

## CPRA Royalty Ambassador Pageant Official Contestant Rules & Requirements

Updated 2016

### Eligibility

1. Miss CPRA contestants must be ages 17-23 years old.  
CPRA Princess Contestants must be ages 11-16 years old.  
Little Miss CPRA Contestants must be 10 years old or younger.
2. Contestants must be single, never have been married, and have no children.
3. Contestants must sign waiver of liability.
4. Contestants must agree to abide by all pageant rules with the possibility of disqualification for infractions.
5. All horses must have a negative Coggins Test current within a year from the last day of CPRA Finals, as well as Health Papers current within a month of the last day of Finals. This is for all contestants and Visiting Royalty who bring a horse.
6. When a contestant becomes Miss CPRA, CPRA Princess or Little Miss CPRA she must be available to fulfill all the required duties of her reign.
7. The Central Plains Rodeo Association expects each contestant to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the pageant and following coronation. Unsportsman-like conduct by contestants or family members will not be tolerated. It could result in the contestant being disqualified or banned from future competition.

### General Information

1. The objective of the Pageant is to find a girl who can ride well, speak to the public about rodeo and other topics, and represent herself and the Central Plains Rodeo Association in a dignified and honorable manner.
2. The CPRA Royalty Program is structured to be a rodeo ambassador training program for girls interested in learning about the sport and competition. We strive to prepare girls who look to compete for "Miss Rodeo" at the state level. It is also our goal to welcome and encourage girls who have not competed in pageants before and to be an educational setting that will enhance knowledge and skills both inside and outside the rodeo arena.
3. We reserve the right to adjust the rules prior to the application deadline if necessary.
4. We reserve the right to extend the entry deadline if there are less than 4 girls in an age group.
5. Each contestant is required to provide at least one drawing item for Pageant Promotion Drawing. A picture of the item must be included with the contestant's application, photogenic photos, liability waiver, and entry fee.
6. Contestants will ride in the Friday night and Saturday night Grand Entry. Reigning royalty will carry flags during the Rodeo Performance.
7. Miss CPRA, CPRA Princess and Little Miss CPRA will be crowned at the Saturday night Rodeo Performance.

8. All New Royalty prizes awarded are property of the CPRA Royalty Pageant until the natural conclusion of the title-holder's reign. Any item designated as a traveling item (i.e. Miss CPRA chaps) will be passed on to the new royalty at the end of your reign and are property of the CPRA Royalty Pageant. It is the title-holder's responsibility to maintain the items and repair anything that breaks during their reign.
9. Buckles and other prizes will be forfeited to the CPRA if at any time the reigning royalty cannot fulfill her duties.
10. A sample of the score sheet is posted on the CPRA Royalty Website.
11. Individual scores are handed out with prizes after coronation.
12. Rudeness toward the judges, other contestants, and/or Pageant Directors or their assistants by a contestant or contestants family members will not be tolerated, this includes after coronation.
13. Please read all Rules and Regulations and be sure that you understand everything. If you do not understand, call and ask.

## **Rule and Regulations**

### Entry

1. Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper lady-like manner and portray high moral standards.
2. Each contestant is required to submit a **\$200.00 entry fee. \$75 is non-refundable. The combined entry fee includes the cost for the pageant photo CD which each contestant will receive with their photos and group photos after the pageant.**
3. Contestants will sign a Waiver Agreement and Release of Liability Forms, complete and submit with their application, photographs, and entry fees no later than **August 22, 2016.**
4. All contestants must be checked in at the Atrium Hotel Conference Room (TBA) between **NOON and 1:00pm Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for Orientation.**
5. Horse check-in at the Kansas State Fairgrounds Arena is from **8:00am - NOON Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**
6. Contestants will compete in alphabetical order of their last names.

### Horsemanship

1. Contestant must provide her own horse for the riding portion of the contest. One contestant per horse. Miss contestants may be asked to switch mounts for an additional pattern, flag and queen's run.
2. Horse check-in will be at the Kansas State Fair Grounds Arena from **8:00 AM - NOON Friday, September 30, 2016.** ***All contestants and visiting royalty will be required to provide a COPY (which we will keep on file) of your current (within one year) negative Coggins Test and current (within one month) Health Papers upon arriving but before unloading horse(s) at the Kansas State Fairgrounds.***
3. Horsemanship will include rail work, a horsemanship pattern, a horsemanship interview, flag presentation run, and queens run. The Horsemanship patterns are posted on the website.

4. Tack used during competition should be sufficient to control the horse. Split reins are preferred but optional. If a tie-down is necessary, use it.
5. Spurs are not allowed during horsemanship but are allowed at the rodeos if needed.
6. Following the horsemanship pattern the contestant will walk her horse to the judges, dismount if applicable and have a horsemanship interview, then make a queen's run and a flag run.
7. All Little Miss Contestants will be asked if they are comfortable carrying a flag, if anyone is not then none of the Little Miss Contestants will carry a flag.
8. This is not a tack contest. Clean tack is what the judges will be looking for.

### Photogenics

1. Contestants must email (preferred) or mail ***FOUR different photos*** described below to be used for photogenic judging and Pageant media. Photogenic pictures will be judged online before the pageant. Please email good quality photos or send 4x6 or larger photos to be scanned.

- A. Head and shoulder with hat and western attire. (color)
- B. Close up with contestant and favorite horse/horses. (color)
- C. Head and shoulder with hat and western attire. (Black & white, a color photo can be converted.)
- D. Pose of your choice in non-western attire (no hat) that showcases your personality or a hobby.

2. The Pageant retains the right to crop photos to create the best presentation of the 4 photos submitted.

### Pageant Promotion

1. Pageant Promotion will account for up to 50 points of the possible score. Each Miss CPRA and CPRA Princess contestant is required to sell \$250 worth of sponsor ads, rodeo and/or drawing tickets to receive full points.
2. Little Miss CPRA contestants will only be required to sell \$200 worth of ads or tickets to receive full points.
3. If there is more than one contestant from the same family, the youngest contestant will be required to sell \$100 less than the required amount to receive full points.
4. In addition to Payback there will be a prize for the top contestants raising over the minimum and for the contestant who raises the most money.
5. Each contestant raising more than \$250.00 will be eligible to receive money back (up to \$599.00) to reimburse some of their expenses. To receive money back Little Miss contestants and each contestant from the same family must raise the full \$250 before payback starts. (See Pageant Promotion Selling Tips)
6. Contestants must realize that if they sell no tickets or ads they are forfeiting 50 points from their total score.
7. Please have your drawing tickets filled out, and separated before checking in and turning in your ticket money. All unsold tickets and all proceeds from ad/ticket sales must be turned in no later than ***Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Check-in with a completed Money Turn-In sheet.***

8. Contestants are responsible for all tickets and the proceeds from those that are assigned to them.

### Wardrobe

1. Contestants must provide their own wardrobe and follow guidelines on the wardrobe.
2. Outfits needed for competition include one jean outfit for Orientation/Interview, one dressy outfit for Modeling/Speech, one arena outfit for Horsemanship, and rodeo attire for Friday and Saturday performances. Sponsored outfits will be provided to the contestants.
3. Rodeo attire is the choice of the contestant, but should include a long sleeve shirt, jeans and belt, boots, and a cowboy hat.  
Modeling dress should be a western dress or blouse/skirt outfit with full length sleeves and skirt covering boot tops. The same dress outfit will be worn for Speech. Leather dresses are not required. Neat clothing that fits properly is what the judges will look for.
4. Personal Interview outfit will be the same jean outfit you wear to Check-in and Orientation.
5. All contestants will be provided with a sponsored outfit(s). It is the job of the contestant to present the items in a marketable way with accessories, modeling technique, posing for the photographer during the Fashion Show, and descriptive card(s) that will be read during the Fashion Show.

### Judging Guidelines

Contestants will be scored in the following categories: Interview, Written Test, Horsemanship, Speech, Modeling, Impromptu, Pageant Promotion, Congeniality, Photogenic, and Punctuality. To view the scoring break-down see Judges Score Sheets on the website.

1. ***All decisions of the judges are final.***
2. Punctuality- All contestants will start with full points for punctuality, points will be deducted for lateness in the following areas:
  - a. Submission of application, photogenic picture and drawing item picture submission, entry fee, and liability waiver
  - b. Pageant Promotion Sponsor Ad forms submission
  - c. Horse Check-in
  - d. Contestant Check-in/Orientation
  - e. Rodeo Check-in Friday Night
  - f. Horsemanship Check-in
  - g. Modeling Check-in

This makes the pageant run smoother and encourages punctuality. Call if you have questions.

3. Judges will be aware of current western fashions and styles.
4. Judging will begin from the time contestants check in Friday until the conclusion of the pageant Saturday afternoon.

## **New Royalty**

1. CPRA Royalty must sign a contract agreeing to represent the Association in a business-like manner.
2. Contract signing will take place Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 before the Finals Performance.
3. CPRA Royalty appearances during 2016-2017 are to be contracted between the CPRA Royalty, her guardians (if a minor), and the Rodeo Committees. A pageant director will also be in charge of scheduling to ensure Royalty has contact with the committees.
4. Royalty will be expected to help plan, obtain sponsorships and prizes, and help organize and host the following year's pageant.
5. Miss CPRA is required to attend a **minimum** of 10 approved appearances including CPRA sanctioned/co-sanctioned rodeos and allowed PRCA rodeos, attend Denver Market in January, and the sponsor photo shoot (May or June).
6. CPRA Princess and Little Miss CPRA are required to attend a **minimum** of 5 approved appearances including CPRA sanctioned/co-sanctioned rodeos and allowed PRCA rodeos, attend Denver Market in January, and the sponsor photo shoot (May or June).

***If you have questions, please call: Amanda Guthrie 316-734-9527 or Jackie White 785-893-2563.***

***You can also e-mail at [amanda@cprapageant.com](mailto:amanda@cprapageant.com) and [jackie@cprapageant.com](mailto:jackie@cprapageant.com)***

***Leave a message if there is no answer and we will get back to you as soon as possible.***