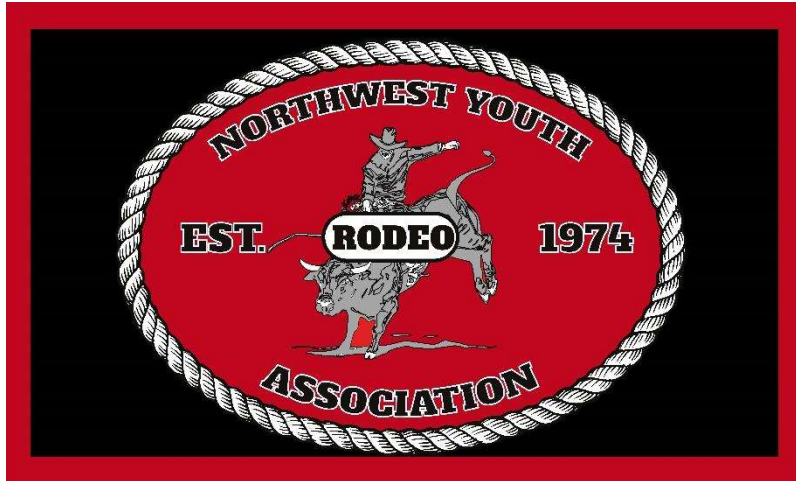


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## 2023 Official Royal Court Pageant Application

**\*\*\*Application Deadline: August 20, 2022\*\*\***

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July 1, 2022

Dear Potential 2023 Northwest Youth Rodeo Court Contestant,

On behalf of Northwest Youth Rodeo Association and myself, I would like to thank you for your interest in the 2023 Northwest Youth Rodeo Association Court. Our pageant is tentatively scheduled to be held September 24 & 25, 2022 at a location TBD.

In addition, we are thrilled to have our *2022 Northwest Youth Rodeo Court, Queen Grace Reed and Princess Grace Mulder* representing our organization. We are excited to be adding a PrePeeWee aged Princess (ages 6-9) title to the 2023 year. Details and some limitations on this title will be communicated in the official contestant packet and questions can be directed to Amber Roisterer

After receiving your application, your contestant packet will be sent approximately 1 week after the application deadline. This packet that will include the official pageant rulebook, a tentative pageant schedule with more specific wardrobe guidelines, and information regarding the silent auction fundraising requirement for contestants.

Thank you again for your interest in the 2023 Northwest Youth Rodeo Court, I look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at the information below.

Sincerely,

*Amber Riesterer*

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## **2023 NORTHWEST YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION COURT PAGEANT TRYOUTS INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES**

Date: September 24 & 25, 2022  
Location: TBD  
2023 Titles: Queen, Princess, PeeWee Princess

The NWYRA Court represents the Northwest Youth Rodeo Association and its members throughout the Pacific Northwest, appearing in parades, rodeos, luncheons, coronations and other public and promotional activities.

### **COURT ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Court is open all female contestants of the NWYRA.
2. Age: Applicants must have reached the age of 10 by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the pageant year, not exceed the age of 18 as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the pageant year.
3. Active Rodeo Member: Applicant must be a current member of the NWYRA. Applicant trying out for the 2023 Court year must become an active member of NWYRA in the 2023 rodeo year. Applicants can pay a membership fee with their application (\_\_\_\_\_)
4. Applicant shall not be married, never have been married, not pregnant, nor have children.
5. Rules/Responsibility: Applicants must be willing to abide by the NWYRA Rule Book, NWYRA Court Rule Book, Court Contracts, being responsible of her horse, transportation, fundraising, and be available to participate in court activities throughout the year. Please see Court Rule Book for more details.
6. Sponsors/Fundraising: Court members are required to get sponsors and fundraise money for NWYRA, the NWYRA Court and to cover Court expenses.
7. Court Reign: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023
8. Applicant will have her own horse (owned or leased) and transportation/trailer.
9. Applicant will try out on the horse she plans to use during her reign. Horse should have previous parade experience. Only one horse is required, however a backup horse is recommended. The horse must be healthy, with current vaccination and worming. The horse must be kept clean, trimmed and shod. No stallions, late term pregnant mares, or mares with foals will be allowed.
10. Previous Queens cannot serve on Court again.
11. The selection will be made on a score system; the highest scorer to be named Queen and the second highest will be named Princess 1.
12. If a member of the court is unable to fulfill her term, the NWYRA Officers/Board of Directors and Court Advisor will decide if that position shall be filled for the remainder of the term or will remain vacant.
13. On behalf of the NWYRA, Court members are required to fund raise to cover court expenses.



### **Characteristics of a NWYRA Court Contestant:**

- Promoter of the Western lifestyle
- be a horse enthusiast
- promote good sportsmanship
- have high moral and ethical standards
- be knowledgeable about rodeo events & rules
- be an animal welfare advocate
- the ability to converse about rodeo
- be friendly and personable
- have a sincere interest in rodeo and the promotion of the sport
- be interested in seeking future Queen Titles in High School or beyond

### **If you are chosen to represent the NWYRA Court as Queen or Princess, you will be required to:**

- Have at least one (1) parent/chaperone to help you at parades and rodeos.
- Wear the wardrobe that is approved/selected by the Court Advisor.
- Be prepared at all events with tack, clothing, and a positive attitude.
- Be available for appearances and events throughout your reign as Queen/Princess.
- Gather a minimum of \$500 in sponsorships to pay for required items
- Riding in parades
- Riding in Rodeo Grand Entries
- Attending luncheons, interviews and various coronation dinners
- Distributing NWYRA information as requested by the Board or Court Director
- Carrying sponsor flags between events at rodeos
- Be flexible and available for short notice appearances
- Work / help at all NWYRA rodeos when not competing
- Run in during NWYRA Rodeos Grand Entry

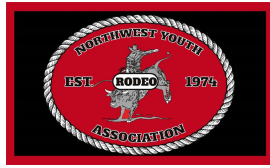
### **PAGENT TRYOUT CATERGORIES:**

#### **1. Personal Interview**

You will be asked a variety of personality, rodeo knowledge, NWYRA knowledge and current event questions. Your parents, or support team, are welcome to arrive with you; however, they will be asked to remain outside or in another building during the personal interview process.

#### **2. Speech**

A memorized two-to-three-minute speech about anything rodeo related and try to incorporate why you want to be a part of the 2023 Court. Be creative and remember **NO** note cards or papers to read off will be allowed during this event. Presentation can be defined as the ability to handle all competition situations with poise and maturity. Preparedness for events. Self-control and confidence while speaking in public or interacting with others. Exhibiting grace and class while being flexible in and out of the public eye.



### **3. Modeling/Impromptu Questions**

One current event, rodeo, and personality questions. You will be judged on presentation of your answers, appearance, and knowledge of rodeo and current events. Presentation can be defined as the ability to handle all competition situations with poise and maturity. Preparedness for events. Self-control and confidence while speaking in public or interacting with others. Exhibiting grace and class while being flexible in and out of the public eye.

### **4. Horsemanship**

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates the highest in Horsemanship—including control of the horse and the way the contestant handles each situation that may occur. Riders will be judged on Balance - the ability to sit in a saddle and position of hands, feet, and seat. Mounting and dismounting. Once your application is accepted you will be given the horsemanship pattern. Your parents, or support team, are allowed to help you prepare for horsemanship; once you are on your horse, they must go into the grandstands to watch the competition and are not allowed to talk to you until the horsemanship portion is completed.

### **Judging Guidelines**

You must be prepared to show your best on tryout day. Judges will not take into consideration past experience or knowledge of any contestants. You will be judged solely on your performance that day. Judges' objective will be to find young women who can ride well, speak to the public, and represent herself and the NWYRA in a dignified and honorable manner.

### **Wardrobe/Attire for Tryouts**

#### *Interview / Speech / Impromptu:*

Western attire (dress or pants) appropriate for an interview or appearing at a luncheon or group presentation. Options might be vests or jackets, skirts, slacks (neatly pressed garments are always more professional)

#### *Horsemanship:*

Western jeans, western long-sleeved shirt, hat and boots (Jeans & Shirts need to be starched)

### **Judges will be looking for these attributes in court contestants:**

#### **Personal Interviews**

- Pleasant, friendly, relaxed, poised, sincere, and confident
- Able to converse

#### **Appearance**

- Poise and posture
- Clean, well-fitting Western attire
- Clean, well-shaped Cowboy hat

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### **Speech**

- Self-projection and self confidence
- Speech topic, content, and effectiveness
- Delivery of speech (no ums, is it memorized, any hesitations, etc.)

### **Horse**

- Clean, properly fitting tack
- Responsive to the contestant
- Must be able to carry a flag
- Clean, neatly clipped

### **Patterns**

- Must ride with one hand
- Seat, posture, control, hands
- Ride with some speed, but in control
- Completeness and correctness of pattern

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## **2023 NORTHWEST YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION COURT SAMPLE APPEARANCE SCHEDULE, PARADES AND RODEOS**

As a court you are required to attend **ALL NWYRA** rodeos and Sponsor rodeos but have the opportunity to attend other events if you would like.

Below is a schedule by month that NWYRA Courts have followed in the past. As you can see it can take a lot of commitment and financial support should you desire to do more than just the NWYRA rodeos and Sponsor rodeos. The importance of financial support is very important. It is your responsibility to get yourself and your horse to every function. You may be required to attend two NWYRA board meetings, one at the beginning of your year and one towards the end of your year. **All** travel is at the expense of the court members. You are also encouraged to attend coronation dinners for other courts. Other activities and appearances will be agreed upon by the new court and court advisor.

### **January**

Columbia County Court Coronation Dinner  
Jr. Miss Rodeo Oregon Coronation Dinner  
Jefferson County Court Coronation Dinner

### **February**

Miss. Teen Rodeo Oregon Coronation Dinner  
Miss NPRA Coronation Dinner  
Philomath Frolic & Rodeo Queen Coronation Dinner

### **March**

Vancouver Horse Expo  
Canby Rodeo Court Coronation Dinner  
Albany NW Horse Expo

### **April**

St. Paul Coronation Dinner

### **May**

Shriner's Hospital Visit  
Spray Pro Rodeo & Parade

### **June**

NWYRA Rodeo @ St. Paul  
Sisters Rodeo  
NWYRA Rodeo @ Canyonville  
Tillamook Rodeo

### **July**

St. Paul Rodeo (Sponsor Rodeo)  
Molalla Buckaroo Rodeo  
Eugene Pro Rodeo  
Philomath Frolic & Rodeo (Sponsor Rodeo)  
Cottage Grove Rodeo  
Santiam Canyon Rodeo  
Benton County Fair & Rodeo

### **August**

NWYRA Rodeo @ Canby  
NWYRA Finals Rodeo & Court Pageant @ Philomath

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## **NORTHWEST YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION COURT TENTATIVE 2023 TRYOUT PAGEANT SCHEDULE**

Tryouts are open to the public except for the personal interviews and written test. Please invite your family and friends to attend the Horsemanship, Speech & Modeling w/ Impromptu questions.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PUBLIC/CLOSED</b>
09/25/22	9:00am	Pageant Orientation	Contestants/Parents/Committee
09/25/22	9:30am	Personal Interviews	Closed- Judges/Contestants
09/25/22	11:30 am	Speech Modeling w/ Impromptu Questions	Open to Public
09/25/22	12:30 PM	Horsemanship	Public Welcome

Please read all of the rules and requirements carefully. You and your parent(s) must have all requested/required documents fully completed, signed/dated prior to tryouts.

If you have questions, feel free to contact the NWYRA Court Advisor who's contact information is referenced above.

Applications must be postmarked by August 20, 2022.

Please mail completed application along with all requested/required documentation to:

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We look forward to getting your application!





## 2023 NORTHWEST YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION COURT PAGEANT APPLICATION

### Contestant Information:

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been married? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have your own truck and trailer?: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent's Information:

Mother's First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contestants Personal Statistics:

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Blouse Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Jean Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Waist & Inseam: \_\_\_\_\_ Belt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Jacket Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Boot Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Hat Size: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Education:**

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest year of school completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholastic Honors & Other Accomplishments** (use additional sheets if necessary) :

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed?  Yes  No?

If yes, will this impact your ability to serve on court? \_\_\_\_\_

**Horsemanship Skills:**

List your experience or training that may be helpful in fulfilling this position, especially participation in parades, rodeos, horse shows, etc. (use additional sheets if necessary).

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:**

Who should we notify in case of an accident or serious illness?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_



## **2023 NORTHWEST YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION COURT CONTRACT - PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TITLEHOLDERS**

Welcome to a fun-filled, exhilarating year for you as parents, and for your daughter as a Northwest Youth Rodeo Court Titleholder. As your daughters step forward and begin their reign, we as an Executive Board hope to make the transition easy by providing some helpful guidelines as you begin this exciting year.

As you travel our state visiting rodeos, parades, pageants and more, please never hesitate to contact your Advisor with any questions that may arise.

### **1. Appearances/Schedule**

- Court Schedule will be set by Advisor with input from the families.
- Special consideration will be given to our sponsor events and requests.
- All appearances should be approved in advance by the Court Director and the Northwest Youth Rodeo Association Executive Board.
- If for any reason your daughter will not be able to make the appearance, a minimum of 72 hours notice to the Advisor is suggested. If your Advisor is not attending the event then make every attempt to let the hosting committee know the situation and your estimated arrival time so she/he is apprised of the situation.
- Upon arrival at an appearance (always arrive 10-15 minutes early), find the coordinator of the event and introduce yourselves if your Advisor is unable to attend.
- Please refer to the event itinerary or information sent by the Advisor.
- Introduction Card (to be composed with Advisor support): Many times you will be expected to have a prepared “introduction” for your daughter. These are used by Rodeo Announcers, Event Emcees, etc., it is a good idea to have these ready and in your vehicle at all times.

### **2. Public Image**

Always discuss in advance (from head to toe) the garments your daughter intends to wear at any appearances. We ask that our titleholders appear as they did at “pageant”.

- Clean, shaped hat, with CROWN
- Pressed or starched appropriate items of clothing,
- Hair done (curled) and make-up applied appropriately for the titleholders age, skin-tone
- Clean boots free of mud dirt
- Western jewelry

Once outfits have been approved, no changes may be made without first discussing it with your Advisor. Funds to purchase clothing and appearance outfits will need to be fundraised.

### **3. Personal Conduct**

- Parents of titleholders are viewed exactly as our titleholders are, in that you are representatives of NWYRA.
- Please remember that you and your daughter are guests and should be friendly, have a positive attitude displayed at all times.



- Parents should not get caught up in the politics and conversations of local rodeos and events and refrain from getting involved with any gossip, mishaps, or problems that may be happening.
- Parents conduct and actions are maintained appropriately, in good faith, and in the best interest of the NWYRA.
- Parents must interact with everyone in a manner that is appropriate, non-confrontational, and in a manner that serves the best interests of NWYRA.
- The NWYRA Court Director and the NWYRA Executive Board reserve the right to withdraw a title under various conditions including, but not limited to parents or titleholders engaging in behavior that brings into question their honesty, maturity or moral character.
- Age-appropriate representation. While transporting and chaperoning our titleholders we ask that your behavior be that of role models for young women everywhere. Rodeo is a sport that is heavily sponsored by adult products (alcohol and tobacco).
- Please use extreme moderation in regards to adult products. The Titles your children are representing are those designed for minors, and we ask that you be respectful of this, and understand that responsible use of any adult product is acceptable, but misuse can send the wrong message.

#### **4. Gratitude Expectation**

Thank-you's. Please have your daughter send thank-you's within 14 days of any event/appearance.

#### **5. Public Relations**

*Press/Social Media/Website-* Please utilize the expertise of our organization and our established committees. Any press releases, newspaper stories, articles, etc. must be approved by our Board of Directors in advance of submission to any press entity.

#### **6. Finances & Sponsorship Guidelines**

Detailed direction and rules have been provided for you in the Northwest Youth Rodeo Association Court Rule Book and Queen/Princess Contract(s). However, as an overview we want to remind you that **NO** financial assistance is guaranteed.

#### **7. NWYRA Equipment**

You will be entrusted by the NWYRA with certain NWYRA equipment, which may include, but is not limited to: flags, chaps, serapes, vehicle magnets, flower baskets and other similar property. You are solely responsible to maintain, care for, protect, secure and return all such property immediately upon the request of NWYRA or otherwise, upon your disassociation as Queen/Princess. The NWYRA has the right to hold you responsible for any damage, misuse, failure to return, loss, destruction, or theft or any of the NWYRA property in your possession. In addition, the NWYRA may purchase on your behalf, certain property including but not limited to hats, shirts, jeans, vests, and similar items which may be of custom fit to your, and therefore, of no other use to the NWYRA. Therefore, you expressly understand and agree that you are solely responsible to timely pay the NWYRA or any third-party vendor for such specialty items, as determined by the NWYRA.

#### **8. Remedies**

As a representative of the NWYRA Court, parent(s)/guardian(s) agree that, should the NWYRA, in its sole discretion, find you or your daughter in violation of: (a) the NWYRA's Parental Code of Conduct; NWYRA Rulebook; or any disclosure forms provided to you upon tryouts, the NWYRA reserves the

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right to ask your daughter to: (1) immediately step down as the Queen/Princess and cease any and all activities on behalf of the NWYRA; (2) seek any direct and indirect damages related to equipment or other personal property, or your failure to report and turn over NWYRA donations, plus interest at the legal rate, until paid; or (3) seek all legal and equitable relief, including an injunction, to refrain you and your daughter from disparaging the public image of the NWYRA; (4) damages in the amount of \$50 per day for any retention of NWYRA property after termination of your association from NWYRA and issuance of a ten (10) day letter of demand by NWYRA and/or (5) the NWYRA's attorneys fees and costs related to the enforcement of such matters.

By signing below, contestant and parents agree to the Parental Code of Conduct for Titleholders, and have read and understand the above. That you agree to adhere to these guidelines during your daughters Lady in Waiting status and Titleholder year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

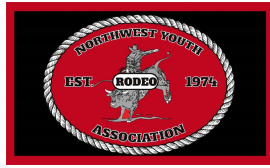
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Signature of Parent(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Northwest Youth Rodeo Association Court Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## **2023 NORTHWEST YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION COURT CONTRACT - HOLD HARMLESS / RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT**

I enter this pageant at my own risk and am subject to the pageant rules, both written and verbal.

I do further agree, that that I, my family members, any heirs, administrators, personal representatives and assigns, shall not bring any claims, demands, cause of action, legal action and legal liability against, and will hold harmless and discharge the NWYRA, its associates, agents, officers, directors, representatives, NWYRA members, assigns, premises owners, contracted persons, affiliated organizations and insurers from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action of any sort, including economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage sustained to by me or my horse, any damage or loss to my property resulting from my participation in any event, rodeo performance, activity, or parade for the entire term of my reign as Queen or Princess

By signing below, contestant and parents agree to the Hold Harmless/Release of Liability Agreement, and have read and understand the above. That you agree to adhere to these guidelines during your Lady in Waiting status and Titleholder year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Northwest Youth Rodeo Association Court Director

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## **2023 NORTHWEST YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION COURT PHOTOGRAPHER RELEASE**

(Must be filled out by photographer)

Please provide 1 – 8x10 color photo (photo will be returned).  
Photo should be a head and shoulder shot, western style hat and blouse, no crowns or banners.

Permission to use copyright Print:

Person in Photograph: \_\_\_\_\_

Photographers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Photographers Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Photographers Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Photographers email: \_\_\_\_\_

As the photographer and copyright owner of the print, I grant permission for my print to be used in the Northwest Youth Rodeo Pageant and for pageant publicity purposes. The print will not be used for any purpose beyond those stated by Northwest Youth Rodeo Association.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Photographer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Photographer Printed Name



## **2023 NORTHWEST YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION COURT CONTRACT - SOCIAL NETWORKING POLICY**

The following is the Northwest Youth Rodeo Association Courts Social networking policy.

The absence of, or lack of explicit reference to a specific internet and/or web site does not limit the extent of the application of this policy. Where no policy or guideline exists, titleholders should use their professional judgment and take the most prudent action possible. Consult with your Advisor if you are uncertain.

1. Any social medial posts should have clear disclaimers that the views expressed by the author in the blog is the author's alone and do not represent the views of the NWYRA. Be clear and write in first person. Make your writing clear that you are speaking for yourself and not on behalf of the NWYRA or your title.
2. Your posts and comments on all social media platforms should always reflect exemplary conduct. Please conduct yourself accordingly through your words and photos.
3. No photographs with or about a significant other while representing NWYRA.
4. Be respectful to the NWYRA, yourself, other title holders, your sponsors, NWYRA sponsors, and possible pageant competitors.
5. Social media activities should not interfere with titleholder responsibilities or pageant rules and regulations.
6. Your online presence reflects the NWYRA and your title. Be aware that your actions captured via images, posts, or comments can reflect that of the NWYRA and your title as well.
7. Do not reference or site sponsors, other title holders, or rodeos without their express consent.
8. Respect copyright laws, and reference or site sources appropriately. Plagiarism applies online as well.
9. NWYRA logos and trademarks may not be used without written consent.
10. Ultimately you should be mature, be ethical, and think before you type or post.
11. The NWYRA Executive Board reserves the right to determine if posts are acceptable and within moral standards set forth in the Code of Conduct.

Violation of this policy can result in disciplinary action, up to and including the removal of your title and crown. The Northwest Youth Rodeo Association Officers and Board of Directors reserves the right to decide such disciplinary action at any time during your reign.

By signing below, contestant and parents agree to the Social Networking Policy, and have read and understand the above. That you agree to adhere to these guidelines during your Lady in Waiting status and Titleholder year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
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1.	Pageant Application, completed & signed	
2.	Parental Code of Conduct for Titleholders, signed	
3.	Hold Harmless / Release of Liability Agreement, signed	
4.	Photographer Release, signed by Photographer	
5.	Social Networking Policy, signed	
6.	Statement of why you want to be part of the NWYRA Court (50 words or less)	
7.	\$50.00 Application Fee. Check made payable to NWYRA	
8.	1 - 8x10 color photo	