

CPRA Royalty Ambassador Pageant

General Information

Updated 2025

Stall & Hook-up Information

Horse stalls are available for all contestants and visiting royalty at the Bar K Bar Arena.

The stalls are **\$48.00** per stall for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoon. Thursday night check-in is an additional \$15.00 per stall. Each stall comes with TWO bags of shavings, additional bags can be purchased during Horse Check-in for **\$9.00 a bag**. The Bar K Bar requires that all shaving be purchased from the Arena.

You CANNOT tie you horse to your trailer or set up a portable pen at the grounds. All horses will be required to be in stalls or will have to be loaded and leave the grounds.

One horse per stall only. Any charges for violations on the Bar K Bar Arena grounds will be billed to the CPRA, it is imperative that Royalty Contestants and Visiting Royalty follow all instructions.

The indoor arena and/or outdoor practice arena should be available for practice Friday morning. Please be flexible due to the need for the stock contractor to run stock and work the arena before the rodeo. There is a practice arena available for you to work you horse in when the indoor arena is not available.

The Bar K Bar does have limited electrical only hook-ups for trailers, the Pageant is only able reserve a select number, and you will need to advise needing one on your contestant application. **Hookup charges are \$25.00 for Friday & Saturday night and an additional \$15 for Thursday night for no water hookups. Water hookups, if needed and available, are an additional \$10/day.**

Please send your stall and hookup money to the pageant via check, money order or (new) digitally through Zelle by August 22rd, 2025 . At Contestant Check-in you will be charged for any additional shavings or fees not sent in, these fees cannot be prepaid out of your Payback amount this year.

Hotel Information

The following hotels are available, it is advised to book your room early as they can fill up.

Celebration Centre Inn, 1108 US-56, Lyons, KS 67554 - Call 620-680-6022 to book your room directly.

Lyons Inn: 817 W Main St., Lyons, KS 67554 - Call 620-257-5185 to book your room directly.

Country Inn Motel: 430 S Broadway Ave. Sterling, KS 67579 - Call 620-904-4424 to book your room directly.

Meals

The CPRA Royalty Pageant is not providing meals. There has been enough time scheduled between pageant events and rodeo events for meals.

Contestant Check-in/ Orientation

All contestants are required to bring thank you cards for each of the pageant sponsors and turn them in at the time of check-in. Our sponsors love photo cards and thank yous with meaningful messages. You do not need to handwrite each one but please make them something you would like to receive.

Please bring 60 cards with you, they do not need to be personalized to the specific sponsor. **No envelopes please, this just costs extra postage.** All contests benefit from gifts, prizes and support given by these sponsors. The thank you packets we send help us retain sponsors for the next year.

At check-in contestants and visiting royalty will be given a folder with one companion (free) rodeo ticket each for Friday and Saturday night performances, Visiting Royalty on horseback will receive a Sunday ticket as well. Any unpaid stall, shavings, or hook-ups fees will be collected. All extra money raised by drawing and rodeo ticket sales will also be collected at check-in, please turn in with the FINAL Money Turn-in Sheet.

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

Welcome Bags & Gift Exchange

The CPRA Royalty Pageant likes to welcome all our contestants with a bag full of goodies that they can use 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 and it is acceptable to bring a gift for all contestants and all outgoing royalty if you want. If you have questions concerning the Gift Exchange please contact Amanda or Jackie.

Personal Interview

Personal Interviews will be conducted at the Celebration Center following Orientation. Contestants will 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. Contestant interview times will be adjusted based on the number of contestants.

Written Test

Written Test will be given per age group during the same time that Personal Interviews are being conducted. Contestants in each category will be given a test written for their group specifically. Each contestant will have a maximum of 30 minutes to complete her test. Any unanswered questions are forfeited. **All written test questions, for all age groups are posted on the CPRA Pageant Facebook page and Instagram prior to the pageant.** The Questions of the Day (QOD) that include test and impromptu questions will be numbered and start to post after the application deadline has passed. If you have any questions about the test questions please contact Jackie White, we will not give you the answers but all should be internet searchable.

Horsemanship

Horsemanship will be held Saturday morning at the Bar K Bar Arena. There will be a rail work session for each age group (Miss, Princess, then Little Miss) then a horsemanship pattern followed by a horsemanship interview (Little Miss, Princess, then Miss) so Little Miss contestants have more time to rest after Horsemanship before the Fashion Show. Miss Contestants may be asked to switch horses for a second pattern if the judges request.

Fashion Show & Impromptu Questions

The CPRA Royalty Fashion Show will be held at the Celebration Center. Each contestant will be provided with a sponsored outfit(s) and accessories, it is the contestant's job to complete the look and provide an overall outfit that highlights the sponsored items.

All rodeo impromptu and current event impromptu questions, for all age groups, will be posted on the CPRA Pageant Facebook page and Instagram 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 which she will wear during 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 of **RODEO**. No props are allowed. Any other specifics are up to the contestant. Speeches will be given at the Celebration Center in your Western Elegance Outfit after it is modeled in the Fashion Show.

Judges

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

Ad and Ticket Sales

Sponsors Ads are due Monday, September 22nd, 2025 (they can be mailed by Monday September 18th or emailed by the due date.) All money collected for Ads, rodeo tickets, and drawing tickets up to that date should be turned in at the same time. Use the Money Turn in Sheet & Ads to record what you are sending and list out your sponsors so we don't miss anyone in the ad book and FB promotions. This can be mailed or emailed, you can send money by mail or digitally through Zelle. Please contact us for instructions if needed. Please send a copy (emailed or mailed) of the Sponsor Ad Receipt form filled out to verify what size ad, how paid and which contestant. If Amanda is building the ad, please include the information needed to build it. If sponsor is emailing ad directly to Amanda please ask them to include ad size and contestant they are sponsoring.

You can continue to sell drawing and rodeo tickets until Pageant Check-in where the remaining money you have collected is due.

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 representatives 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. Horseback 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 to unsaddle your horses and pick up your pageant prize packages. All contestants receive a prize package, so find Amanda Saturday night after you unsaddle.

Tips for Success

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

- Read the Rules & Regulations and the other information posted on the CPRA website and social media. Call with questions if needed.
- Follow the CPRA Royalty Facebook Page and other social media including Instagram and X for Questions of the Day, information on sponsors, study reference materials (in album in photos) and any updates on the pageant.
- Know the CPRA Royalty Pageant Sponsors and what they provide to the pageant.
- Study the CPRA Facts and History.
- Know your Pageant deadlines and turn things in on time.
- Use the **Most Commonly Asked Questions** to study.
- Follow the CPRA Association Facebook Page for updates on association news.
- Watch the nightly news.
- Review prorodeo.com for the latest in the pro rodeo world.
- Visit aqha.com for general equine knowledge.
- 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 and then study some more 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 available even without a crown: 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.
- Have FUN! When you approach the events with the right attitude your personality (not your nerves) will show through and allow the judges to see your best side. We want you to make good memories and hopefully an new friend or two!