



## **PAGEANT RULES**

The Cave Creek Rodeo Days provides the opportunity for young women to participate in a positive competition which promotes our western heritage, furthers the sport of rodeo, and spreads good will for their communities and throughout the States of Arizona and beyond. These experiences enrich their lives and lay a solid foundation for their future. The young woman who is selected as the Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty is the official representatives of the Cave Creek Rodeo Days activities and of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. She should constantly be aware of the importance of public relations between the general public and everyone with whom she comes in contact. The experience she has as she travels across Arizona and other parts of the country can be ones which will enrich her life in countless ways and create memories to last a lifetime.

### **1. Who is Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty?**

The title holder symbolizes the young women of the State of Arizona who desire to promote the sport of rodeo, and in so doing, the western way of life. She is the ideal American young woman, and is a person who will represent rodeo as she travels the length and breadth of our state, as well as other parts of the Southwest as required or desired.

### **2. What does it mean to be Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty?**

This young woman desires to act as the official representative of Cave Creek Rodeo Days professional rodeo, must portray good sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character, and reflect careful and humane treatment of animals. She should understand the sport of rodeo in its entirety and be able to "sell" rodeo to anyone with whom she comes in contact. She should be able to communicate intelligently and with dignity and sincere interest for our sport, and should realize that the Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty Pageant is not a "beauty" pageant. However, she should act, speak and dress according to the prestige the title deserves, and use proper etiquette at all times. She shall wear appropriate attire at all times when she may be seen by the public, and not be seen wearing "fad" type clothing, exposing skin, etc. She shall conduct herself with the dignity befitting the title she holds and shall never put herself in a position to be considered inappropriate.

### **3. How do you become Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty?**

One must meet the requirements set forth in the application process and these Official Rules. The contestant must compile the highest combined scores that are awarded in the categories of Horsemanship, Personality and Appearance.

**Explanation of Reign** - Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty wins her title at the annual Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty Pageant and performs the duties of said title until January 31, of the following year, giving up her title at the following Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty Pageant. As Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty, she is expected to attend as many PRCA rodeos in the State of Arizona as is monetarily feasible and work at said rodeos as the official royalty for the Cave Creek Rodeo Days. This work is to include, but not be limited to:

- a. Contacting and working with the appropriate committee Directors at all rodeos;
- b. Riding in the Grand Entry and carrying flags as requested by the committee;
- c. Clearing cattle from the arena during the tie-down roping, steer wrestling or other events as requested;
- d. Working with the rodeo committees on whatever promotions they may desire;
- e. Assisting the local pageant if requested; and
- f. Working with the Stock Contractors at each and every rodeo to help in every way possible.

## **Eligibility**

1. The contestants in the Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty Pageant shall:
  - a. Queen contestants have obtained the age of 18 years and shall not have obtained the age of 24 years before December 31<sup>st</sup> of her competition year. I.e. she may compete at 17 if she will be 18 before December 31<sup>st</sup> of that same year. Thereby, she will be 18 when traveling, and a legal adult.
  - b. Teen contestants have obtained the age of 13 years and shall not have obtained the age of 18 before December 31<sup>st</sup> of her competition year. An adult chaperon will accompany the Teen and will be provided by the Royalty Chair or approved by same.
  - c. Have not been previously married, currently openly co-habiting with someone of the opposite sex in other than a platonic roommate situation or have had a child. She shall not marry during her reign as Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty.
  - d. Be a resident of the State of Arizona for at least one year, with proof, if applicable, such as birth certificate, driver's license, voter registration, etc.
  - e. Have the means to finance her travel if there is no financial assistance from the Pageant. Sponsors may be used for said financing and fundraisers may be held as approved by the Royalty Chair.
  - f. Not have initiated any pending lawsuit or legal action, nor have any such action brought against her. Must not be charged with and/or determined to have committed any crime of any kind.
  - g. Have executed all consents, and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions to competition.
  - h. Abide by all rules of the Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty Pageant or forfeit all awards and monies given to her as a part of the winner of the Pageant.
2. **Any contestant who does not meet these qualifications shall be denied the right to compete in the Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty Pageant.**

## **Loss of Title and Benefits**

1. Subsequent to the Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty Pageant, any person being awarded the title shall follow all rules set forth here. Also, during the year of her reign, each title holder must abide by the rules and guidelines set forth in the Contract provided upon receipt of application and Agreement and Release accompanying the Official Entry Form. Any open acts of defiance, disrespect for Cave Creek Rodeo Days Board or members and/or the Pageant Director/Coordinator or Committee, or unwillingness to cooperate will not be tolerated and will result in drastic action(s) by the CCRD Board. The titleholder should continue to be aware that the CCRD is the "vehicle" that provides Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty the privilege and opportunity to represent the community and state and the sport of professional rodeo in such a prestigious manner. Upon the occurrence of any of the events listed above, the title, together with any and all benefits (prizes) derived by such person shall be forfeited and awarded to the next qualified runner-up. The first obligation of a CCRD titleholder is to the Pageant and the CCRD Board. This should be considered when scheduling any appearance or event which could be a possible conflict with a CCRD event.
2. The rule of "Once a queen, always a queen" applies and each titleholder should act and dress appropriately, whether appearing officially, or in ordinary activities.
3. Should the titleholder be seen dressed in an inappropriate manner, she shall be counseled. If this occurs again, a disciplinary action shall be necessary. Anytime CCRD Royalty is at an event of any kind, she shall be attired properly. In the arena this is to include hat, crown, long-sleeved shirt (no rolled cuffs), wranglers, boots, belt, and buckle. Her shirt shall be tucked in and long sleeved with the sleeves buttoned/snapped. A collared, Wrangler brand shirt is preferable, but not mandatory; however, we do not recommend "slinkies" or horse show type apparel. We also prefer that your jeans brand be other than very low rise. Pants that hit at the hip bone are fine. Whenever representing rodeo, i.e. an autograph appearance, the title holder shall be dressed in appropriate rodeo attire. Other apparel may be appropriate for pageants and other activities.

## **Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty Pageant Judging Guidelines**

1. Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty contestants are judged in three divisions equally: Horsemanship, Personality and Appearance, each containing a total of 100 points from each judge. In addition, the scores from a contestant's speech and photogenic competition, personal interview, extemporaneous questions and fashion show/modeling creativity will be added to those three categories. **NOTE: The Horsemanship Interview scores are counted as part of the overall Horsemanship score.**
2. Judges – Recommended three to five officials who will judge all categories of the Pageant. We make every attempt to bring in very qualified judges who do not know the contestants and have the knowledge and integrity befitting this contest. This could include past titleholders, officials of other queen organizations, and rodeo experts.
3. Judged Events
  - a. Horsemanship – Our Horsemanship competition pattern is selected from AQHA. CCRD contestants must provide the mount and tack she will use throughout her reign. Following the competition in the set pattern, the contestants will do a flag run in the arena. The flag will be provided by the CCRD committee. **Contestant must provide her own flag boot.** A queen run or "hot lap" during the competition may also be judged. Contestants shall be prepared to compete in the pattern which will be provided when her application process is complete. The draw for shall be done at contest orientation. Spurs are not allowed and no chaps may be worn at any time in the competition or rodeo. **Horsemanship AND Horsemanship Interview Scores are included in the Horsemanship Division.**
  - b. Speech – Each contestant shall give a one and one-half minute prepared speech pertaining to the Cave Creek Rodeo Days. This may be creative and fun if desired. (Scores included in the Personality Division)
  - d. Interviews - (Personal and Horsemanship) – Each contestant will be interviewed privately by the judges. Questions asked will query the contestant's knowledge of the CCRD, professional rodeo, animal welfare issues, horsemanship and current affairs. NOTE: The Horsemanship Interview may be held in conjunction to the Horsemanship competition, if necessary. (Scores included in the Personality and Horsemanship Divisions, respectively.)
  - e. Extemporaneous/Impromptu Questions – Questions will be asked of the contestants during the evening event. One question will relate to the sport of rodeo and the other to current events or other topics. (Scores included in the Personality Division)
  - f. Modeling/Fashion Show – Contestants will wear either a formal or skirt and blouse of "western elegance" of their choosing for the evening event. No "Prom-type" formals are allowed. (Scores included in the Appearance Division)
  - g. Photogenic – The judges will score a photograph(s) which will be submitted by the contestant along with her application. (Scores included in the Appearance and Personality Division)
4. Category Winners and Ties
  - a. The winners in the Horsemanship, Personality and Appearance divisions shall be determined by the total scores in those categories. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by referring back to Judge #1 (head judge to be selected by all the judges.) This judge's score will break the tie. If the tie remains, Judge #2's score will be used, and so forth until the tie is broken.
  - b. Ties resulting in Photogenic and Public Speaking will be broken by using the same method as above.
  - c. A tie for the Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty Title and runners-up will be broken by the Horsemanship scores. i.e. The contestant with the highest score in Horsemanship will receive the highest ranking. Should there be a tie remaining, the scores of Judge 1, or the Head Judge shall be used to break the tie.

## 5. Pageant Categories

- d. Appearance – The purpose of this judged division is to select the girl who rates highest in: (to include appearance in all categories/events and photogenic)
- ◆ Attractiveness - To include the contestant's style of attire, overall appearance, magnetism and eye appeal
  - ◆ Grooming – To include neatness and cleanliness in every detail such as complexion, hands, nails, hair, hat, boots, and other apparel. Meticulous care in general grooming is essential for a young woman to be Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty.
  - ◆ Poise and Posture – A good posture and the poise to handle any situation.
  - ◆ Knowledge of Proper Western Attire – Contestants should be aware of what is fashionable western attire with particular attention given to color coordination such as knowing the use of various color combinations to enhance appearance and eye appeal. Judges will be observing how a contestant's clothes fit and suit her personality. However, it is not necessary to invest in an excessive amount of expensive clothing. The crease & shape of a contestant's hat is also to be considered. Contestants are expected to appear in "full western attire" at all times unless otherwise specified. For example, Wrangler pants and shirt or blouse, vest and/or jacket, western skirt and blouse or shirt, or western dress; all with hat, boots and belt. Shirrtails shall always be tucked in. Bare skin showing at the midriff is not acceptable as it does not reflect a wholesome western image and very low rise pants are discouraged.
  - ◆ Western Image – All dresses, skirts and blouses must reflect a western theme. Evening gowns or cocktail type dresses are not acceptable. The dresses do not have to be made of leather. Ultra-suede and gabardine have been used and are fine.
  - ◆ Fashion Forward clothing should be modern trends and appropriate for the occasion.
- e. Horsemanship – The purpose of this division is to select the girl who rates highest in: (to include the scores in actual horsemanship competition and the horsemanship interview.)
- ◆ Horsemanship – To include control of her mount and the way she handles any situation which may occur.
  - ◆ Balance – The ability to sit properly in the saddle.
  - ◆ Position – Positioning of hands, feet and seat.
  - ◆ Mounting and dismounting – "Queen mounts" are acceptable. (There is no such thing as a "queen dismount.") A good clean mount and dismount are preferable.
  - ◆ The skill of the contestant will be judged. The cleanliness of the horse and tack will be considered in the overall appearance of the contestant.
  - ◆ Each contestant may be interviewed on each of the following categories:
    - \* Knowledge of professional rodeo – Its' history, organization, rodeo terms or vernacular, explanation of standard events, awareness of PRCA and WPRA (barrels only) championship standings, and what is going on in the world of pro-rodeo. An excellent source of information is the ProRodeo Sports News (PSN);
    - \* The official PRCA Rulebook and the official ProRodeo Media Guide, all of which are available from the PRCA, 101 ProRodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.
  - ◆ There will be at least one go-round of horsemanship competition, with a specified pattern, which may be altered at the discretion of the judges due to arena conditions or other factors. Contestants will be required to dismount and remount, carry a flag and/or perform additional maneuvers on horseback which are often

expected of Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty. Contestants will do a presentation ride ("hot lap" or "queen run") following the completion of one of their patterns. Any changes and/or alterations to the horsemanship will be announced to the contestants before the horsemanship competition begins. The patterns will be set by the reigning title holder.

- ◆ Dress for the horsemanship competition shall be a form-fitting shirt of any color or print, long-sleeved with a collar, and the shirttail tucked in; a pant product, preferably Wrangler, in dark blue denim, and western hat, boots and belt. Any color accessories (hat, boots and belt) may be used. NOTE: "Fashion" or "mod" type boots are not acceptable and chaps and/or gloves are not permitted. All riding attire should be neat and fit properly. Showmanship should be considered since a contestant's personality does project from horseback to the audience and judges.
- f. Personality – The purpose of this division is to select the young woman who rates highest in: (to include Horsemanship and Personality interviews as well as speech and impromptu questions)
- ◆ Intelligence – Good common sense.
  - ◆ Education – Conversational ability in rodeo and other areas, with special emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
  - ◆ Attractiveness – Not necessarily to mean beauty; but rather whether the contestant radiates self-confidence without making an issue out of it.
  - ◆ Personality Reflections – She should also show maturity, high moral standards, sincerity and integrity.
  - ◆ Genuine interest in other people, in the Pageant and in rodeo with a noticeable consideration for others.
  - ◆ Self-projection – The ability to project one's personality, whether it be from horseback in the arena, on television, or before an audience. Also to be considered are sense of humor, showmanship, ambition, desire and enthusiasm.
  - ◆ Positive and optimistic outlook on life in general.
  - ◆ Promptness in keeping on the Pageant schedule.
  - ◆ Public Appearance – Competition will include at least one public appearance, giving the contestants an opportunity to speak to an audience.
  - ◆ Proper Etiquette – The ability to have a meal with a group of people while ensuring the use of proper table manners and decorum. To also include appropriate etiquette when meeting and greeting the public or any other persons involved with the pageant.

## 5. Contestant Expenses/Other

- a. At any time during the Pageant, if the contestant wishes to eat somewhere other than what is offered by the Pageant, they shall pay for the meal out of their own funds.
- b. Parents and relatives of CCRD contestants are welcome to attend events at which the contestants will be present except for the private interviews; but, they will be required to purchase tickets to those events, if applicable. (i.e. evening event)
- c. Judging will take precedence over all other activities and will begin at horsemanship orientation and continue throughout the Pageant.
- d. Following Orientation, a representative of the Royalty Committee will be available to explain the Pageant activities and to answer questions by families and other attendees.
- e. Silent Auction – Each contestant may be required to bring an item to be auctioned at the evening event. This may be a basket with a number of items or only one special item, but **should have a collective value of at least \$50**. We encourage our contestants to get the item(s) donated so there is no out-of-pocket expense. All monies will go to the CCRD Royalty program.

6. Awards and Benefits – Contestants should be aware that CCRD Royalty titleholders do not receive a salary and their expenses throughout their reign are their responsibility. However, the Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty Pageant is committed to the following:
  - a. The titleholder may have fundraisers and may obtain sponsors, but this must be done in a tasteful and professional manner so as to insure future ongoing support of the CCRD. All monies given to CCRD titleholders through sponsorship or donation, even though it is her money, must be reported/accounted for to the CCRD Royalty chair and subsequently to the CCRD Board.
  - b. The titleholder shall be loaned the use of the Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty crown, chaps, vest, and sashes/banners for the period of her reign. All must be returned to the CCRD Royalty chair when requested by the CCRD Royalty chair or the CCRD Board of Directors.
  - c. The titleholder shall be awarded a trophy belt buck.
  - d. Awards will be presented to the winners of the Personality, Appearance, and Horsemanship categories, and others as deemed necessary.
7. Judges Critique – If conditions allow, either at the end of the contest or following each section of the competition, the judges will meet with the contestants and their parents to discuss things that may need to be improved upon, or where the contestants “short-comings” are. This will be done, of course, with the respect due the judges. Any arguments or conflict will cause the contestant and her family to be asked to leave. This is to be a learning experience, not a negative encounter.
8. Being selected Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty is not only an honor, but a job, as well. Therefore, it is important that the title holder understand that she will be expected to attend as many rodeos as possible. The list given in the contract may be changed from year-to-year, dependent upon many factors. Failure to attend the mandatory rodeos will need to be arranged in advance and explained to the CCRD Royalty chair. Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty shall report to the CCRD Royalty chair whenever she has a problem or concern, and when setting her itinerary. This can be done through e-mail, but can be in person or via telephone.
9. Any professional photographs that are taken of Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty during her reign may not be displayed publicly for any reason until approved by the Royalty chair of the Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty Pageant. This does not include impromptu “snapshots” taken by family or friends.
10. During her year as Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty, the titleholder may not hold or compete for any other title or forfeit the crown of Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty and all prizes awarded for said title, and the runner-up shall assume the title and receive all prizes.
11. Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty shall submit photographs and a short article in a timely manner for the Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty website or other approved/appropriate website following each appearance to keep the public and the CCRD Board aware of her travels and to promote the Cave Creek Rodeo Days Royalty Pageant. This should be done within one week of the appearance.

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