

# **Hugo PRCA Rodeo Royalty Competition Rule Book**

## **Pageant Overview:**

The Hugo PRCA Rodeo Royalty Contest provides the opportunity for young women to participate in a positive competition which promotes our western heritage, furthers the sport of rodeo, and spreads good will for their communities. These experiences enrich their lives and lay a solid foundation for their future. The young women who are a part of the Hugo PRCA Rodeo Royalty are the official representatives of the Hugo Pro Rodeo and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. She should constantly be aware of the importance of the public relations between the general public and everyone whom she comes in contact.

### **1. Who is Hugo PRCA Royalty?**

The title holder symbolizes the young women of the State of Oklahoma whose desire is to promote the sport of rodeo, and in so doing, the western way of life. She is the ideal American young woman, and is a person who will represent the rodeo.

### **2. What does it mean to be Hugo PRCA Royalty?**

This young woman desires to act as the official representative of Hugo PRCA Rodeo professional rodeo, must portray good sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character, and reflect careful and humane treatment of animals. She should understand the sport of rodeo in its entirety and be able to “sell” rodeo to anyone whom she comes in contact. She should be able to communicate intelligently and with dignity and sincere interest for our sport, and should realize that the Hugo PRCA Rodeo Royalty Pageant is not a “beauty” pageant. However, she should act, speak and dress according to the prestige the title deserves, and use the proper etiquette at all times. She shall wear appropriate attire at all times when she may be seen by the public, and not be seen wearing “fad” type clothing, exposing skin, etc. She shall conduct herself with the dignity benefiting the title she holds and shall never put herself in a position to be considered inappropriate.

### **3. How do you become Hugo PRCA Royalty?**

One must meet the requirements set forth in the application process and these official rules. The contestant must compile the highest combined scores that are awarded in the categories of Horsemanship, Interview, Essay, Parade, Rodeo Performance and Photogenic.

## **Eligibility:**

To be eligible for crowning, all contestants must abide by ticket sales rules as well as compete in all judged event categories. Additional information regarding judged events and appearance guidelines can be found in the subsequent sections of this document. All contestants must abide

by all rules of the Hugo PRCA Rodeo Royalty Pageant or forfeit all awards given to her as a part of the winner of the pageant. Additional eligibility guidelines are as follows:

- Queen Division: 13-17 years of age
- Princess Division: 8-12 years of age
- Sweetheart: 3-7 years of age

A birth certificate is not required to enter the competition but contestants must be able to produce a copy at the request of the PRCA committee or pageant officials.

- No contestant may have been married, pregnant, have a child, nor become engaged, married or pregnant during the year of her reign.

### **Explanation of Reign:**

Hugo PRCA Rodeo Royalty wins her title at the annual Hugo PRCA Rodeo Royalty Pageant and performs the duties of said title for one year, giving up her title at the following Hugo PRCA Rodeo. As Hugo PRCA Royalty, she is expected to abide by the following:

1. Title winners must be willing and able to participate in rodeo appearances and other special events as requested by the Hugo PRCA Rodeo Committee.
2. Title winners will be required to represent the Hugo PRCA Rodeo at a minimum of four (4) events throughout the year of reign. Pictures must be supplied to the Royalty Director.
3. Title winners will be required to attend at least one (1) Hugo PRCA Committee Meeting.
4. Title winners will be required to attend all Hugo PRCA Rodeo Royalty events the following year and set horsemanship pattern for contestants.
5. Title winners must understand that if they win a title the funding for all expenses including travel and wardrobe will be their responsibility.
6. All title holders will reign from Saturday Night Crowning Ceremony of Hugo PRCA Rodeo until the following years crowning ceremony and new title holder is awarded.
7. Winners of competition will be eligible to compete in the next years Miss Rodeo Oklahoma Pageant, due to the deadline of the application being same weekend as Hugo PRCA Rodeo.

### **Prizes:**

#### **Queen:**

- Titleholder
  - Flowers
  - Custom Saddle
  - Belt Buckle
  - Crown
  - Sash
  - Chaps – to be passed down
- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up

- Flowers
- Saddle Blanket
- Head Stall
- Remaining Contestants
  - Flowers
  - Misc. Tack Items

**Princess:**

- Titleholder
  - Flowers
  - Custom Saddle
  - Belt Buckle
  - Crown
  - Sash
  - Chaps – to be passed down
- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up
  - Flowers
  - Saddle Blanket
  - Head Stall
- Remaining Contestants
  - Flowers
  - Misc. Tack Items

**Sweetheart:**

- Titleholder
  - Flowers
  - Custom Saddle
  - Belt Buckle
  - Crown
  - Sash
  - Chaps – to be passed down
- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up
  - Flowers
  - Saddle Blanket
  - Head Stall
- Remaining Contestants
  - Flowers
  - Misc. Tack Items

**Most Tickets Sold:**

- Queen, Princess and Sweetheart Division will be awarded a prize for most tickets sold. With the exception, if only one contestant is entered in these three division will be combined and one person awarded. (Ex: 2 queen contestants and 1

princess contestant=combined and one award. 2 queen and 2 princess contestants= division left separate and each awarded)

### **Loss of Title and Benefits:**

Subsequent to the Hugo PRCA Rodeo Royalty Pageant, any person being awarded the title shall follow all rules set forth here. Also, during the year of her reign, each title holder must abide by the rules and guidelines set forth in this document provided upon receipt of application and Agreement and Release accompanying the Official Entry Form. Any open acts of defiance, disrespect for Hugo PRCA Rodeo Committee members, and/or the Royalty Director, or unwillingness to cooperate will not be tolerated and will result in drastic action(s) by the Hugo PRCA Rodeo Committee. The titleholder should understand that it is a privilege and an opportunity to represent the community, state and sport of professional rodeo in such a prestigious manner. Upon the occurrence of any of the events listed above, the title, together with any and all benefits (prizes) derived by such person shall be forfeited and awarded to the next qualified runner-up.

1. The rule of “Once a queen, always a queen” applies and each titleholder should act and dress appropriately.
2. Should the titleholder be seen dressed in an inappropriate manner, she shall be counseled. If this occurs again, a disciplinary action shall be necessary. Anytime Hugo PRCA Royalty is at an event of any kind, she shall be attired properly, unless otherwise specified. In the arena, this is to include hat, crown, long-sleeved shirt, jeans/wranglers, boots, belt and buckle. Her shirt shall be tucked in and long sleeves with the sleeves buttoned and snapped. Whenever, representing the rodeo, i.e., an autograph appearance, the titleholder shall be dressed in appropriate rodeo attire. Other apparel may be appropriate for pageants and other activities.

### **Competition Rules & Guidelines:**

Contestants must abide by the following rules and guidelines to be eligible for Hugo PRCA Rodeo Royalty. If at any time, a contestant fails to complete one or more of the following rules she will be subject to immediate disqualification.

1. Ticket Sales: Ticket sales are required for each category.
  - **Queen** - \$1,500 of Advanced Rodeo Tickets (Adult and/or Child) to qualify for crowning.
  - **Princess** - \$1,500 of Advanced Rodeo Tickets (Adult and/or Child) to qualify for crowning.
  - **Sweetheart** - \$750 of Advanced Rodeo Tickets (Adult and/or Child) to qualify for crowning.

- Contestants will receive 10% payback on all ticket sales over the qualifying amount. (Ex: Qualifying amount is \$1500, contestant turns in \$2000, this is \$500 over the qualifying amount and contestant will receive \$50 back.)

No tickets can be sold on North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, from Jackson to arena, starting Thursday of Hugo PRCA Rodeo. If tickets are sold on North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, from Jackson to arena, contest will be subject to immediate disqualification.

**All monies are due Saturday of Hugo PRCA Rodeo by 4:00 PM. Failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification of contestant.**

2. Judged Categories: All contestants must compete in all judged category events to be eligible for crowning. Additional information regarding appearance guidelines, timeline, etc. can be found under **Judged Events Breakdown.**
  - Horsemanship
  - Interview
  - Essay
  - Parade
  - Queen Run/Rodeo Appearance
  - Photogenic
3. In the event of any ties, the contestant with the highest overall horsemanship score becomes the winner. If there is still a tie, the person with the highest ticket sales will be the winner.
4. The Hugo PRCA committee will serve as the grievance committee in the case one is needed. All grievances must be submitted in writing to the committee within 10 days of crowning. All decisions and/or actions made by the grievance committee are final.
5. Score sheets will not be returned, but comment sheets will be given to contestants following the pageant. Comment sheets will be completed at the judges' discretion and mailed to contestant within 14 days following the end of the Hugo PRCA Rodeo.
6. Contestants will draw numbers before the first competition event. The draw order (lowest to highest number) will be used throughout the rest of the competition. All events will start with sweetheart division followed by princess and finish with queen.
7. Contestants must wear western attire, including boots, hat and belt to all functions. See individual event sheets for appropriate attire.
8. If there is only one contestant in an age division, she must compete in all categories to win the title.
9. If a contestant chooses not to compete after submitting her application, all money and tickets must be returned to the Hugo PRCA Rodeo Royalty Director before Saturday of the rodeo at 3:00 PM. If no arrangements have been made prior to that time, money and tickets will be presumed stolen and legal action will be taken.
10. An adult must be available to accompany sweethearts at all times.
11. Should circumstances occur that a contestant is conducting herself in an improper manner, especially in regard to treatment of animals or unethical/unmoral behavior, a

meeting will be held between Pageant committee and judges to determine course of action. This can be up to and including dismissal or disqualification of the contestant.

### **Judged Events Breakdown:**

Judged Events will begin promptly on Friday May 31, 2019. Judges will consist of Miss Rodeo Oklahoma, Miss Rodeo Oklahoma Teen and Miss Rodeo Oklahoma Princess. If state representatives are unable to attend and judge the contest for any reason, suitable and qualified judges, who do not know the contestants, will be selected. Below is a brief explanation of judged events. Please see the **Dress Code** section for additional details regarding clothing and tack guidelines as well as other pertinent information.

1. Hugo PRCA Rodeo Royalty contestants are judged in six (6) divisions: Horsemanship, Interview, Essay, Parade, Queen Run/Rodeo Appearance and Photogenic.
  - a. Horsemanship (150 points): Contestants will be judged on execution of maneuvers, grooming of horse and tack, cleanliness and appearance of contestant and responses to general questions from the judges following execution of the pattern.
  - b. Interviews (150 points): Contestants will be judged on their knowledge of past and present rodeo titleholders and events as well as other categories listed on the **Interview Topics Sheet** at the end of this packet.
  - c. Essay (50 points): Contestants will be required to complete a hand-written essay over their knowledge on the history of rodeo and their desire to represent Hugo PRCA Rodeo Royalty. **All essays are due upon completion of application packet. Application packets are due May 24, 2019.**
    - i. Queen Essay: 500-750 words
    - ii. Princess Essay: 250-500 words
    - iii. Sweetheart Essay: 25-50 words
  - d. Parade (50 points): Contestants will be judged on cleanliness and appearance of contestant, horse and tack as well as overall crowd appearance and control of horse.
  - e. Queen Run/Rodeo Appearance (50 points): Contestants will be judged on cleanliness and appearance of contestant, horse and tack as well as overall control of horse. All contestants must submit a biography. **Biographies are due upon completion of application packet. Application packets are due May 24, 2019.**
  - f. This biography will be used in all public relations and during rodeo appearances. Topics to include name, family, school and/or hobbies etc.
  - g. Photogenic (50 points): Contestants will be judged on photograph which will be submitted by contestant along with this application by **no later than Friday May 24, 2019.** Each contestant must submit a 5x7 color and a 5x7 black and white photo of herself. The color photo will be used for judging and the black and white for media or other events throughout the competition.

## **Hugo PRCA Rodeo Royalty Dress Code:**

### **Attitude and Appearance (ENTIRE Competition):**

- All contestants will be judged throughout the competition on their appearance and overall attitude.
- No use of foul or derogatory language.
- All clothing must be appropriate to age, event, and western style.
- Felt hats required.
- No revealing tops.
- Shirts must be long sleeved during all events.

**Horsemanship** - Contestants **must** wear black felt hat, white shirt, black wranglers (or other appropriate black riding jeans), black belt and black boots. Horses may NOT have any colored form of tack. Should a contestant choose to ride with splint or bell boots, they must be black. Horsemanship competition allows the contestants to showcase their riding ability; control of mount; precise execution of patterns; balance of rider; position of hands, feet, and seat; mounting and dismounting. Each age division must follow the pattern provided in the rule book for respective age division. Reigning Hugo PRCA title holders will execute the pattern prior to age divisions. Reigning queen will also set pattern for sweethearts.

- Cowboy Hat (BLACK FELT)
- Boots
- Belt
- Jeans (BLACK)
- Western Shirt (MUST be long sleeved & WHITE)
- Hair should be pulled back and neat
- It is the responsibility of the contestants to make sure their hats stay securely on their heads. Failure to do so will result in severe point penalties.
- All contestants are required to provide their own horse for the competition.
- Horses may NOT have any colored form of tack. Should a contestant choose to ride with splint or bell boots, they must be black.
- No horses under the age of three (3) years of age are allowed.
- Current Negative Coggins must be shown to Pageant Director before Horsemanship Competition. Any horse without current negative will not be allowed to compete.
- No stallions are allowed.
- No unbroken or unsafe horses allowed. The judges of competition and royalty committee will determine whether or not a horse is broke and safe.
- The use of spurs and tie-downs are at the contestants' option.

- All tack must be leather. Leather tack with bling will be allowed but no colored tack. Colored saddle pad is NOT acceptable for this event. Saddle pad MUST be black.
- No chaps are allowed.
- Sweethearts will be required to have an adult in the arena at all times. The parent is required to walk in front of horse during pattern without a lead.
- Queen and Princess contestants will be required to use split reins. They are optional for Sweetheart divisions.
- Should an unfair situation occur, at no fault of the contestant, a re-ride will be granted. All re-rides are at the sole discretion of the pageant judges.
- Every element of the horsemanship portion of the competition will be scored regardless of execution of set pattern.
- Patterns for Queen, Princess, and Sweetheart can be found at the back of this rule book.
- Failure to execute the set pattern will not constitute disqualification of contestant.
- The judges will ask the contestant questions during the horsemanship competition. Sweetheart division will not dismount during this time. Princess division will dismount and then walk horse out of arena. Queen division will dismount and remount their horse following questioning. See pattern for additional clarifications.

**Interview** - The purpose of the interview is to allow judges to observe the personality, intelligence, common sense, conversational ability, and maturity of each contestant. The questions posed by the judges are not limited to any subject but may include topics from the **Interview Topics Sheet**. Topics include rodeo knowledge, current events, general horse health care, contestant's goals and aspirations, contestants' life experiences, etc.

- Hat
- Boots
- Belt
- Jeans
- Western Shirt (must be long sleeved)
- Vest/Jacket (optional)
- May also chose to wear a fashionable western dress or skirt (appropriate for a job interview, Does NOT have to be a full western leather dress, skirt hem length must not be shorter than 2 inches above knee)
- The interview portion will be closed to the public, parents, and contestants. The only persons allowed in the interview are the judges and individual contestant.
- The interview may not be recorded on cassette, video tape, or technological device such as a cell phone or i-Pod.

**Parade/Rodeo Performance** - Clothing should be flashy (all the bling you want)!

- Hat
- Boots
- Belt
- Jeans

- Western Shirt (must be long sleeved)
- Vests are permitted
- Friday Night Performance is “Tough Enough to Wear Pink”

Queen, Princess and Sweetheart Divisions will be required to provide their own horse to ride in the parade and for introductions at rodeo. One parent from each Sweetheart contestant will be permitted to ride in the Dodge truck during parade for safety reasons. Participation in Grand Entry for Queen and Princess Divisions is recommended but not required. Grand Entry for Sweethearts and Little Miss is at the sole discretion of the parent.

**Photogenic** - Each contestant must submit a 5x7 color and a 5x7 black and white photo of herself. The color photo will be used for judging and the black and white for media or other events throughout the competition.

- The photograph should be a vertical head and shoulders (bust) shot.
- The contestant must be dressed in tasteful western attire, including a cowboy hat.
- Copyrighted pictures must have a release.
- The photo must not be framed or mounted.
- Failure to submit the photo by Friday May 24, 2019 will result in immediate disqualification.

## Hugo PRCA Rodeo Royalty Interview Topic Sheet

The topics listed below are merely to be used as a study sheet. Judges reserve the right to ask additional questions not pertaining to those listed below. It is the contestant's responsibility to obtain the answers to the following questions. If a contestant has any questions, or would like any clarification on the following questions please consult the Pageant Director.

### Queen Division:

- Where are the National Head Quarters for PRCA?
- How much do tickets to the event cost and where can they be purchased?
- Who is providing the stock for your rodeo?
- Who is the announcer?
- Who is the specialty act for the rodeo?
- What association is sanctioning your rodeo?
- Who is the president of your rodeo committee?
- How many years has the Hugo PRCA Rodeo been held?
- Who is the reigning Miss Rodeo USA?
- In what year did the PRCA adopt the word "Professional" to their name?
- Name the three roughstock events.
- Define the mark-out rule.
- How many total points are possible for a roughstock rider to earn in their event?
- What event is a barrier used in?
- What does the phrase "Breaking the barrier" mean? Is there a penalty for breaking the barrier?
- What is the number one reason for death in horses?
- Name three sponsors of your rodeo.
- What are your goals for life after high school graduation?
- Name four external parts of the horse.
- What is the job of rodeo royalty?

### Princess Division:

- Define PRCA.
- Are there any pre-rodeo or after rodeo activities to take part in?
- What time does each nightly performance begin?
- Name five events in the rodeo.
- How often do you feed your horse?
- What is your favorite event in the rodeo and why?

- What is another name for steer wrestling?
- How long is the penalty for knocking over a barrel?
- Are you involved in any extra-curricular activities? If so, tell us about them.
- Tell us about your plans for the future. (i.e., career goals etc.)

**Sweetheart Division:**

- How old is your horse?
- How often do you ride your horse?
- What is your horse's name?
- What is your favorite event at the rodeo?
- What is your favorite outfit you've worn throughout the pageant? Why?

## **Hugo PRCA Rodeo Royalty Application & Supporting Documents Checklist**

- Application
- Essay
- Biography
- Black & White 5x7
- Color 5x7