

2024 WMVSC Royalty Pageant Info

Sunday, October 15, 2023



We are so excited that you will be joining us in trying out for the 2024 Westcliffe Stampede PRCA Rodeo Royalty!

Below, please find the schedule for October 15th. In the following pages, we have also included pageant guidelines. While we are not strictly following all guidelines, hopefully they will help to give you an overview of what to expect. If you have any questions, please let us know. We appreciate your willingness to be a part of the Westcliffe Stampede PRCA Rodeo Royalty, and look forward to having you represent our rodeo and community.

Schedule of Events

- ❖ 10:00 pm - Introductions & Modeling
- ❖ 10:30 pm - Speech & Questions
- ❖ 11:00 pm - Personal Interview w/Judges
- ❖ After the interviews have been completed, you will have time to get your horse ready and warmed up.
- ❖ 11:30 pm - Horsemanship - Pattern & Royalty Run
- ❖ 1:00 pm - Crowning of 2024 Royalty

Westcliffe Stampede PRCA Rodeo Royalty Pageant Categories

The categories for judging will be Horsemanship, Appearance, Personality, Speech, and Interview.

Appearance & Personality

You will be judged on your appearance and personality throughout the entirety of the pageant.

1. **Grooming:** This includes neatness and cleanliness in every detail such as hair, hat, boots, and other wearing apparel.
2. **Posture:** This includes carrying oneself straight and tall with confidence and poise, and handling every type of situation with grace, style, and proper etiquette. Also, displaying good sportsmanship both in and outside of the arena at all times.
3. **Western Fashion Sense:** This includes western outfits, which are fashionable, tasteful and properly fit for the contestant. Clothing need not be eccentric or expensive, but should be neat, clean and appropriate.
4. **Personality:** This includes intelligence and good common sense, as well as, conversational ability in varied situations and a positive outlook on life. This also include self-confidence, high moral standards, sincerity, and integrity.
5. **Timeliness:** Please note that if a contestant fails to arrive on time for the pageant, she may be penalized or disqualified at the Royalty Coordinator and pageant judges' discretion.
6. **Modeling:** Western wear presentation should be no less than one minute. Contestants will be presented by friends or family. Modeling should be tasteful and present all relevant parts of the outfit.

Speech, Questions, and Interviews

1. **Speech Topic:** All royalty candidates will be judged on a self-prepared speech. All speech must pertain to an agriculture, western heritage, or rodeo topic. Speeches should be written by contestants and memorized. Plagiarism is cause for disqualification.
2. **Speech Time Requirements:** For Princess candidates, speech must be no less than 1 minute in length, and no more than 3 minutes in length. Princess candidates may use notecards for help throughout their speech, if needed. For

Miss Stampede and Queen candidates, speeches should be no less than 3 minutes in length, and no more than 5 minutes in length.

3. **Judging of Speeches:** All speeches should be memorized and well rehearsed. Royalty candidates will be judged on their ability to communicate with an audience using appropriate language and good grammar. As well as, on self-projection while on stage, including delivery of speech, voice, and use of a microphone.
4. **Questions:** Judges may ask questions following a candidate's speech.
5. **Interview:** All contestants will have a one-on-one interview with the judges.

Horsemanship

1. **Horsemanship:** This includes control of your horse, proper arena etiquette, and the way each situation that may occur is handled. Candidates will also be judged on balance, ability, and position of hands, feet, and seat while riding. Also, understanding of leads and proper execution of the given pattern.
2. **Queen's Run:** This includes proper execution of a queen's run and wave, as well as the ability to carry a flag. Flag boots must be used. Princess candidates are not required to carry a flag.
3. **Other Horsemanship Considerations:** The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged, NOT the horse. Contestants should ride with one hand on the reins. Judges may talk to contestants, or ask Horsemanship questions while in the arena. Horses should be clean and well groomed. Tack should be clean and properly fitted as well.