

2026 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Rules

ROYALTY PROGRAM RULES

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Mail or Deliver Entries to:

Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Program
500 Fairgrounds Drive
Castle Rock, CO 80104

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The following terms, conditions, and requirements apply to the Royalty program and contest. These requirements and regulations do not supersede or negate the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo General Competition Rules. All contestants must be familiar with all Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Competition Rules. Additional and specific Competition Rules are set forth below and in the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Queen and Princess Royalty Agreement. Both general and specific Competition Rules shall apply to competition and program unless specifically noted otherwise.
 - 1. Every contestant entering any competition at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo shall comply with the Competition Rules as set forth below and shall comply with any additional or specific requirements or regulations as set forth for each, individual competition. Submission of an entry to the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo expressly binds the contestant to all terms and conditions contained in any and all parts of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Competition Rules.
 - 2. If there are any questions about this competition or the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Program, please contact either the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent.

II. COMPETITION PROVISIONS

- A. Contestants selected for the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Program must make appearances and represent the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo and the Douglas County Fair Foundation Board as requested until the end of next year's fair.
 - 1. Selected contestants who fail to appear or participate in required appearances or events may be subject to discipline as set forth in Section 1, VIII of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo General Competition Rules.
- B. Any horse may be inspected at any time for general health by Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Management. Any horse showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases will be ineligible and excused from the Fairgrounds.
- C. Contestants are warned that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the Officials on the part of the owner, groom, driver or rider, of any horse on exhibition will disqualify the contestant and the contestant will be subject to discipline as set forth in Section 1, VIII of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo General Competition Rules.

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- D. No contestant or parent(s) of the contestant shall try to influence the judges, or in any way hinder the progress of judging the contest. Any person who is discourteous to the Directors, Judges, or officials or who attempts to influence or hinder the judging of this contest may be subject to discipline as set forth in Section 1, VIII of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo General Competition Rules. THE JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
- E. No stallions will be allowed in this competition or program.
- F. Only contestants are permitted to ride or school the horse on the Douglas County Fairgrounds.
 - 1. Anyone not listed as the Contestant on the entry form must receive prior written permission from Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Management to ride a horse other than their own on the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Permission must be granted immediately prior to the riding or schooling.
- G. In the HORSEMANSHIP event of the contest, contestants will be required to control their horse one handed, REGARDLESS of the bit used (i.e. snaffle bit, hackamore, or western curb, etc.) or age of horse.
 - 1. If a contestant chooses to ride two handed, it will be the judge's discretion to deduct points.
- H. At the discretion of Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Management, any horse that cannot be adequately controlled by the contestant will be excused from the show ring and/or the Fairgrounds. Safety and courtesy to all riders will be stressed. A horse is considered as being sufficiently out of control at any time the contestant is unable to manage the animal after a reasonable corrective action or time.
- I. If a selected Contestant/Royalty Member fail to abide by the following requirements at any time either prior to or during her reign, she may be required to relinquish her position at the discretion of the Douglas County Fair Foundation Board and may be subject to discipline as set forth in Section VIII of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo General Competition Rules.
 - 1. Contestants cannot be married and must remain unmarried during their reign.
 - 2. If the selected Queen and/or Princess should choose to marry during their reign, they must relinquish their position.
 - 3. They may not cohabitate with any significant other during their reign.
 - 4. They must not be, nor ever have been pregnant.
- J. Contestants will be judged on:

	Queen	Princess
Horsemanship:	60%	50%
Personality:	40%	50%

The contestant must earn 70% of the total points to be awarded a title.

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III. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Contestants must reside in Douglas County, Colorado.
- B. Only females are eligible for this competition.
- C. Age Requirements
 - 1. Queen Contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 22 on the day of the contest.
 - 2. Princess Contestants must be between the ages of 9 and 15 on the day of the contest.

IV. ENTRIES

- A. Required entry forms can be picked up at the Fairgrounds Office.
- B. All entries must be made on regulation forms, properly filled out, and accompanied by all required agreements and documentation including:
 - 1. Proof of ownership or a lease signed by the owner of the horse to be used for the contest and program.
 - 2. A color photo of the horse to be used for the contest and program.
 - 3. A signed Waiver of Liability.
 - 4. A signed Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Program Participation Agreement.
 - a. If Contestant/Royalty Member is under 21 years of age, Parent or Legal Guardian must also sign.
- C. Entries must be received by the Superintendent or Fairgrounds office before the Entry Deadline. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- D. Contestants under the age of 21 must have a parent or guardian's written consent.
- E. The contestant's or the minor contestant's parent/guardian's signing the competition entry form(s) certifies that he or she has read and has been advised of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo General Competition Rules, Queen and Princess Competition Rules, and special Department or Division Competition Rules.
 - 1. Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Management assumes no responsibility for errors on the entry forms.
 - 2. EFFECT OF ENTRY: Every contestant expressly understands and agrees that a contestant's completed entry form is her acceptance of all Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Competition Rules whether set forth in a general or a specific Rule. The contestant further agrees and understands that she will abide by the Royalty Program and Competition Rules throughout the duration of her time at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. Additionally, the contestant agrees and understands that failure to comply with the Royalty Program or Competition Rules may subject her to penalties, including the loss of prize or award money and the return of any other non-monetary awards she may receive.

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V. DISPUTES:

- A. The Douglas County Fair Foundation Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret all the Competition Rules and to settle questions of interpretation.

VI. DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS:

- A. The Department Superintendent shall make an initial determination as to whether a violation occurred per Section 1, VII of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo General Competition Rules.

VI. PROTESTS:

- A. Whenever any person believes that a contestant has engaged in any activity that violates the competition requirements or regulations of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo or engaged in any unethical activity during a competition, such person has the opportunity to provide his or her allegations of wrong-doing to the Douglas County Fair Foundation Board for review as set forth in Section 1, X of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo General Competition Rules.

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ROYALTY PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

- A. Queen, Queen Attendant, Princess and/or Princess Attendant (“Royalty Member”) is a resident of Douglas County, Colorado.
- B. Royalty Members must be single females, never have been married, and remain unmarried during their reign. They may not cohabitate with any significant other during their reign. They must not be, nor ever have been pregnant. If a selected Royalty Member should fail to abide by these conditions at any time either prior to or during her reign, she may be required to relinquish her position at the discretion of the Douglas County Fair Foundation Board.
- C. Appearances outside the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo include but are not limited to:
 - 1. **Queen and Queen Attendant:**
 - a. Must be available to appear at required appearances when called upon.
 - b. Queen and Queen Attendant may appear and participate in other fairs, rodeos, or other community events during their reign but not as representatives of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo without the express consent of the Douglas County Fair Foundation Board.
 - c. The Queen and the Queen Attendant must provide their own transportation, for themselves and their horses, when making required appearances.
 - d. The Queen and Queen Attendant must assist in fundraisers, meetings, practices and various community service events throughout their year.
 - 2. **Princess and Princess Attendant:**
 - a. Must be available to appear at required appearances when called upon.
 - b. Princess and Princess Attendant may appear and participate in other fairs and rodeos as well as additional community service events during their reign but not as representatives of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo without the express consent of the Douglas County Fair Foundation Board.
 - c. The Princess and Princess Attendant must provide their own transportation, for themselves and their horses, when making required appearances.
 - d. The princess and princess attendant will participate in fundraiser events, meetings, practices held accordingly, and various community service events throughout their year.
 - 3. **Required appearances include but are not limited to:**
 - a. **Queen and Queen Attendant:** Community service events, parades, horse shows, livestock shows, livestock sale, all rodeo performances, and any other events at the next year’s Douglas County Fair & Rodeo and/or as Douglas County Fair Foundation Board Directors deem appropriate throughout their year.

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- b. **Princess and Princess Attendant:** Douglas County Fair & Rodeo events held during the next year's Douglas County Fair & Rodeo, including but not limited to the parade, livestock sale, all rodeo performances and other community service events throughout their year.
- D. Failure to appear or participate in any of the required appearances or events will result in the Royalty Member relinquishing her position. All awards, prizes and education funds that have been received through their position shall be immediately returned to the committee. In the event a position is relinquished, the committee may select a successor who will be entitled to receive such awards, prizes and education funds, as determined by the committee.
- E. As a representative of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo, Royalty Members shall dress appropriately, in western attire with crown (if applicable) and banner at all required appearances and events. The Royalty Member and her horse shall be neat and well groomed. Inappropriate attire and/or grooming will be immediately corrected if required by the committee. Fighting, loud, disruptive, and other inappropriate behavior, while representing the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo, will not be tolerated and may result in relinquishment of title, at the discretion of the County Fair Foundation Board.
- F. Royalty Members are responsible for the care and maintenance of the chaps, chinks, leather horse drapes, loaner and program clothing, crown, and other program materials. In the event of loss or damage to any of the above, the Royalty Member will be responsible for reimbursement and/or replacement, as appropriate and determined by the committee.
- G. Royalty Members shall NOT swear, smoke, drink alcohol vape or use tobacco products, with or without royalty attire, while representing the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. Failure to comply with this rule may result in relinquishment of title, at the discretion of the Douglas County Fair Foundation Board.
- H. Anger, aggression and/or abuse displayed to your horse will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in relinquishment of title, at the discretion of the Douglas County Fair Foundation Board.
- I. Royalty Members shall NOT solicit donations or gifts such as clothing, belt buckles, trophies, etc., unless expressly authorized by the Douglas County Fair Foundation Board.
- J. Royalty Members will not be allowed to hold more than one royalty title during this reign.
- K. The Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Program are NOT affiliated with the Colorado State University Extension Office or the Colorado State 4-H program, nor does the Royalty Program follow 4-H rules or guidelines.
- L. Failure to comply with any portion of the rules or agreement may result in loss of title and all awards.
- M. By signing below, I agree to the following:
 - 1. I have received, read, understand, and agree to all Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Competition Rules and the Royalty Participation Agreement

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2. I have asked and received answers to any questions I may have related to the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Competition Rules, the Royalty Participation Agreement, and the waiver of liability/assumption of risk agreement
3. I agree to adhere to all Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Competition Rules and the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Agreement
4. If I fail to adhere to the any of the above, I may relinquish any title and benefits received
5. I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREED TO THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

Contestant/Royalty Member

Name: _____

Signature: Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian

Name: _____

Signature: Date: _____

*** If Contestant/Royalty Member is under 21 years of age, Parent or Legal Guardian must also sign ***