

CPRA Finals & Pageant General Information

Stall Information

Horse stalls are available for all contestants and visiting royalty at the Kansas State Fair Grounds. The stalls are **\$30.00**, which covers Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoon - each additional day is **\$5.00/day**. You cannot tie your horse to your trailer or set up a portable pen at the Fair Grounds. All horses will be required to be in stalls or will have to be loaded and leave the grounds. **The Kansas State Fair Grounds requires that all shaving be purchased from the Fairgrounds.** Each stall comes with a bag of shaving; additional bags can be purchased during Horse Check-in for **\$5.00 a bag**.

The Kansas State Fairgrounds does have limited electrical only hook-ups for trailers, you will need to advise needing one at the time you submit your contestant application. **When you check in at the Contestant Check-in you will be charged for your stalls, additional shavings, and electrical trailer hook up (\$10.00 per night) please have cash ready for these fees (may be deducted from your payback if you raise enough.)** One horse per stall only. Any charges for violations on the Fair Grounds will be billed to the CPRA, it is imperative that Royalty Contestants and Visiting Royalty follow all instructions.

The main arena should be available for practice Friday afternoon. Please be flexible due to the need for the stock contractor to run stock and work the arena before the rodeo. There is a covered practice arena available for you to work your horse in when the enclosed arena is not available.

Hotel Information

Host Hotel: Atrium Hotel, 1400 N. Lorraine St., Hutchinson, KS 67501 (see hotel info) Call 1-800-362-5018 or 620-669-9311 to book your room directly.

Mention that you are with the CPRA to get a room in our block with our contract rate and so we get credit for number of rooms booked.

The block drops on **September 20, 2016** so that un-booked rooms are available to the general public. This weekend is historically a very busy weekend for the city of Hutchinson. CPRA Finals this year will fall the same time as the Jr. Stock Show (also being held at the Fairgrounds), the Rod Run Car Show, Hutchinson High Homecoming, and Hutchinson Community College Football season; please book rooms early.

You can still book a room at the special rate after September 20th if rooms are available.

Standard Room \$74 per night + tax

Mini & Junior Suite \$105 per night + tax

Family Suites \$120 per night + tax

Judges

Will be announced after the close of applications; see the CPRA Facebook for pictures and bio's.

Meals

The CPRA Royalty Pageant is not providing meals. There has been enough time scheduled between pageant events and rodeo events for meals on your own. There will be water and tea available at Orientation on Friday.

Contestant Check-in/ Orientation

All contestants are required to bring hand written thank you cards for each of the pageant sponsors to turn in at check-in. Labels will be included in your contestant packet, please label each thank you. All contests benefit from gifts, prizes and support give by these sponsors. The thank you packets we send help us retain sponsors for the next year.

All contestants and visiting royalty will be charged for their horse stall(s), shaving(s), and electrical hook-ups at Check-in.

Orientation will cover the events of the weekend, allow time for questions, and introduce our judges, contestants, parents and attending sponsors.

Welcome Baskets & Gift Exchange

The CPRA Royalty Pageant likes to welcome our contestants and parents with bags of goodies that can be used during and after the pageant. It has also become a tradition for each contestant to bring a small token to exchange with the other contestants. During orientation Friday afternoon, contestants will be given the opportunity to meet other contestants and exchange something as a way to share their personality and to get to know each other. It is customary to bring a gift for the contestants and outgoing royalty in your age group but it is acceptable to bring something for all contestants and outgoing royalty if you want.

If you have question concerning the Gift Exchange please contact Amanda or Jackie.

Personal Interview

Personal Interviews will be conducted at the Atrium Hotel following Orientation. Contestants wear the same jean outfit they wore for Orientation. Miss CPRA interviews will not exceed 20 minutes, CPRA Princess Interviews will not exceed 15 minutes, and Little Miss interviews will not exceed 10 minutes. Depending on the number of contestants interview times will be adjusted per age group.

Written Test

Written Test will be given per age group during the same time that Personal Interviews are being conducted. Each category will be given a test written for their age specifically. Contestant will be limited to 30 minutes to complete her test. Any unanswered questions are forfeited.

Contestant must present their sponsored outfit modeling description card(s) before she can start her written test. **All written test questions, for all age groups are posted on the CPRA Pageant Facebook**

Page prior to the pageant. The Questions of the Day (QOD) will be numbered and won't be posted until the application deadline has passed. If you have any questions about the test questions please contact Jackie White.

Horsemanship

Horsemanship will be held Saturday morning at the Kansas State Fair Grounds Expo Arena.

Fashion Show & Impromptu

The CPRA Royalty Fashion Show will be held at the Hutchinson Mall 1500 E. 11th, Hutchinson, KS 67501; enter through the Food Court Entrance. Each contestant will be provided with sponsored outfit(s) and accessories, it is the contestant's job to style their accessories and provide a completed outfit that highlights the sponsored items. **Contestants must write a description card for the sponsored outfit(s) and turn the cards in to Jackie White before they will be given their written test.**

All rodeo impromptu and current event impromptu questions (for all age groups) will be posted on the CPRA Pageant Facebook page in the week(s) leading up to the pageant.

Each contestant will need to provide a Western Elegance Outfit (dressy western) for the formal modeling portion of the Fashion Show & Speech. See Wardrobe Guidelines for more details.

Speech Topics

Speeches for Miss CPRA and CPRA Princess Contestants should be 1-2 minutes in length. Little Miss Contestants speeches are to be 20 seconds to 1 minute. All contestants should give a speech on the topic **RODEO**. No props are allowed. Any other specifics are up to the contestant. Speeches will be given at the Hutchinson Mall in your Western Elegance Dress outfit during the Fashion Show.

Rodeo

The outgoing Miss CPRA will carry the American Flag, CPRA Princess will carry the Kansas State Flag, and Little Miss CPRA, if able, will carry the CPRA flag at the Finals performance Grand Entry on Friday and Saturday night. *If Miss Rodeo Kansas is present she will carry the American flag for the National Anthem.* CPRA Royalty and Miss Rodeo Kansas will be the only ones working cattle in the arena. Visiting Royalty and CPRA Royalty will run sponsor flags after each event. Newly crowned Royalty will post flags for Grand Entry and work cattle in the arena during Sunday afternoon's performance. Visiting Royalty will run victory laps during all performances of CPRA Finals.

All contestants are REQUIRED to ride in the Saturday night Grand Entry after coronation. Do not dismount your horse. Remain in the waiting area until you are dismissed by Jackie White.

Tips for Success

The following are suggestions to help you prepare to become the CPRA Royalty.

- Follow the CPRA Royalty Facebook Page for Questions of the Day, information on sponsors, study reference materials (album in photos) and any updates on the pageant.
- Watch the nightly news.
- Study the CPRA Facts and History.
- Use the **Most Commonly Asked Questions** to study.
- Follow the CPRA Royalty Pageant on Instagram, Pinterest, and Twitter.
- Follow the CPRA Association Facebook Page for updates on association news.
- Review prorodeo.com for the latest in the pro rodeo world.
- Visit aqha.com for general equine knowledge.
- Know the CPRA Royalty Pageant Sponsors, and what they provide to the pageant.
- Review the 4-H horse program information for equine knowledge, and general horsemanship tips.
- Take every opportunity to speak to people about your goal to be a representative of the CPRA; this will prepare you for the job you are competing for.
- Study, study, study before the pageant. When you get to the pageant have confidence that your preparation is enough and allow your personality to show.
- Enjoy the experience. Win or lose, if you learn at least one thing about yourself, and feel that you presented yourself in the best way possible, you have won something that winning a crown can't give you: pride in yourself.
- Never give up on your dreams. If you apply yourself, create a path to accomplish your dream, and do not take a defeat as the end of the road, you will achieve your dreams.
- Anything that is worth dreaming is worth the hard work and determination it takes to achieve those dreams.
- Have FUN! When you approach the events with the right attitude your personality (not nerves) will show through and allow the judges to see your best side. We want you to make good memories and hopefully a new friend or two!