



2023 ROYALTY PROGRAM

Mountain Rodeo Association



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Royalty Competition Contestant Handbook

Orientation

Orientation will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at the Mountain Rodeo Association Grounds, 30782 Kings Canyon Road, Squaw Valley, Ca 93675. Contestants should bring something to take notes with, their parent(s)/guardian, and should dress in western attire including cowboy hat, belt, buckle, boots, jeans, and a western shirt.

Please RSVP to the royalty email, mraroyalty@gmail.com. Contact the royalty director for any questions or concerns you may have.

Royalty Director:

Heather Woods - Phone: **(559) 862-3227** Email: mraroyalty@gmail.com

If for some reason you are unable to attend on this date, please contact us prior to the orientation.

Please meet at the picnic tables (near the food booth).

During orientation, contestants will review the rules, regulations, and qualifications as a group and will be able to ask questions. This will also serve as an application/biography clinic. We will be there to help you complete your entire application, including creating a biography that will best represent you.

As part of the application, contestants are required to turn in a headshot style photograph. We will have a photographer at orientation to ensure this requirement is fulfilled. We ask that you use a good quality photo. Photos taken with cell phones most often turn out grainy and unclear when printed.

Applications can be submitted via email or in person.

This will be a casual day, so we encourage you to relax, enjoy yourself and meet new people. No horses at orientation.

The application deadline will be Wednesday, May 31st. Practices will run every Friday evening at 6pm sharp, beginning on Friday, June 2nd. You will receive your minimum required amount of tickets to sell on the day of the first practice.

Applications will not be taken after 6 PM on Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

Standard Qualifications

1. Submit completed paperwork and contestant fees by entry deadline.
2. Must not be, or ever have been, married or divorced.
3. Must not be pregnant or the mother of a child.
4. Must not hold a current title for another rodeo. Current MRA title holders are ineligible unless one year has passed since they held the title of the age category they are in, or they are moving up an age division.
5. Must meet age requirements determined by contestant's age as of December 31, 2023. For example, when you fill out your application, you are 17 years old. But, you will turn 18 on August 15, 2023. You would compete at the Queen level because you will turn 18 by the end of the year. For more clarification, please contact the royalty director.
 - Tiny Princess - Ages 5-7 years old. Regardless of age, tinies must possess the ability to understand and follow verbal directions.
 - Little Miss - Ages 8-12 years old
 - Princess - Ages 13-17 years old
 - Queen - Ages 18-22 years old

If a contestant has any type of disability, custody arrangement, prior commitment, or anything else that may affect our ability to teach or their attendance, please let us know in advance! We can make arrangements to accommodate most things if we know about them ahead of time.

Requirements

You must complete each of the following.

You must turn in to the royalty director each of the following by Wednesday, May 31, 2023:

1. Completed application form, including the handbook signature page.
2. Photo/Biography:
 - a. Each contestant is asked to submit their picture (8X10 COLOR PRINTED) with this application. We ask that the picture be a head shot showing them wearing a cowboy hat. Please do not include animals or other people. This photo must also be emailed to **mraroyalty@gmail.com**.
 - b. Along with the photo, each contestant is asked to submit a brief biography. Please include, name, age, parents, school, hobbies, future plans and why you would like to represent the MRA (any other important information is welcomed as well). The biography should be short and to the point.
3. Completed and signed Mountain Rodeo Association membership packet, including membership fee..
4. Completed and signed photo release form.

You must complete each of the following before the second to last practice on Friday, August 11, 2023:

5. Volunteer Hours:
 - a. Volunteer at any MRA event or workday between orientation and the competition. You will be required to check in with a board member or the royalty director upon arriving and leaving.
 - b. Volunteer at any community event, for at least 4 hours, and provide written or photo proof to the royalty director.
6. Fulfill ticket and sponsorship sales quotas for the appropriate age category.
7. Attend all mandatory practice dates.

**The above picture and biography will be used for distribution in the local news sources as applicable for our website, Facebook, and may appear in the rodeo program. This must be completed by the application deadline date of May 31st. We will use orientation as a bio “clinic” to ensure everyone is able to turn in a bio and photograph up to standards.

Please understand that if you have concerns with any of these tasks, we are always here to help!

Entry Fee

A non-refundable fee of \$15 will be required with your application. We can accept cash, Venmo (with an additional \$1.50 fee), or a check made out to the MRA. This covers your 1 year membership fee for the Mountain Rodeo Association. **This fee is non-refundable.**

Rules and Regulations

Ticket and Sponsorship sales are required.

Tickets will be \$1 each. Only 15,000 tickets will be printed.

Sponsorships are as follows:

- Platinum Sponsor (\$1500 and above)
- Gold Sponsor (\$1,000-\$1499)
- Silver Sponsor (\$500-\$999)
- Bronze Sponsor (\$200-\$499)
- Advertising Only Sponsor (\$100)
- Rodeo Event Sponsor-Buckles, Tiaras, Saddles, etc. (\$125-\$1000)

3 tentative prizes are scheduled for the raffle, but are subject to change:

1. A rifle from Gracie’s Firearms in Reedley
2. A pistol from Gracie’s Firearms in Reedley
3. An engraved pocket knife

To remain eligible (to compete at the competition) the quota established for the appropriate age division must be fulfilled/turned in by the start of the second to last practice. However, it’s best

not to wait until the last minute! We will accept ticket and/or sponsor monies at any time throughout the summer.

- Queen Contestants
 - o 1,000 Tickets
 - o Minimum of the equivalency of 1 Gold Sponsor (May be multiple smaller sponsorships, but must add up to at least \$1000.)
- Princess Contestants
 - o 800 Tickets
 - o Minimum of the equivalency of 1 Silver Sponsor (May be multiple smaller sponsorships, but must add up to at least \$500.)
- Little Miss Contestants
 - o 600 Tickets
 - o Minimum of the equivalency of 1 Bronze Sponsor (May be multiple smaller sponsorships, but must add up to at least \$200.)
- Tiny Princess Contestants
 - o 400 Tickets
 - o Minimum of 1 Rodeo Event Sponsor (Buckle, Saddle, Tiara, etc.) or 1 Advertising Only Sponsor (\$100)

NOTE: Part of the money from ticket sales and sponsorships goes towards covering costs for the pageant and providing prizes for all contestants whether they leave with a title or not. The more you sell, the more you benefit yourselves! You are more than welcome to sell more than the above allotment. Please contact the royalty director if you need more tickets or sponsor packets.

****When accepting sponsors, the sponsorship packet MUST be filled out and turned in with the money. If there is no sponsor packet included with the money, it WILL NOT count towards your requirements. If a sponsor pays with a check, the check should be made out to the Mountain Rodeo Association, and the Memo line should include the contestant's name. Any sponsor check without the contestant's name, WILL NOT be counted toward their minimum requirements.**

Conduct and Ethics

➤ Contestants and current royalty are held to the highest standard of professionalism and behavior during both judged and non-judged portions of the competition. Parents and friends, this goes for you too! The young ladies who hold the MRA royalty titles are representatives of our rodeo and community. Inappropriate behavior on the part of anyone associated with the MRA will NOT be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to:

- o Fighting (verbal or otherwise)

- o Anything determined or interpreted as verbal or physical abuse, intimidation, or cyber bullying.
 - o Excessive drinking by parents (Royalty are not to be drinking, regardless of age!)
 - o Tobacco use (contestants)
 - o Attempts to sabotage fellow contestants.
 - o Attempts to influence the coordinator or judges.
 - o Temper tantrums
 - o Profanity
 - o Unnatural hair color(s)
 - o Skirts above the knee or blouses that show cleavage and/or open shoulders are not to be worn.
 - o Tattoos must be covered.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct will NOT be tolerated from contestants, friends, family or current royalty.
- o First offense-verbal warning
 - o Second offense-10-point deduction
 - o Third offense-disqualification from the pageant or current royalty will lose their crown and anything associated with the title (as applicable ex: chaps, buckle, tiara, saddle, etc).
- Anyone leaving the pageant for any reason (termination or resigning) will need to return ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets to Heather Woods within one (1) week – SEVEN DAYS - of your dismissal.
- Parents and trainers of contestants will only be allowed in the arena if the contestant is a lead liner, or in the instance of an emergency. This time is for the royalty staff and invited guests to work with the contestants. Use of the arena with a parent or trainer, after the completion of practice, may be discussed.
- Complaints and concerns are welcome on the condition that they are presented to Heather Woods in an appropriate manner (written) to be addressed. Complaints do not go to board members.
- Only the royalty director will collect monies or view point totals prior to coronation.
- Crowned royalty will not be permitted to compete in another royalty competition or hold another title during their year of reign. A crowned title holder will be committed to the Mountain Rodeo Association for one year starting on the coronation date.

Who We Are

It is the goal of the MRA to promote the sport of rodeo by providing quality professional and amateur events. We strive to promote and advance the image of the mountain communities of Fresno County by providing events of county and statewide significance. It is also our goal to actively involve local youth by providing fun and engaging activities. We promote the sport of rodeo and instill an understanding of ranching heritage. We actively support veterans, local organizations, and families in our community. Our Cowboy Classic Ranch Rodeo is a Western States Ranch Rodeo Association Sanctioned event. Our rodeo events may include, but are not limited to:

1. Ranch Branding
2. Sort Rope & Doctor
3. 4 Man Team Roping
4. 4 Man Trailer Loading
5. Barrel Racing
6. Mutton Busting
7. Bull Riding
8. Ranch Bronc Riding
9. Wild Horse Race
10. Women's Steer Stopping
11. Stick Horse Barrels (8 and under)

Breakdown

Interview 5%

Personal/Private interviews will be held individually for each contestant, with all three judges, in a private room. Questions will pertain to current events, rodeo/equine knowledge and your personality. Interviews will last approximately 15 minutes per contestant. Order by draw in each group. This is a chance for the judges to get to know you, so let your personality shine!

Poise and Personality 10%

This portion of the pageant will be judged in all other portions of the contest, including on stage, in the arena, and during interviews. Judges are looking to see how you carry yourself in a variety of situations, and want to see your personality shine through.

Stage Portion 25%

On Saturday, August 19, 2023, the stage portion will be judged as follows:

Modeling: The first portion of the on-stage competition will be modeling. Contestants will enter and model their outfits accompanied by a commentary read by the emcee. Commentary will be a detailed description of the outfit you are modeling and why you chose it. Please do not include brand names of clothing, boots, etc.

Speech: Immediately following modeling, contestants will take the stage and receive the microphone from the emcee for their speeches. Contestants will be judged on the content and delivery of their speech. The Queen division will go first, followed by Princess, then Little Miss, then Tiny Princess. Our Tiny Princess contestants will not give a speech, but will have a conversation with the emcee (reigning Queen). There will be three judges. Order by draw for each group.

Speeches are an excellent way to introduce yourself to the community and show off your public speaking skills. Speeches should be memorized; cue cards are allowed, but discouraged. Speeches will be about a ranch rodeo event or person in the ranch rodeo world of your choosing. There are time limits for speeches with 30 seconds leeway allowed. Speeches over or under the time limits will result in a point penalty.

- o Queen contestants: 2:30-3:00 minutes for speeches
- o Princess: 2:00-2:30 minutes for speeches
- o Little Miss: 1:30-2:00 minutes for speeches

Pick a ranch rodeo topic. It may be about an event that one would see at an MRA event, a person in the ranch rodeo world past or present, ranch rodeo personnel, ranch rodeo history, etc. Give the reason why you feel that your subject is important to the sport of ranch rodeo, explain about the history surrounding the chosen topic/person, and the purpose or difference made in the industry. Please let coordinators know what event or person that you are choosing. The same topic may not be repeated after it has been chosen by a contestant, so let us know as soon as possible! Here are a few examples of speech topics:

Examples of Events: Team penning, ranch bronc riding, wild horse racing, ranch branding, trailer loading, etc.

Examples of People or Personnel: Announcer, flagger, secretary, rodeo judge, association board, a famous person in ranch rodeo history, or person who has made a difference in the ranch rodeo industry

Questions: After your speech/conversation you will draw and answer three questions from a hat, based on the appropriate age category. These questions will be given to you no later than the first practice date.

Don't stress out! You will know the answers to all of the questions if you attend all of the practices before the competition. We want to help you grow and learn, and will help each of you with any question you have about royalty or rodeo!

Cowgirl Advice: All contestants will be asked to give their cowgirl advice following the questions. Cowgirl Advice should be chosen in advance and approved by the royalty director. Your Cowgirl advice should be original and meaningful to you, and offer a piece of wisdom or advice to peers.

Example: It's not how many times your butt lands in the dirt that matters. What really counts is when you pick yourself up, dust off your britches, and get back on.

Attire and Appearance 10%

Since we are a ranch rodeo, our pageant isn't expecting top dollar glam and glitz! Fit and flattering styles are far more important than the amount spent. In saying that, we wish for our girls to dress professionally and for their style to shine through. We ask that when you go to buy or borrow your outfits you keep in mind that we are looking to see your personality, not your price tag. The attire for this portion of the pageant should include a hat, belt, boots, buckle, and sash. Contestants are allowed to wear the same outfits for interviews and for the on-stage portion, but the outfit should be appropriate for both, if you chose to use only one outfit. **Chaps and spurs will not be permitted.** Proper undergarments will always be worn. Please do not show shoulders and dresses MUST be at minimum to the knee. We are always available for questions, and will discuss attire dos and don'ts in detail.

Horsemanship 50%

Sunday, August 20, 2023. Gates to the rodeo grounds will be open at 7am. Competition will begin promptly at 9am. Once all classes have been completed, we will take photos in front of the bucking chutes. Order of appearance will be the exact opposite of the interview portion of the competition. Horsemanship will differ slightly per age division. Tiny Princesses will do a Queen's wave lap. However, the royalty director and parents of ALL tiny princess contestants will discuss to make the decision on whether or not the tiny princess competition will include a flag lap. Lead line is acceptable, but not required. There will be three judges – they may or may not be the same judges from other portions of the competition. Horses will be numbered during competition.

Ranch riding pattern: Contestants will complete a horsemanship pattern which will be handed out at the Orientation. Two patterns will be handed out to contestants in the Queen division, but the pattern for use will not be given until the morning of the competition. Princess, Little Miss, and Tiny Princess will be given their pattern at orientation. Contestants will be judged on their riding abilities over their horse's talent. Immediately following the horsemanship pattern, contestants will approach the judges for the horsemanship interview. Contestants will dismount prior to being asked 3 questions of the judges' choosing, and re-mount once the horsemanship interview is over. Walk your horse out of the arena upon being excused by the judges.

Rail work: Queen contestants only: Prior to the rail work, queen contestants will swap horses. This will be done by random draw. Queen contestants will have 15 minutes to get to know their

draw horse, and are allowed to ask each other questions about their mounts. Substitutes will be available if a horse should be determined to be dangerous by the judges and royalty director. Contestants will not change their draw horse's tack unless deemed necessary by the royalty director. Little Miss and Tiny Princess contestants will only be asked to walk and trot.

Flag Run: For the Queen and Princess age divisions, this will be two full laps, carrying a flag. For the Little Miss and Tiny Princess (if applicable) age divisions, this will be one full lap at a safe and comfortable speed. If your horse does not like flags, please come to practices and work with your horse, or secure use of a horse you are comfortable with prior to the competition.

Queen Wave: Queen and Princess contestants will complete two full laps of the arena during which the judges will be watching your ability to ride with control and speed. They will be looking for your ability to connect with an audience from the arena. Little Miss contestants will do one lap at a minimum speed of an extended trot. Tiny Princess contestants will do one lap at a speed of their choice.

Your appearance, attire, and knowledge for the Horsemanship portion will be judged separately from that of the on-stage portion.

The same horse must be used by a contestant for all portions of the Horsemanship competition (excluded Queen contestants during rail work). There will be no switching of horses between reining pattern to queen laps and flag runs, unless there is an injury and the horse is deemed lame or unsafe by the royalty director and judges.

Point System

There are 150 possible points total from each judge, for each contestant, each day. This is a total of 450 points for the On-stage phase and a total of 450 points for the Horsemanship phase, totaling 900 points possible for the entire competition weekend. The judge's scores and effort points will be combined and the highest scoring contestant will receive the title in their age category. Effort points will be earned by attendance.

50% Stage and Interview Portion (Saturday) = 150 pts total per judge

- o **5% Interview = 15 pts**
 - Appearance, Contestant Demeanor (calm, nervous, etc.), Eye Contact = 5 pts
 - Personality = 5 pts
 - Knowledge = 5 pts
- o **10% Poise and Personality – On Stage = 30 pts**
 - Confidence = 10 pts
 - Entertaining to watch, Posture, Smile = 5 pts
 - Eye Contact = 5 pts
 - Speaks loudly and clearly = 10 pts
- o **10% Attire and Appearance = 30 pts**
 - Outfit Choice/Appropriateness = 10 pts
 - Grooming (hair, nails, makeup) = 10 pts

- Cleanliness (Hat, Boots, etc.) = 5 pts
- Clothing Neatness (shirt tucked neatly, no wrinkles, etc.) = 5 pts
- o **25% Stage = 75 pts**
 - Modeling – Moves Gracefully, Engages the Crowd, Confident in their walk = 10 pts
 - Speech – Content, On Topic, Smooth Delivery (no pauses, etc.) = 20 pts
 - Cowgirl Advice – Delivered confidently, Came from the heart, Offers words of wisdom or advice to others = 15 pts
 - Questions – 3 Questions drawn from a hat according to age category (10 pts each) = 30 pts

50% Horsemanship Portion (Sunday) = 150 pts total per judge

- o **10% Presentation = 30 pts**
 - Horse Grooming and Appearance – Well groomed (brushed/washed), Tack colors flatter both rider and horse = 10 pts
 - Tack Appearance – Appropriate tack used, Tack clean and in working order = 10 pts
 - Rider Appearance – Outfit flatters rider, hair pulled back neatly, makeup/hair/nails presentable = 10 pts
- o **10% Knowledge = 30 pts**
 - Equine and Tack Knowledge Questions – 3 Questions of judges choosing during post-ride interview (10 pts each) = 30 pts
- o **30% Riding Ability = 90 pts**
 - Rail Work = 20 pts
 - Followed directions of the announcer = 5 pts
 - Executed Maneuvers Properly (including staying spaced properly) = 10 pts
 - Poise (Smile, Posture, etc.) = 5 pts
 - Ranch Riding Pattern = 25 pts
 - Maneuvers Performed Correctly = 10 pts
 - Pattern Executed Correctly = 5 pts
 - Poise (Smile, Posture, etc.) = 10 pts
 - Queen Wave = 20 pts
 - Connected w/ Audience = 10 pts
 - Speed = 5 pts
 - Used whole arena = 5 pts
 - Flag Run = 20 pts
 - Flag Presentation (flag pushed forward, not rolled, etc.) = 10 pts
 - Speed = 5 pts
 - Used whole arena = 5 pts

- Dismount/Remount for Interview (doesn't drop reins, doesn't pull horse or saddle over, checks cinch, etc.) = 5 points

EFFORT POINTS

1/2 of a point will be awarded for every event that the contestant participates in. Contestants will be provided with a signature sheet and must obtain one signature from either the royalty director, an appointed royalty staff member, or a board member at each event. If attending the event for point purposes, it must be in a volunteer or MRA representation fashion (competing as a contestant in a playday, cowboy days, etc does not count). These signatures will be the proof needed to earn effort points. You are responsible for getting your signatures, we will not hunt you down to sign your sheet! If you do not have your physical sheet present to get your signature, you do not receive the point for that event. Signatures must be obtained during the event, and will not be given at a later date.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Orientation-Must be in queen attire
- Royalty Practices-Be there on time, and stay for the entirety of the practice
- Volunteering
- Public Appearances-Must be in queen attire
- Playdays (if volunteering, not competing)

Equipment

Equipment rules will follow the Ranch Horse Association of America (RHAA) guidelines. All tack should be clean, in good condition, and work properly. Western saddles in any style may be used. Bridles such as ring snaffles & hackamores, may be ridden two handed on a horse aged 5 and under only. Horses are permitted to be ridden in a two rein & the bosal may be of any size with no iron or metal of any kind. A two rein horse must be ridden one handed. Romal reins must be held full-fisted. A bridle is defined as a curbed, shanked bit. Any bit is legal provided nothing extends below the bars of the bit. Reins on a shanked bit must be held in one hand with no more than one finger between the reins. Chain bits are legal, provided there is no gag or slide. Contestants will not be allowed to use any device that gives him/her undue control over the horse such as: Tie Downs, Mechanical Hackamores, Quick Stops, Martingales, Gag bits, etc. Nothing may be around the horses' nose. No wire of any kind on the curb, bit, or headstall. Bits must be free of mechanical devices. Spurs will be allowed. If you are in doubt regarding any of your equipment, please ask questions and give yourself plenty of time to adjust as necessary.

****Subject to change if the royalty director or judges deem absolutely necessary.****

Attire

Jeans, riding boots, belt with buckle, cowboy hat and button-down shirts shall be worn for this portion of the competition. Again, clothing should be well-fitting and flattering above expensive!

Choose colors which flatter you and your horse. Chaps of any kind will not be worn by contestants. Hair should be tied back for this portion of the pageant. Anything which shows movement (i.e. fringe and dangle earrings) should be avoided.

Horses

Horses, mules, or ponies may be used as long as the size of the animal is appropriate to the size of the rider. They may be owned, leased, or borrowed. They must be sound enough to complete the tasks outlined above. Injured or lame horses will not be ridden. Horses should be well groomed and conditioned prior to competition - a sleek, shiny and healthy horse can go a long way towards your overall presentation!

Ties

In the event of a tie, the contestant with the higher score in the horsemanship phase will be declared the winner. If this does not break the tie, the contestant with the higher score in the on-stage phase will be declared the winner. In the event this does not break the tie, the contestant with the most ticket and sponsorship sales in their age division will be declared the winner.

Coronation

Prizes will always include a crown, sash, belt buckle, and perpetual chaps to the newly crowned royalty. Placings, awards, and coronation will be announced during the coronation dinner on Saturday, August 26, 2023.

During the coronation dinner, all category and overall winners will be announced. Prizes for ALL contestants may not be claimed until after completion of all volunteer duties and participation in grand entry at the rodeo on Saturday, September 9, 2023.

Dinner will be provided for the contestants only. There will be a fee for dinner tickets for friends and family.

During the stage portion of the coronation dinner, each contestant will designate a person of their choosing to escort them to the stage. After being escorted to the stage, each contestant will give a short speech to introduce themselves, and tell us about their favorite part of running for MRA royalty.

Anonymous comment cards will be available for anyone who wishes to give comment, concern, advice, or opinions about the program. Every opinion is taken into consideration, and greatly appreciated. We aim to make our program as fun and educational as possible for our youth!

Awards

Awards may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Pretty N’ Punchy Award
- High Money Award
- Poise and Personality Award
- Horsemanship Award
- Speech Award
- Most Photogenic
- Miss Congeniality

Participation for Contestants

Royalty Practices will be held on Friday nights, starting at 6pm sharp. Two mandatory horsemanship practices, one mandatory speech and modeling practice, and various optional activities will take place over the summer. Mandatory dates will be discussed during Orientation on May 7, 2023, so please bring your calendars!

2 Mandatory Horsemanship Practices: _____

Mandatory Speech and Modeling Practice: _____

Optional Cattle Clinic: _____

The second to last practice prior to competition on August 11, 2023 is absolutely mandatory, no exceptions. On this date, contestants will turn in all final requirements to compete.

COMPETITION DATES: On-Stage: Saturday, August 19, 2023

Horsemanship: Sunday, August 20, 2023

CORONATION DINNER: August 26, 2023

Mandatory Participation for Crowned Royalty

**Please note that winners will be signing contracts outlining the MRA’s expectations for them. These contracts will list all of the prizes (perpetual and otherwise) and required appearances along with standards for behavior while representing the MRA. Contracts will also define factors which could cause a royalty title to be removed. (Dates subject to change, however, events remain the same.)

Mandatory Attendance Dates:

- Cowboy Classic Ranch Rodeo September 9th and 10th, 2023
- MRA Kick-off Dinner/Dance..... March 2024 (tentative)
- Cowboy Days at the MRA Rodeo Grounds..... May 2024
- Grand Entry Performance at the MRA Rodeo.....September 2024

Aside from these four specific dates, mandatory participation will be as follows:

- MRA Queen must attend at minimum 5 appearances.
- MRA Princess must attend at minimum 4 appearances.
- MRA Little Miss must attend at minimum 3 appearances.

- MRA Tiny Princess must attend at minimum 3 appearances.

These additional appearances require full queen attire, and is not limited to, but can include:

- Attending other rodeos to run flags, participate in grand entry, or volunteer in any capacity.
- Attend MRA Playdays or 4C/MRA sortings to run flags or volunteer.
- Attend school functions in the community to educate children, hand out awards, or read books.
- Attend radio or news casts.
- Participate in parades. For example: Fresno Veterans Day Parade, Sanger Veterans Day Parade, Clovis Christmas Lights Parade, Reedley Fiesta Parade, Sanger Christmas Parade, Reedley Farm Equipment Christmas Parade, Dunlap Christmas Parade, etc.
- Volunteer at Squaw Valley community events/dinners: American Legion Easter Egg Hunt, Bear Mountain Library Yard Sale, American Legion Yard Sale, American Legion Dinner with a Veteran, Squaw Valley School House fundraisers, etc.

Acknowledgement

After you have thoroughly read and understood the above handbook, please sign and detach this sheet, and return it to your royalty director. Minor contestants require a parent signature.

I, _____, have carefully read and understand the entirety of the *Royalty Competition Contestant Handbook*.

I understand that if I (my child) do not meet the minimum requirements by August 11, 2023, I (my child) will not be able to participate in the royalty competition.

I understand that if I (my child) break(s) a conduct rule, disciplinary action will take place as outlined in this handbook.

Date: _____

Contestant Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____