

CPRA Royalty Ambassador Pageant

Official Contestant Rules & Requirements

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Eligibility

1. Miss CPRA contestants must be ages 18-24 years old.
2. CPRA Princess Contestants must be ages 12-17 years old.
3. Little Miss CPRA Contestants must be 11 years old or younger.
4. Contestants must be residents of Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, or Missouri.
5. Contestants must be single, never have been married, and have no children.
6. Contestants must sign waiver of liability.
7. Contestants must agree to abide by all pageant rules with the possibility of disqualification for infractions.
8. All horses must give us a COPY negative Coggins Test current within a year from the last day of CPRA Finals, as well as, Health Papers current within 30 days of the last day of Finals. This is for all contestants and Visiting Royalty. (You may send a digital copy as backup a week before the pageant but please bring these papers with you)
9. 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.
10. The Central Plains Rodeo Association expects each contestant to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the pageant and following coronation. Unsportsmanlike 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 this 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 Ambassador Program is structured to be a rodeo training program for girls interested in learning about the sport and competition. We strive to prepare girls who look forward to competing 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 item to be donated to the Pageant Promotion Drawing. A picture of said 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 Finals Rodeo Performance.
8. All New Royalty prizes awarded are property of the CPRA Royalty Pageant until the natural conclusion of the title-holders 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 Pageant if at any time the reigning royalty cannot fulfill her duties.
10. A sample of the score sheet will be 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 contestant's family members will not be tolerated, this includes after coronation.
13. Please read all the Rules & Regulations and be sure that you understand everything. If you do not understand, call and ask questions.

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 non-refundable entry fee. 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.** (This fee can be reimbursed thru our Pageant Promotion Program.)
3. Contestants must sign a Waiver Agreement and Release of Liability Forms, complete and submit with their application, photographs, and entry fees no later than **August due date specified.**
4. All contestants must be checked in at the Celebration Center between **11AM and NOON on Friday before Orientation.**
5. Horse check-in at the Bar K Bar Arena is **8:00-10:30 AM Friday or Thursday 7-9pm if you have made arrangements with us ahead of time.**
11. ***All contestants and visiting royalty will be required to give us a COPY (not the original) 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 Bar K Bar Arena. (You may send a digital copy as backup a week before the pageant but please bring these papers with you)***
6. Contestants will draw for position after everyone has checked in, or will compete in alphabetical order of their last names.

Horsemanship

1. Contestant must provide their 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. Horsemanship check-in will be at the Bar K Bar Arena from **7:00AM-7:30 AM Saturday of pageant weekend.**
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. Each girl must provide her own horse. Each horse can only be used by once contestant during the competition.
5. 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.
6. Spurs are not allowed during horsemanship but are allowed at the rodeos if needed.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. This is not a tack contest. The judges will be looking for clean tack that appears to fit the horse and contestant.

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.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">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. |
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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 contestant is required to sell \$250 worth of sponsor ads, rodeo and/or drawing tickets to receive full points.
2. Payback will begin after \$250 is raised.
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 prizes 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) to reimburse some of their expenses. To receive money back 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, and do not turn in the minimum amount, 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 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 for the Fashion Show will be provided to the contestants. Also plan an outfit for the Sunday rodeo appearance if chosen as new royalty.
3. Rodeo attire is the choice of the contestant, but should include a long sleeve shirt, jeans and belt, boots, and a cowboy hat.
4. Modeling dress should be a western dress or blouse/skirt outfit with full length sleeves and skirt. The same dress outfit will be worn for speech. Leather dresses are not required. The judges will look for clean clothing that fits properly and compliments the contestant.
5. Personal Interview outfit will be the same jean outfit you wear to Check-in and Orientation.
6. All contestants will be provided with sponsored outfit(s). It is the job of the contestant to use the items sponsored to them and present the items in a marketable way with accessories, modeling technique, posing for the photographer during the Fashion Show. *If you want to write out a card for this outfit to describe it for your personal focus and preparation, please do. We no longer use these contestant cards in 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, liability waiver
 - b. Pageant Promotion 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 dress fashions and styles.
4. Judging will begin from the time contestant's 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** before the Final Performance.
3. CPRA Royalty appearances during the year are to be contracted between the CPRA Royalty, her guardians (if a minor), and the Rodeo Committees. A pageant director will also oversee and assist with 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 CPRA sanctioned** or co-sanctioned rodeos during the year, attend WESA Market in Dallas in January, and the sponsor photo shoot (TBA May - June).
6. **CPRA Princess and Little Miss CPRA are required to attend a minimum of 5 CPRA sanctioned rodeos** during the year, attend WESA Market in Dallas in January, and the sponsor photo shoot (TBA May - June).

If you have any questions, please contact us. We are here to help!

***Call Amanda Guthrie at 316-734-9527 or Jackie White at 785-893-2563
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facebook message us at CPRA Pageant***

We will respond to you at our earliest convenience.