

BLUE RIDGE RIDING CLUB



ROYALTY RULE BOOK

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Royalty Competition Registration Instructions & Form

Dear Royalty Contestant,



Thank you for your interest in serving on the Blue Ridge Riding Club Royalty Court. In this packet you will find a copy of the Royalty Rule Book. By signing this form you are stating that you have read and understand the rules, regulations, and responsibilities of the Royalty Court and Competition and understand they may be amended as needed. You are also stating that you have seen, understand, and will adhere to the important dates as explained below. All decisions of the BRRRC will be final.

Important Dates

DATE	ITEMS DUE
APRIL 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Signed registration form due (page 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Completed contestant information form due (page 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor form and sponsor ad work (page 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor money due (\$300) <p><i>*Mail to BRRRC at PO Box 69 Blue Ridge TX 75424. Make checks payable to BRRRC.*</i></p>
MAY 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Contestants are required to be in competition attire and registered by 10:00 am. <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor sashes will be handed out <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers drawn and competition order will be assigned. <input type="checkbox"/> The judges will score contestants as stated in Royalty Rule Book <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Membership must be current by competition date <input type="checkbox"/> Contestant biographies and pictures are due (you can turn them in at the May playday, at the May 30th Royalty Competition, or email them to Jennifer Mansion at rockinmproductions@gmail.com by May 29th). <input type="checkbox"/> All photos should be in jpg format. <input type="checkbox"/> Donations are due (\$300)
JULY 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Royalty Winner will be announced at the Blue Ridge Rodeo. Buckles and crowns to be awarded at the rodeo. Saddles to be awarded at the end of the year banquet.

Royalty Participant's Name

Age as of January 1, 2021

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Contestant Information

CONTESTANT NAME	
ADDRESS	
BIRTHDATE	
AGE AS OF Jan. 1, 2021	
NAME OF SCHOOL	
PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME	
EMAIL	
PHONE	
ROYALTY POSITION	<input type="checkbox"/> Princess <input type="checkbox"/> Sweetheart <input type="checkbox"/> Queen

If under the age of 18, all correspondence will go through parent or legal guardian. All correspondence will be done through email.

Please feel free to contact the Royalty Captain with questions.

Jennifer Mansion
 rockinmproductions@gmail.com
 915-401-4852



Sponsorship Form & Ad Work



BUSINESS NAME	
MAILING ADDRESS	
EMAIL	
CONTACT NAME	
PHONE #	
BRRRC CONTESTANT NAME	

Each BRRRC Royalty Candidate must have one sponsor. The sponsor agrees to pay \$300 to support the candidate through the Royalty Contest.

All sponsors will receive the following benefits for each \$300 sponsorship:

1. Social Media advertising courtesy of the BRRRC. Website advertising on the BRRRC page. Please email the logo and/or ad work you'd like used to promote your business to Heather Wood, heather.wood77@yahoo.com.
2. A sash with your business name will be worn by your contestant during the competition and at the BRRRC Rodeo leading up to the crowning.
3. A verbal announcement of your business as a sponsor of the contestant at each night's performance of the July BRRRC Rodeo.
4. Two free Adult tickets to the Blue Ridge Rodeo on either Friday or Saturday night (to be determined by the BRRRC).

Ads may be emailed to Jennifer Mansion at rockinmproductions@gmail.com or attached to this form. Emailed ads MUST be in PDF or JPEG format ONLY.

The BRRC Royalty Captain in conjunction with the BRRC Board of Directors has pledged to make the pageant memorable for each contestant. The executive board is confident that the chosen Royalty Captain will represent his/her club and the city of Blue Ridge in a grand manner.

Blue Ridge Riding Club **Queen, Sweetheart, and Princess** symbolize the youth of our rodeo, city, club, and those who wish to promote the sport of rodeo, and in so doing, promote the great western way of life. A contestant for Queen, Sweetheart, or Princess possesses a congenial personality, and knowledge of the equine industry, and the sport of professional rodeo.

ELIGIBILITY

1. **Princess contestants** must not be more than 10 years of age as of January 1 *before* the competition.
2. **Sweetheart contestants** must not be less than 11 years of age and no more than 14 years of age as of January 1 *before* the competition.
3. **Queen contestants** must not be less than 15 years of age and no more than 18 years of age as of January 1 *before* the competition.
4. Birth certificates may be required as proof of age.
5. Contestants and/or family must be a BRRC member in good standing.
6. No person who will be under the age of 18 years on January 1st, the year of the competition, may be a contestant unless his/her parents and/or legal guardian have given their written consent to such participation, agreeing to comply with all of these rules and regulations as they then exist or may thereafter be amended.
7. Sweetheart and Queen *must* be able to ride and carry a flag.
8. The reigning contestants are not eligible to compete during their reigning year with the exception of the following:
 - The Sweetheart who has turned 15 and is eligible to compete in the Queen contest if she so wishes.
 - The Princess who has turned 11 and is eligible in the Sweetheart contest if she so wishes.

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

1. Contestants shall attend all public and private functions connected with the Club, Rodeo, and the Royalty contest as are designated by the BRRC Royalty Captain, and shall participate in promotional and other functions to the extent and in the manner requested by BRRC. Contestants **MUST** conduct themselves in a sportsmanship-like manner at all times. Any behaviors seen, reported or observed on social media will be addressed by the board to determine what action if any needs to be taken to address such concerns. Failure to attend all required functions will result in the loss of the crown and title and will be passed on to the runner up in all royalty titles.
2. Contestants must ride in the Rodeo parade. Dress for the parade will be of the contestant's choice but must consist of your sponsor's banner, cowboy hat or helmet, boots, and long sleeve/western shirt, and long pants. Outfit must be neat and tasteful.
3. Contestants must ride in the Grand Entry every night of the Rodeo and attend all performances of the Rodeo unless specifically excused from there by the BRRC Royalty Captain. The contestants may wear clothing of their choice but must consist of the sponsor's banner,

cowboy hat or helmet, boots, and long pants and long sleeved button down western shirts. Contestants must wear sponsor's banner throughout the royalty contest and the rodeo.

4. Contestants will be required to be at the rodeo arena at least one hour prior to the performance each night. Contestants will be required to be mounted and located near the West gate and check in with BRRRC Royalty Captain for the parade and/or grand entry. All contestants will ride together in the grand entry following the reigning Queen, Sweetheart, and Princess.
5. At all BRRRC functions, performances, and events, each contestant shall be dressed in western attire all of which shall be furnished at the sole cost and expense of the contestant and approved by the Royalty Captain.
6. At any event requiring the contestants to be mounted, each contestant shall provide the horse to be used by her, together with all the necessary saddles, bridles, and or other equipment, and at her sole cost and expense, transport the horse to and from the site of the function.
7. Each contestant shall provide her own transportation to each such function, performance and or event unless otherwise instructed by the BRRRC Royalty Captain.
8. BRRRC Royalty Captain shall have the sole right to publish or cause the publication in any media, and use in any reasonable manner, the name, basic biographical background and photograph of each contestant for the purpose of the promotion of the contest.
9. The Royalty Court is required to attend each Playday in rodeo attire to present the colors during the National Anthem and help during the Playday events as needed. In addition to the above mentioned duties, the Royalty Court will attend the Annual Award Banquet. Failure to attend the above listed functions will result in the removal of the awarded title and crown and will be passed on to the runner up in all categories.

SELECTION OF CONTESTANTS

5. Point System

- The selection of the contestants in the Royalty Court consist of Queen, Sweetheart, and Princess, and will be judged and regulated on a point system in the following categories and point totals:

Obtain Sponsorship *Requirement to compete in the Royalty Competition	\$300	
Obtain Donations	\$300	50 points
Personality		25 points
Appearance		25 points
Personal Interview		50 points
Horsemanship		50 points
PERFECT SCORE		200 POINTS

6. Judging

- The judging panel will consist of three judges who do not know any of the contestants and/or their families and who are familiar with the rodeo and horse industry. The judging panel is obtained by the BRRRC Royalty Captain with board approval and any compensation to the judges is negotiated between the coordinator and judges and paid from the Royalty funds.

7. Sponsorship – Requirement for participation

- All contestants must have a business sponsor in order to compete, receive points and awards. The cost of the sponsorship is \$300. All sponsorships must be obtained by the due date and all funds and forms turned in by that date to be eligible to compete and receive prizes.
- All contestants will have a full-page ad in the rodeo program with a picture and biography along with the business name, address, etc. stating that they are the contestant's sponsor. This biography and picture must be provided to the BRRRC Royalty Captain by the determined due date.
- The contestant will wear a sash during the parade, rodeo grand entry, and rodeo with the business name of their sponsor. The BRRRC Royalty Captain will have all the sashes made for the contestants.
- All sponsors will receive the following benefits for each **\$300 sponsorship**:
 - Social Media advertising courtesy of the BRRRC. Website advertising on the BRRRC website.
 - A sash with their business name worn by their contestant during the competition.
 - A verbal announcement of their business as a sponsor of the contestant at each night's performance of the July rodeo.
 - Two free Adult tickets to the Blue Ridge Rodeo on either Friday or Saturday night.

8. Donations

- All contestants must obtain **\$300 in donations** to support the Royalty Contest.

9. Personality

- This category will be judged by the panel of judges.
- The judges will form their opinions during the course of the competition and personal interview.

10. Appearance

- During the horsemanship competition, the contestants will be required to wear black or denim jeans, cowboy boots, cowboy hat, long sleeved button down shirt and belt. (No rips or tears in jeans.)
- Your outfit needs to be neat and clean.
- Your horse should be well groomed as your horse's appearance is also judged.
- This category will be judged by the panel of judges.

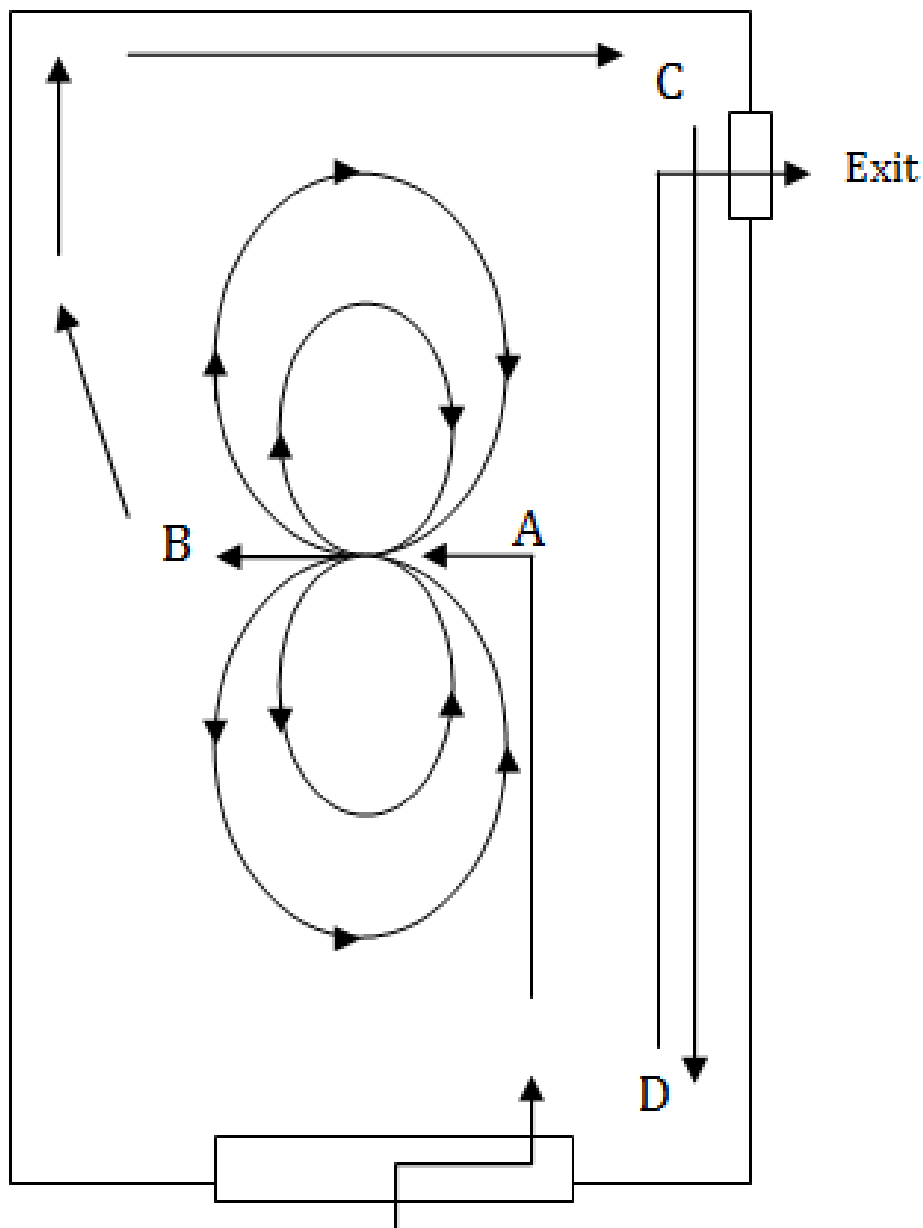
11. Personal Interview

- This category will be judged by the panel of judges.
- The interview will be from 5-15 minutes in length. The panel will ask questions about the contestant's history with BRRRC, horsemanship, school and community activities, as well as basic rodeo facts.

12. Horsemanship Pattern #1 (Queen and Sweetheart)

- This category will be judged by the selected panel of judges.
- This pattern is designed for the Queen and Sweetheart. *Princess contestants may voluntarily choose this pattern.*
- Walk to position A. Begin a figure 8, working to the right at a fast lope and make the larger figure 8. Reduce speed to go into smaller figure 8. Stop at position B. Trot to position C. Begin fast pace at position C, coming to a stop at position D. Turn away from the fence at position D and proceed to the exit gate at a fast pace, doing a presentation ride saluting the crowd. Stop at the gate and exit the arena.

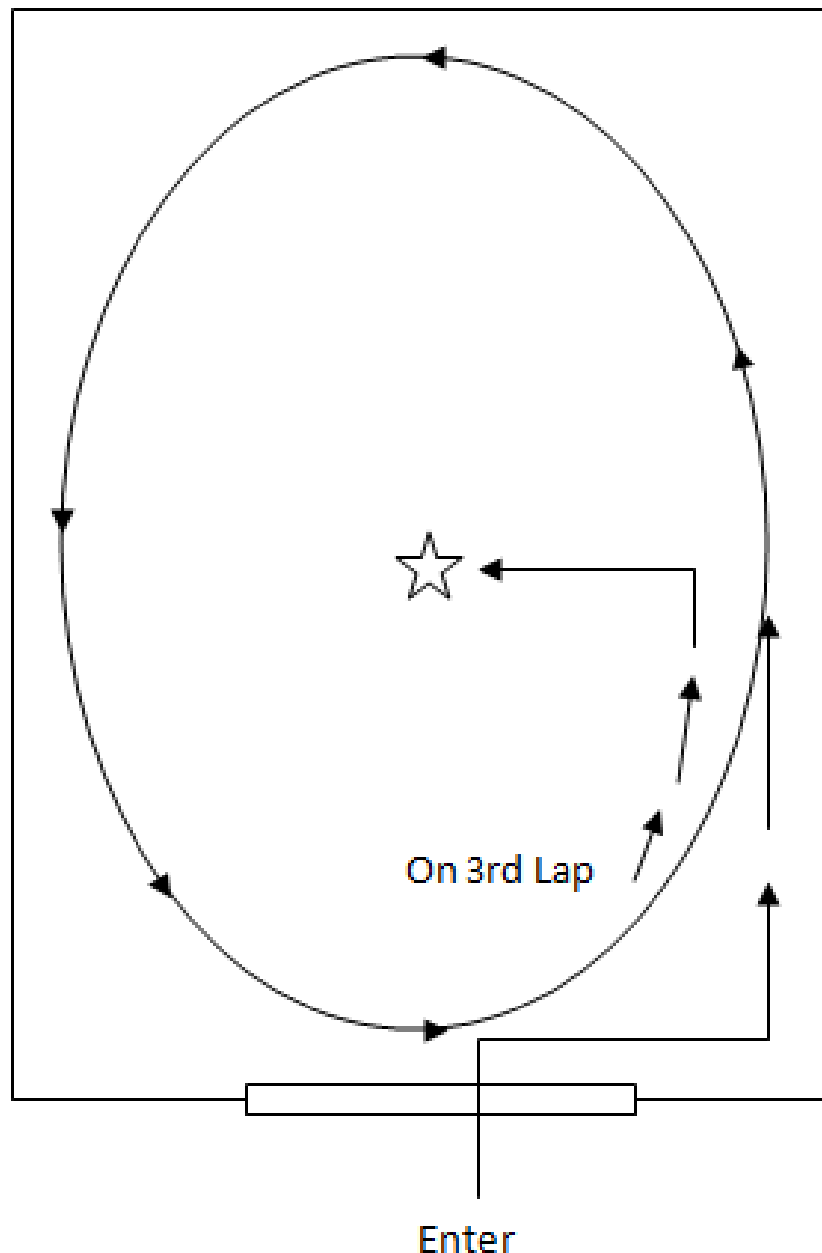
Pattern #1



13. Horsemanship Pattern #2 (Princess)

- This category will be judged by the selected panel of judges.
- This pattern is designed for the Princess
- Enter the arena and circle the arena at a slow lope. Make a second circle around the arena as a presentation ride, saluting the crowd. Halfway around the third lap, go to the middle of the arena, stop your horse and position yourself in the center of the arena. You must be able to control your horse in the same position for several minutes during the announcement of the other contestants. Pattern #2

Pattern #2



Competition

- All contestants will wear a number during the competition. All contestants will be known by number, not name. No sponsor's banners will be worn during competitions.
- **One week prior to the competition, a rain location will be secured. Therefore, the competition will be held rain or shine.**
- All contestants will need to check in by the published time, to draw their number. This number will be the order in which they compete.
- All winners will be announced during the Saturday night performance of the July rodeo. No announcements will be made prior to the Saturday night of the rodeo.
- All original score cards will be kept by the Royalty Captain.

Awards Presented

The following positions and awards will be considered depending on the number of participants and the amount of funds raised by contestants. Buckles and crowns to be awarded the day the winners are announced, saddles will be awarded at the year end awards ceremony.

- Queen - Saddle and Crown
- Sweetheart - Saddle and Crown
- Princess - Saddle and Crown

DUTIES & EXPECTATIONS OF ROYALTY COURT

1. The Royalty Court is required to ride in all rodeos held at the BRRRC arena. This includes the opening ceremony/presentation of colors at each Playday. Failure to do so will result in the removal of the court members crown and title and will be passed on to the runner up. If a royalty court member is not able to attend an event, the member must be given approval by the Royalty Captain. **Two or more absences, excused or unexcused will result in the immediate removal of the royalty court members crown and title and will be passed on to the runner up.**
2. The Royalty Court is expected to represent the BRRRC by riding in various events such as parades hosted, playdays, local events, the BRRRC Rodeo, and any other event deemed necessary by the BRRRC Board of Directors. Furthermore, the Royalty Court is to conduct themselves in a way that represents the BRRRC at all times. Conduct unbecoming will be addressed by the Royalty Captain and is subject to being grounds for removal. All Royalty Contestants shall also conduct themselves in a way that reflects positively outside of BRRRC events. This conduct includes behavior on social media outlets, other outside events, fundraisers, and or any public appearance where the Royalty Court member has a known affiliation with the BRRRC.
3. Attire for the playday opening ceremony is a cowboy hat, long sleeve/western shirt, and their royalty sash.
4. The Queen will present American Flag, Sweetheart will present the Texas Flag, and if the Princess is capable, she will carry the BRRRC Club Flag.
5. In the event a member of the Royalty Court is unable or does not fulfill their duties, it must be brought to the attention of the Royalty Director who will then present the case to the BRRRC Board of Directors. Jointly a determination will be made as to whether the runner-up will take over in the reigning position.

CONTESTING THE ROYALTY COMPETITION

Any contestant and/or parent wishing to contest the results of the competition must file a written dispute with the Board of Directors of BRRC within 24 hours of the announcement of the winners and/or within 24 hours of the completion of the competition. Upon receipt of this written dispute, the Board of Directors at their discretion will review it and hold any necessary meetings, as they deem appropriate. All decisions of the Board of Directors will be FINAL.