than 9 years of age and no more than 11 years of age as of January 1, 2018.

**** Stipulation:** Any previous Royalty member holding court can compete for the next title up

Winners will be announced and crowned at the Sunday performance of the Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo. Official reign will begin on January 1st and end on December 31st; during the interim period, the court will be known as "Ladies in Waiting".

Qualifications

Each Royalty representative must:

- be a Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club member the year of pageant and year of reign.
- must not have a criminal history
- must be single and never married and/or pregnant and remain so during her reign. She may not cohabitate with any significant other during pageant year and her reign year.
- own her own horse(s) or have made prior arrangements for the use of horse(s) for the entire year of her reign.
- must provide her own transportation and that of her horse(s) to each point of departure and/or event for official appearances.

Benefits

- **Queen:** The WMVSC will award the Westcliffe Stampede Queen a \$500.00 scholarship to further her education, after review of her reign by the WMVSC BOD. Tiara, sash, and buckle are to keep. The use of hip blankets and chaps are on loan from the WMVSC for the year. Some level of compensation for required travel expenses will be provided.
- **Queen Attendant:** If the Queen fails to fulfill her duties, the Queen Attendant will have the opportunity to fulfill the duties of the Queen and therefore be eligible for the \$500.00 scholarship if she meets the requirements for the scholarship.
- **Queen Attendant, Miss Stampede, and Princess:** Tiara, sash, and buckle are to keep. The use of hip blankets are on loan from the WMVSC for the year. Some level of compensation for required travel expenses will be provided.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo Royalty include learning about and promoting the Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo and the CPRA. 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.

The Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo Royalty will attend numerous rodeos and community events to promote the Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo and Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club. Guidelines to ensure everyone's safety, the overall integrity of the Royalty program and the rodeo association are as follows:

Behavior: The Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo Royalty, as individuals and jointly, should maintain positive image at all times. Each should have a pleasant attitude and be willing to help promote the Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo, the CPRA, rodeo and royalty sponsors, and the Wet Mountain Valley community. At all times, each 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. No profanity is acceptable at any time.

Supervision: The Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo Royalty will be supervised/chaperoned at all times, for her safety, by a parent/guardian or WMVSC volunteer unless the royalty member is **18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER**. The Royalty court should be perceived as a team. Therefore, the court should remain together during all out of town events unless other arrangements have been made and approved in advance by the Royalty committee.

Dress Code: The Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo Royalty is consistently in the public eye. It is very important to look your best at all times. As a titleholder, each Royalty member should have a polished look. Hair should be clean and well-trimmed, makeup properly applied, and attire modest and appropriate for the occasion. When on official business appropriate attire should consist of current western wear. While on official business, **parades and rodeos** it is required to wear a certain type of western attire, which includes but is not limited to western jeans (no hip-huggers, faded, torn, and/or skinny jeans), western shirt (CPRA approved), black felt hat with official tiara, sash, belt buckle, and chaps (Queen), a belt, and a cowboy boots. Each titleholder will be expected to repair or replace any WMVSC issued items that are damaged while in possession.

Queen: She is responsible for the WMVSC issued chaps. The chaps must be returned cleaned and undamaged at the end of her reign. Chaps will be worn properly with the waist band just below the Queen's belt. The chaps will be worn when the Queen is at rodeos and parades.

**** All shirts and jeans must be the same color**

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. It is important that you remain modest (this includes social media).

Boyfriends: While it is not against the rules to have a boyfriend, all royalty should not be seen acting affectionately with her boyfriend. This means kissing, holding hands, touching, etc, while in tiara and sash or during a rodeo, after you remove your tiara and sash, people will still recognize you. This also applies to social media. The same will be expected of the "Ladies in Waiting."

Social Media: The Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo Royalty **AND** royalty committee members will refrain from slandering others. **ALL** must avoid all inappropriate behavior and/or language. This includes all information and slanderous remarks made via text, phone, photos, internet chat, Twitter, Snapchat, Facebook, or any other social media current or future.

Use of cell phones and/or gum chewing not permitted during official appearances. Cell phones must remain in a purse or somewhere that they are not a distraction, may be carried on horse in a bag and used only for emergencies.

Drinking alcohol, smoking, tobacco use of any kind, drug use and being arrested are grounds for immediate dismissal.

Disciplinary Procedures

- If an individual is dismissed, the prizes will be forfeited (tiara, sash, and belt buckle) returned and/or reimbursed to the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club.
- The Board of Directors of the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club will investigate any possible rule violation and/or misconduct, and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

Appearances

Above all, the Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo 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; other events are optional.** The decision to attend optional events will be made by the Royalty member and her parents.

***Mandatory Events For All Royalty:**

- WMVSC member meetings (1st Monday of the month at 6pm in June, July, and August)
Queen will have a report ready about royalty's activities
- Royalty committee meetings (designated as necessary)
- Boots and Bling Queen's Ball (second Friday of March)(fundraiser)
 - Set up/ clean up
 - Obtaining auction items
 - Serve dinner
- Vet clinic/ tack sale (fundraiser)
 - Provide food service
- Work days: Minimum 2 days/4 hours each day prior to rodeo (community service)
- Majority of Royalty and Grand Entry practices
- 4th of July Parade (appearance)
- **Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo Parade** (appearance)
 - Color guard
- **Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo all 3 performances and the Ranch Rodeo** (appearance)
 - Grand Entry
 - Kids events (see specifics)
- Other parades in Westcliffe (appearance)
- Community service activity for WMVSC
- Attend civic organization's monthly (May, June, or July) meeting to formally invite the membership to the Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo. Organizations may include but are not limited to: Rotary, American Legion and Auxiliary, Chamber of Commerce, etc.
- All other events that the royalty committee, WMVSC BOD, or Royalty sponsors request that the Royalty court to attend

*School and family obligations take priority to ALL events. Prior approval must be obtained to have an excused absence, unless it is an emergency. If there is no prior approval, there will be a makeup event (community service or extra work hours) assigned for that member.

Queen's Events

Mandatory:

- All mandatory events for all royalty
- May member meeting. Have a report ready about the royalty's activities
- Kid event at Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo
 - Mutton Busting and Steer Riding
- Attend three (3) out-of-town rodeos with approval from the WMVSC BOD
- Thank you cards for all donations, sponsorships, and other as needed
- Press releases

Optional:

- Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade; July; Colorado Springs
- Other out-of-town parades and events that the Queen is invited to attend
- Suggested to attend the Miss Rodeo Colorado Queen's Clinic

Queen's Attendant, Miss Stampede, and Princess

Mandatory:

- All mandatory events for all Royalty
- Kids event at Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo
 - Attendant: Assist Queen with Mutton Busting and Steer Riding
 - Miss Stampede: Calf Scramble
 - Princess: Stick Horse Race
- One out-of-town appearance (but not limited to one)
 - Inform Queen of which event you would like to attend

Ladies in Waiting

- May be requested by the current Royalty court to attend events as the 2018 Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo Royalty Ladies in Waiting.
- Christmas Party and Silent Auction (fundraiser)
 - Decorating
 - Obtaining items for auction
- Ladies in Waiting may wear sashes only, no crowns will be worn before January 1
- Sashes will read "Ladies in Waiting" and will be reused each year
- Ladies in Waiting must attend 3 practices after they are named at the Royalty Pageant and before January 1

Approved on: _____

WMVSC President: _____

Royalty Director: _____

Royalty Contract

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

- The Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo Royalty and Royalty Committee are solely responsible for making arrangements for all appearances and fundraisers. Coordination of all communications and/or invitations must be done through the coordinator/committee. All press releases, official email communications, and social media (such as our Facebook page) should be approved or copied to the Royalty Coordinator. Each Royalty member agrees to be available for appearances, interviews, filming, photographic and recording session and such other events as determined by the Royalty Committee, provided that they do not unreasonably interfere with personal education or employment.
- While serving as the Royalty for the WMVSC, Royalty members may not enter any other pageants. Any title holder cannot run or hold the same title two consecutive years excluding the Queen Attendant. If a title is not filled, the current title holder may hold that title again with approval from the Royalty Committee and WMVSC Board of Directors if they meet the age requirement.
- Resolving conflicts: In the event that a problem arises it should be immediately brought to the attention of the WMVSC Board of Directors. The WMVSC Board of Directors will have the final discretion in all areas of behavior and appearance.
- The Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo Royalty serves at the will of the WMVSC Board of Directors and the Board may terminate any member of the Royalty Court with advance notice, procedure or formality.
- If a selected royalty member 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 WMVSC 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.
- **Royalty members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs, or commit any violent act. Any arrest, ticket or citation for drinking, drugs, or any violent act is grounds for immediate dismissal from competition or being a member of the Royalty.**

Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo Royalty Contract

Parents and Participants

I, _____, have read and understand the rules, code of conduct, policies and WMVSC 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 pageant, Ladies in Waiting period, and reign year.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

Date