

# **Wet Mountain Valley Stampede PRCA & WPRA Rodeo Royalty**

2023-2024 Handbook and Agreement



Written by the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club Board of Directors and  
Wet Mountain Valley Stampede PRCA Rodeo Royalty Coordinators

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## Introduction

The Westcliffe Stampede PRCA Rodeo Royalty serve as ambassadors for the Wet Mountain Valley Stampede PRCA Rodeo and the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club. All royalty members represent the above entities, as well as the community, with the highest level of poise and integrity. Each recognizes the importance of promoting a positive image, and learning about and preserving the sport of rodeo and our western heritage.

Being selected to serve as a royalty member of the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club is an honor and a privilege. All royalty members should willingly fulfill their responsibilities with grace, dignity, and courtesy, at all times. All royalty members serve as role models who exhibit good moral character and social behavior.

This handbook is intended to outline the policies, procedures, and expectations of the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club. It outlines various duties and obligations for anyone who holds a royalty title. The Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club reserves the right to reasonably change policies, procedures, and expectations at any time with adequate notice to all appropriate stakeholders and royalty members.

## Royalty Titles & Age Eligibility

### 1. Royalty Titles and Age Qualifications

- a. *WMVSC Rodeo Queen*: She is no less than 16 years of age and no more than 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023.
- b. *WMVSC PRCA Rodeo Queen Attendant*: She is no less than 16 years of age and no more than 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023.
- c. *WMVSC Stampede PRCA Miss Stampede*: She is no less than 12 years of age and no more than 15 years of age as of January 1, 2023.
- d. *WMVSC Stampede PRCA Rodeo Princess*: She is no less than 8 years of age and no more than 11 years of age as of January 1, 2023.
- e. *Age/Previous Title Stipulation*: Any previous royalty member who has held a WMVSC Royalty title may compete for the next available title. Some age requirements may be waived at the discretion of the coordinator or WMVSC Board of Directors at the time of the pageant. Any title holder cannot run for or hold the same title for two consecutive years, excluding the Queen's attendant. However, if that title is not filled, the current title holder may hold that title again with approval from the Royalty Coordinators and the WMVSC Board of Directors.

### Qualifications

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- a. Royalty members must be a Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club member during the entirety of their reign. She may apply for membership upon earning her title if applicable.
- b. Royalty members must live within 75 miles of Westcliffe, CO.
- c. Royalty members must be able to attend WMVSC events, as well as other events throughout Colorado to represent the Westcliffe Stampede PRCA Rodeo.
- d. Royalty members may not be married and/or pregnant. They also may not cohabitate with a significant other during their reign.
- e. Royalty members must own their own horse(s) or have made prior arrangements to lease another party's horse(s) during the entirety of their reign. If leasing a horse, you must provide a copy of the written lease to the royalty coordinators. The horse(s) being used must be sound, healthy, and accustomed to loud noises and commotion.
- f. Royalty members must provide their own transportation and that of their horse(s) to each event for official appearances, carpooling allowed upon discretion of Royalty Coordinators.
- g. Royalty members must be competent riders, and understand and practice basic safety, health, and welfare requirements for equine.

## Royalty Attire & Equipment

The Wet Mountain Valley Stampede PRCA Rodeo Royalty is consistently in the public eye. As a royalty member, it is of utmost importance that you look your best at all times. Attire should be modest and appropriate for the occasion. While in attendance to an official rodeo, or required royalty event, all royalty members will be expected to wear specific royalty attire, and utilize specific royalty equipment. Each royalty member will be expected to repair or replace any WMVSC issued items that are lost or damaged while in their possession.

### 1. Royalty Attire

- a. Western Jeans - No low-rise, faded, torn, and/or skinny jeans.
- b. Western Shirt - PRCA approved, color to be decided by royalty coordinators and current reigning queen.
- c. Western Hat - Felt (No Straw)
- d. Official Rodeo Royalty Crown
- e. Official Rodeo Royalty Sash
- f. Official Rodeo Royalty Belt Buckle
- g. Rodeo Royalty Chaps - Queen Only
- h. Western Boots

### 2. Queen Chaps

- a. The reigning queen is responsible for the WMVSC issued chaps. The chaps MUST be clean and undamaged upon return at the end of her reign. ***If the***

***reigning queen fails to return the WMVSC issued chaps, they will be liable for the full cost of chap replacement as set by the WMVSC Board of Directors and Royalty Coordinators.***

- b. The chaps will be worn properly with the waistband just below the Queen's belt.
- c. The queen must wear her chaps during rodeo, parades, and other necessary community events.

## **Royalty Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedures**

As a representative for the WMVSC and Wet Mountain Valley Stampede PRCA Rodeo, all royalty members are consistently in the public eye. It is the responsibility of all royalty members to uphold and maintain an outstanding image. All royalty members must conduct themselves in a proper, ladylike manner, and portray high moral standards. Inappropriate behavior that misrepresents the WMVSC or its royalty program is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Determination of behavior and whether such behavior violates the terms of this provision are at the sole discretion of the WMVSC Royalty Coordinators and Board of Directors.

### **1. Inappropriate Behavior & Code of Conduct**

- a. Inappropriate behavior or conduct includes but is not limited to: misrepresentation of the WMVSC or Wet Mountain Valley Stampede PRCA Rodeo, swearing, usage of any tobacco products, use of narcotics/drugs (including marijuana), drinking alcohol, open display of affection with a significant other, visual tattoos, habitual tardiness to mandatory WMVSC or community events, or lack of communication with royalty coordinators.
- b. Animal abuse or neglect of any kind will not be tolerated.
- c. Use of the internet or a cell phone in an inappropriate or unsafe manner is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or any other forms of social media or communication platforms.
- d. Violation of any local, state, or federal laws, regulations, or ordinances is prohibited.

### **2. Disciplinary Procedures**

- a. The WMVSC Royalty Coordinators or Board of Directors may investigate any reported violations and/or misconduct.
- b. Upon the completion of an investigation, the WMVSC Royalty Coordinators or Board of Directors shall have the sole discretion regarding disciplinary action for all royalty members.
- c. While efforts are made to implement corrective actions, rather than punitive, final determination of the appropriate disciplinary action, including but not limited to, removal from the program, removal of titles, forfeiture of scholarships, return or reimbursement of WMVSC issued attire or equipment, or other actions, are within the sole discretion of the WMVSC Royalty Coordinators and/or Board of Directors.

## **Royalty Appearances & Events**

Above all, the Wet Mountain Valley Stampede PRCA Rodeo Royalty program is designed to be both educational and enjoyable. Below is a list of WMVSC, community, and other events where a royalty member appearance is requested. Some events are mandatory, other events are optional. The decision to attend an optional event will be made by the royalty coordinators, royalty members, and royalty member's parents.

### **1. Mandatory Events for All Royalty Members**

- a. WMVSC Member Meetings in the months of May, June & July
  - i. Queen will write and present royalty report
- b. Royalty Committee Meetings - Dates to be Determined
- c. Royalty Fundraisers - Date to be Determined
- d. WMVSC Workdays - (Minimum 2)
- e. Royalty & Grand Entry Practices
- f. Memorial Day Parade
- g. Fourth of July Parade
- h. Wet Mountain Valley Stampede PRCA Rodeo Parade
- i. Wet Mountain Valley Stampede PRCA Rodeo Performances (Must attend all 3)
- j. Wet Mountain Valley Stampede PRCA Rodeo Royalty Pageant
- k. 4-H Livestock Shows - Hand out Ribbons
- l. Attend at Least 3 Other Rodeos - Queen Requirement Only
- m. Any other events that the Royalty Coordinators or WMVSC Board of Directors request royalty members to be present at

### **2. Optional Events for All Royalty Members**

- a. Additional out-of-town rodeos, parades, and events beyond the 3 required
- b. Miss Rodeo Colorado's Queen Clinic
- c. WMVSC Board of Directors Meeting - As Needed
- d. WMVSC Stampede PRCA Rodeo Committee Meetings - As Needed
- e. National Western Stock Show & Rodeo - Invitation Only
- f. Local Gymkanas to hand out awards, set up events, etc.

### **3. Royalty Event Rules & Regulations**

- a. School and family obligations take priority over all events. However, prior adequate notice must be given in order to obtain an excused absence, unless it is an emergency. If there is no prior approval, there will be a makeup event assigned for that royalty member.
- b. All royalty members must be supervised/chaperoned at all times by a parent/guardian, WMVSC Royalty Coordinator, or a volunteer unless the royalty member is 18 years or older.

## **Distribution of Educational Scholarship**

Upon satisfactory completion of her duties as the WMVSC Stampede PRCA Rodeo Queen, graduation from high school, and acceptance to a higher education institute, the WMVSC will award the queen a \$2,000.00 scholarship to further her education. The queen must provide higher institution or trade school enrollment verification to the WMVSC Board of Directors and/or Royalty Coordinators. The scholarship monies will then be made out to the appropriate educational institution in which the recipient is enrolled. If the queen fails to fulfill her duties, the queen's attendant will have the opportunity to fulfill the duties of the queen; therefore, she will become eligible for the \$2,000.00 scholarship

## **Royalty Coordinators**

The WMVSC Stampede PRCA Royalty Coordinators shall be appointed by the WMVSC Board of Directors. Coordinators are responsible for positively promoting the royalty program, organizing the royalty pageant, and coordinating any WMVSC royalty events. If deemed necessary, for any reason, the Royalty Coordinators may also be terminated by the WMVSC Board of Directors at any time.

## **Handbook Approval**

This handbook was approved on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 by the WMVSC Board of Directors and Royalty Coordinators.

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WMVSC Board of Directors President

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WMVSC Board of Directors Vice President

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WMVSC Royalty Coordinator

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WMVSC Royalty Coordinator

## **Royalty Handbook Acknowledgement & Agreement**

This handbook in its entirety is a binding agreement between the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club and the WMVSC Rodeo Royalty members.

We, the undersigned, have read and understand the policies outlined in this handbook and are bound to abide by the policies set herein. We also certify that we have had

ample time to discuss this handbook and its contents with the Royalty Coordinators or any members of the WMVSC Board of Directors and fully understand its contents.

With this knowledge, we accept the policies outlined herein as a condition of this appointment as a WMVSC Rodeo Royalty member.

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**Royalty Member Printed Name**

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**Royalty Member Signature**

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**Date**

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**Parent/Guardian Printed Name**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

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**Date**