



Ute Pass Saddle Club 2014 Royalty Handbook

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the Ute Pass Saddle Club Royalty program is to provide an opportunity for young women to become ambassadors for the Ute Pass Saddle Club and the sport of rodeo by demonstrating knowledge of the sport of rodeo, respect for the western way of life and a commitment to their community.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All eligible applicants must meet the following criteria. Please contact the Ute Pass Saddle Club office at 719-687-9975 or info@wpsaddleclub.com.

- Contestant must be single
- Must not have a criminal history.
- Contestant must have access to a horse worthy of competition and the tasks required for the Ute Pass Saddle Club, i.e., horse parade ready, not easily spooked, good around other horses, livestock and people.
- Queen must be between the ages of 15 - 19 years, as of January 1, 2014.
- Princess must be between the ages of 12-15 year, as of January 1, 2014.

TRYOUT INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE

Selection to the Ute Pass Saddle Club Royalty is a privilege and an honor. The Ute Pass Saddle Club Royalty fulfill their responsibilities with grace, dignity, and courtesy at all times. Our Royalty are role models who exhibit good moral character and social behavior.

Tryouts are set for the first Saturday in June of each year, at the Ute Pass Saddle Club arena.

If you would like to request a copy of the pattern(s), please contact the Ute Pass Saddle Club office at 719-687-9975 or info@wpsaddleclub.com.

Royalty Clinic

Clinic date TBD. Clinic is mandatory for Queen and Princess. It is highly recommended for all contestants. Parents are invited to a "parents" clinic and what to expect during the pageant and throughout the year.

Tryout Attire

Western attire is required for the tryout. This includes a western long sleeve shirt, belt, felt hat, riding boots, and jeans for riding. Western skirt and shirt or dress for interview and speech. Clothing and accessories need to be up-to-date, neat, clean, and fit well. Interview and speech apparel should be dress or skirt and worn with dress boots, no ropers. Use of make-up needs to be age appropriate and neat. Hair must be clean and styled neatly.

During tryouts the following rules apply:

- Coaching or prompting, other than the caller, during the competition will not be allowed.
- All spectators, including friends and parents, must remain in the grandstands and/or in the established viewing areas during the competition. Judges need to be able to interview and observe horsemanship skills.
 - Parents are welcome to assist during saddling and changing for events.
 - Failure to do so may result in the spectator being removed from the fairgrounds.
- Upon entering the arena, contestants have five minutes to complete the pattern.
- Contestants must ride the assigned pattern without assistance, including entering the arena
- Flag will be handed to contestant prior to entering the arena and must be carried for the entire pattern
- Candidates will be allowed to warm up

Award of Title

The titles of the 2014 Queen and Princess will be awarded to the individuals with the highest score of out of the possible points.

Prizes: Must carry the full length of title to be eligible to keep prizes. Repayment required if Queen or Princess does not fulfill the contract requirements.

Queen: Jeans, Shirt, Belt, Hat, Sash, & Belt Buckle

Princess: Jeans, Shirt, Belt, Hat, Sash, & Belt Buckle

At the end of their reign, titleholders may keep their hats, belt bucks and ribbon sashes. Leather sashes, tiaras, chaps, and other Ute Pass Saddle Club apparel must be returned so they can be passed on to future title holders.

Upon award of title, appointed Queen, Princess and their parents will be required to sign a code of conduct and responsibilities that will be valid until the end of their reign.

RESPONSIBILITY AS QUEEN AND PRINCESS

- Queen's/Princess reign the first Saturday in June, through the day of the next year's tryouts, where she will crown the 2015 Ute Saddle Club Queen/Princess at the 2015 Spring Kick-Off Party.
- Assist the Royalty Coordinator with the 2015 Royalty Clinic and Contest.
- Ride in all Grand Entries at Ute Pass Saddle Club, helping with duties as requested.
- Assist with as many 4-H events as possible.
- Invite royalty from other countries to the Ute Pass Saddle Club.
- Write thank-you notes for all events attended.
- Royalty cannot hold any other Rodeo Queen/Princess titles during they're reigning year.
- While serving as the Royalty for Ute Pass Saddle Club, you may not enter any other pageants. You may not hold the same title more than once.
- Assist in all Ute Pass Saddle Club functions as asked by the Ute Pass Saddle Club Royalty Committee or Board of Directors.
- Expected to represent the Ute Pass Saddle Club at events scheduled by the Royalty Committee and sanctioned by the Board of Directors.
- Notification to the committee ASAP is unable to attend (example: death in the family, illness, school interview). No reimbursements will be provided if you're unable to attend a function.
- Attend all functions sponsored by the Ute Pass Saddle Club.
- May attend events other events if approved by the Royalty committee. Pay at own expense (No reimbursements).
- Conduct yourself as a lady at all times, whether in Queen/Princess attire or not, when representing the Ute Pass Saddle Club. This includes behaving in a polite and gracious manner at all times. The Queen/Princess should never be seen arguing with anyone, this includes family. Yelling and acting out towards others is considered inappropriate behavior.
- The Queen/Princess must remember that she is in the public eye and is expected to represent the Ute Pass Saddle Club properly.
- The use of cell phone and gum chewing **IS NOT PERMITTED** during an official appearance. Cell phone must remain in a purse or somewhere that they are not a distraction.
- The Royal Court should be perceived as a team. Therefore, the court should remain together unless other arrangements have been made and approved by the royalty committee in advance.

Royalty Code of Conduct continued

- The Royal Courts should be perceived as a team. Therefore, the court should remain together unless other arrangements have been made and approved by the royalty committee in advance.
- The Queen/Princess is expected to attend all required events in a punctual manner.
- The Queen/Princess is allowed to attend events that are not required as long as they are approved by the Royalty Committee and sanctioned by the Board of Directors. Under NO circumstances should the Queen or anyone outside of the Ute Pass Saddle Club Royalty committee call to set up an outside event.
- The Queen/Princess and her mount must always be appropriately groomed and well turned out. The Queen's/Princess's mount must show good care and the Queen/Princess must remember this at all events. The Queen/Princess should have no visible tattoos or piercing with the exception of having on piercing in the ears.
- The Queen/Princess will always wear the designated attire when representing the Ute Pass Saddle Club. This includes colored jeans, belt, Ute Pass Saddle Club buckle, tiara, sash, western boots with a heel, black hat and long sleeve shirt that matches the rest of her attire. Clothing should be clean and pressed. All clothing should be modest and tastefully worn. Hair and makeup should be nicely and tastefully done.
- The Queen's/Princess's tack, no matter how old or new should be clean and show good care. This includes checking tack often for any needed repairs.
- The Queen/Princess should always remove that event when not in official attire, she is in the public eye. This means that swearing, vulgarity, crude remarks, smoking, chewing tobacco, illegal drug use, and drinking alcoholic beverages are inappropriate and can result in a reprimand or dismissal.
- Always remember to handle your horse as a horsewoman. All training and discipline should be done at home or in lessons. If discipline is needed it should be done in a tactful and inconspicuous manner.
- The Queen/Princess should, in no way, display an affection with a significant other. This includes but is not limited to kissing, handholding, and sitting on laps. The Queen/Princess cannot live with a significant other.
- If the Queen/Princess is a minor, under 18 years old, she should be supervised by a chaperone/parent at all times.
- The Queen/Princess will refrain from slandering others. The Queen must avoid all inappropriate behavior and or language. This includes all information and slanderous remarks made via text, phone, photos, internet chat, twitter, my space, face book, or any social media.
- If the Queen/Princess or their families have questions or issues, these must be directed through the Ute Pass Saddle Club Royalty committee first. If the issue cannot be resolved by the committee, then the matter is directed to the Ute Pass Saddle Club Board of Directors for resolution.
- The following items are the property of the Ute Pass Saddle Club and will be returned in good condition within a week of completion of royalty reign or immediately upon dismissal; tiara and saddle blanket. If these items are not returned, Queen/Princess is fully responsible for reimbursing Ute Pass Saddle Club of all expenses.
- The Ute Pass Saddle Club Queen/Princess is representing the Ute Pass Saddle Club. This is supposed to be a fun and positive experience. The experience as Ute Pass Saddle Club Royalty can be as fulfilling as you want to make it. It is entirely up to the Queen/Princess as to how much or how little she experiences. The Royalty Committee is your aid to determining your experiences over the next year. It is expected that the Queen and her family respect the opinion and decision made by the Royalty Committee and/or Board of Directors. Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct, the Royalty Committee and/or the Board of Directors, will result in a written warning. Second infraction will result in loss of title, no negotiation.

Royalty Code of Conduct continued

- Any Royalty that is arrested or issued a ticket for drinking, drugs, or any violent act is grounds for immediate dismissal.
- Most importantly, if you have questions, ASK! Call your Royalty Coordinator, Jessica Campbell (719) 310-5969.

Dress Code

- Royalty is always expected to wear a hat, tiara, sash, buckle and western wear.
- No undergarments should be visible at any time.
- Clothing shall be neat and clean, and western boots must be worn at all times.
- The following is considered unacceptable:
 - Inappropriate clothing, anything not explicitly allowed
 - Paraphernalia
 - Grooming, in view of the public eye
 - Jewelry, other than what is explicitly allowed
 - Hair coloring, unnatural
 - Accessories, other than what is explicitly allowed
 - Belly shirts
 - Spaghetti strap shirts
 - Body adornments (tattoos)
 - Bare or exposed traditionally private parts of the body including, but not limited to:
 - The stomach
 - Buttocks
 - Back
 - Breasts
 - Refer to drugs tobacco, alcohol, or weapons or use speech that is of a sexual nature
 - By virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute denote membership in gangs with advocate drug use, violence, or disruptive behavior or are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous clothing.

Resignation

- If a member of the Ute Pass Saddle Club Royalty has resigned or has been dismissed, that member cannot compete in future Royalty tryouts.
- If the resignation was due to circumstances beyond the member's control, such as a family illness, personal illness or other acceptable reasons, under the discretion of the Royalty committee, that member may tryout the following year.
- If there is a resignation or dismissal, all prizes **WILL** be forfeited, returned, or reimbursed to the Royalty Committee. Failure to do so may result in possible legal action.

Disciplinary Procedures:

- For any violation of the code, the Royalty Committee and Board of Directors will determine disciplinary action to be taken, and they have the final say.
- If an individual is dismissed, the prizes will be forfeited, returned and/or reimbursed to the Ute Pass Saddle Club.
- The Royalty Committee and Board of Directors will investigate any possible rule violation and/or misconduct and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. First violation will result in a written reprimand and/or dismissal based on the severity of the violation. Second violation will result in immediate dismissal.

Royalty Code of Conduct

By signing the following contract, you are agreeing to the following:

I hereby release, remise, acquit, and discharge forever and agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Ute Pass Saddle Club, its Royalty Committee, its members, officers, and employees or agents for any injury or loss sustained by me or to my properties as a result of participating in the Ute Pass Saddle Club Contact or any activity under this Contract. I further release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Royalty Committee, its members, officers, agents, and employees for and from all liability to my actions and conduct during my term as Ute Pass Saddle Club Queen and for their actions and conduct.

**Ute Pass Saddle Club Royalty Contract
Parents and Participants**

I, _____, have read and understand the rules and policies outlined in the handbook and acknowledge that by signing this I am acknowledging that I would be expected to up hold the rules and policies outline in this handbook during the pageant and reigning year.

Print Name of Participant

Signature of Participant

Date

I, _____, have read and understand the policies outline in this handbook and acknowledge that by signing this handbook I am acknowledging that my daughter will be expected to up hold the rules and policies outline in this handbook during the pageant and reigning year.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Royalty Program Coordinator

I, _____, have read and understand the policies outline in this handbook and acknowledge that by signing this handbook I am acknowledging that my daughter will be expected to up hold the rules and policies outline in this handbook during the pageant and reigning year.

Printed Name of Coordinator

Signature of Coordinator

Date