

NEWTON SADDLE CLUB ROYALTY PAGEANT

Pageant- August 4-5, 2023

Rodeo- August 4-5, 2023

The mission of the Newton Saddle Club Royalty Pageant is to find young ladies who will promote the Newton Saddle Club and our sponsors in a great and honorable way at our events as well as others. We are looking for ladies who possess great leadership, horsemanship and public speaking skills, with a love for the sport of rodeo.

Our goal is to encourage girls of any skill level to compete in a fun and relaxed environment. We want this contest to be a stepping stone for those girls that want to continue on and compete for other titles. Within this packet you will find rules and regulations, the application, and liability waivers. All forms will need to be completely filled out and signed before submission. The schedule, if not included in this packet, will be posted or sent out on or before July 10, 2023.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Queen contestants must be age 15-23, as of July 1, 2023.
2. Princess contestants must be age 7-14, as of July 1, 2023.
3. Queen contestant entry fee \$50. Princess contestant entry fee \$30.
4. Contestants must be female, single, never been married, and have no children.
5. Contestants cannot have held the NSC title, within the same age division, within the last two years.
6. Contestants cannot hold the title more than twice within each age division.
7. Contestants shall sign a liability waiver.
8. Contestants must agree to abide by the pageant rules, and if any infractions occur then the contestant will be disqualified.
9. When a contestant becomes a title holder, she must be available to fulfill all the required duties of her reign.
10. Contestant applications, entry fee, waiver, and photo must be postmarked (or emailed) on or before, July 10, 2023

GENERAL RULES

1. Contestants must read all of the rules and regulations, fill out application, and sign the application stating you have read and understand the rules and regulations. Contestants must also sign a waiver agreement, release of liability form (Any contestant under the age of 18 must have a parent and/or guardian signature). If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to ask for clarification. After coronation, if you are named royalty, you must sign the contract stating your duties and responsibilities as NSC royalty.
2. Contestants must abide by all rules set forth by NSC Rodeo and Pageant Directors.
3. Contestants must include one colored 5x7 photo and a typed biography in third person that is no more than 200 words. The photo must be a head and shoulders shot with western attire and hat. Your photo does not need to be professionally taken (No crowns or sashes in photo).
4. Each contestant is required to submit an entry fee. Queen contestant entry fee is \$50 and the Princess contestant entry fee is \$30

5. Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper ladylike manner and portray high moral standards at all times; this also involves all social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, etc).
6. Rudeness toward the judges, other contestants, pageant coordinators, fans, saddle club members, or affiliates by contestants or contestants' parents will not be tolerated during the event or afterwards. Such conduct may result in a disqualification without refund of entry fee.
7. Contestants will draw their competition order at the end of orientation on Friday.
8. Contestants must provide their own wardrobe for the entire contest and follow the guidelines on the wardrobe under each division.
9. All Contestants must be checked in 15 minutes prior to the start of each category of the pageant. You must be on your horse and ready to go at 7:30 PM for Friday night's performance and 7:00 PM for Saturday's rodeo coronation. Contestants are required to attend the Contestant meeting on Friday night.
10. Contestants are required to do a Queen's run Friday night during the rodeo and Saturday during coronation. Newly crowned royalty will do a Queen's run and will run flags during the Saturday night performance. Contestants need to be dressed and prepared for pictures, autographs, etc. Usually there is a parade on Thursday down main street of Newton. Contestants and visiting royalty are more than welcome to ride with the club and current royalty, but it is not required and will not be judged. Contestants will unsaddle their horse after introductions Friday night, and meet at the dedicated area (TBD) to visit with rodeo fans and sell raffle tickets.
11. Contestants must provide their own horse for the riding portions of the contest. Stallions are not allowed. The selected horsemanship patterns, if not included in this packet, will be posted on the website or sent out on or before July 10, 2023.
12. NSC Rodeo Queen and Princess will be crowned before the Saturday night Rodeo performance.
13. All prizes are property of the recipient with the exception of the traveling Queen chaps, crown, and the leather sash. These are passed down to the new royalty each year. In the event that the reigning queen or princess cannot fulfill her duties, the prizes will be forfeited to the Newton Saddle Club and the first runner up will be crowned.
14. NSC Rodeo Queen and Princess will sign a contract agreeing to represent the Newton Saddle Club in a business-like manner. Appearances during her reign will be contracted between NSC Rodeo Queen or Princess, her parents (if a minor), and the Newton Saddle Club.
15. No parents, friends, or relatives will be allowed in the arena during the coronation.
16. Judges' decisions are final. Contestants will be disqualified if the contestant or their family is caught trying to persuade the judges.
17. Rules and conditions may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Contestants will be notified if any changes occur.
18. No drugs or alcohol use will be tolerated at any time during the competition or during the queen/princess reign.

REMINDER- Application and entry fee must be postmarked on or before July 10, 2023. We will not accept any applications postmarked after July 10, 2023. Please send your completed applications along with the signed agreements and waiver, entry fee, biography, and one 5x7 color photo to Newton Saddle Club:

Newton Saddle Club
% Royalty Directors
PO Box 48
Newton, KS 67114

You may also send your application through email to **royalty2nsc@gmail.com**. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or text a pageant director – Kim Krase 620-242-7436 or Zoe Bean 316-217-6141.

COMPETITION RULES

There will be 7 pageant divisions: Horsemanship, Personal Interview, Speech/Impromptu, Written Test, Modeling, Congeniality, and Silent Judge. Awards will be given in all categories.

*Miss Congeniality will not count toward points in the competition.

Pageant Divisions

Horsemanship - 140 points
Speech/Impromptu - 115 points
Interview - 100 points
Modeling - 80 points
Queen Written Test - 73
Princess Written Test - 67
Silent Judge - 100
Congeniality - 0

Queen/Princess Total Points Possible (per judge)- 435

Judges should not have a personal relationship with any contestant. The contestant with the highest points will win the title. In the event of an overall tie, the horsemanship score will be used as the tiebreaker then interview. After the completion of the pageant the score sheets and a list of pageant sponsors will be given to each contestant. All scores and decisions of the judges are final.

Horsemanship:

- Each contestant should provide their own horse and tack. One rider per horse, so contestants in the same division cannot ride the same horse. Tack should be clean and well kept. Tack used during competition should be sufficient to control the horse. Split reins are not required but are recommended. Tie downs are optional. Must use a western saddle and bridle.
- Dress wear for horsemanship includes blue denim western jeans and a white shirt with long sleeves. A western hat, western boots, and a belt are required. Helmets are welcome but should not be worn during the Saturday night crowning/performance (if you are crowned new royalty). No vest, gloves or chaps are allowed during horsemanship.
- Horsemanship competition will consist of the following:
 - Horsemanship pattern: Correct pattern, controllable speed, posture, horse handling, dismount, horsemanship interview, and remount.
 - Flag run: Controllable speed, vertical flag, smile, contestants must provide their own flag boot and it must be on and ready before entering the arena for your pattern.
 - Queens run: Controllable speed, wave/salute, smile
 - Rail work: Done at the discretion of the judges
- During the rodeo performance the silent judge will be looking for your outfit of choice, eye contact, horsemanship, and attitude.

Speech and Impromptu Questions:

Both age divisions will give a speech on the topic, rodeo, and it needs to be memorized. Speeches must be between one to two minutes or points will be deducted. After the contestant has given her speech, she will draw an impromptu question and then proceed to answer it the best she can. Each question will be different. The questions will be age appropriate.

Personal Interview:

The judges will conduct personal interviews with each contestant. Interviews will be private and closed to the public and other contestants. Judges may ask questions pertaining to rodeo knowledge, Newton Saddle Club, horsemanship, general horse knowledge and current events. Princess interviews will not exceed 10 minutes and Queen interviews will not exceed 15 minutes.

Modeling:

Each contestant will model their Fashion Forward Outfit while their description card about their outfit and bio is read aloud. Your outfit description card for modeling must be typed and turned in at orientation. The Fashion Forward Outfit is trendy, western attire that is unique to the contestant and shows their personality. The outfit cannot be sleeveless and should fit nicely. The outfit must include boots, a belt, and a western hat. Leather dresses are not mandatory and no extra points will be given if worn.

Written Test:

The Written test will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and fill in the blank questions. The test may cover current events, Newton Saddle Club information, general horse knowledge, basic rodeo knowledge, and current rodeo royalty. Contestants will have 45 minutes to complete the test. Any questions not answered in the given amount of time will be counted incorrect.

Promptness:

Judges will be looking at your time management in each division. Please remember to be 15 minutes early to the start of each category of the competition. Ten points will be deducted from each category you are not present for or on time to.

Silent Judge:

The silent judge is the person that will judge the Friday rodeo performance and Saturday during the pageant. This judge will score the contestants on their presentation, horsemanship, appearance and attitude. No contestant will know who the judge is and the judge will not be revealed after the contest is over, but each contestant will receive comments from the judge.

Newton Saddle Club Royalty Application

Date: _____

Princess

Queen Name:

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

School: _____ Grade (23-24 year): _____

Community Activity Involvement:

School Activity Involvement:

Horse Related Activities You Are A Part Of:

Hobbies Not Involving Horses:

Horse Related Achievements:

Non-Horse Related Achievements:

Prior Rodeo Royalty Experience:

Why Do You Want To Be NSC Royalty?

Three Words You Would Use To Describe Yourself:

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contestant Signature:

Legal Guardian Signature (If not over the age of 18):

Please, remember to include a 5x7 head and shoulders photo, the contestant fee, and a 200 word or less biography with the application.

Application is due July 10, 2023.

WAIVER AGREEMENT

This agreement is between the Newton Saddle Club and _____.

1. I/Contestant have/has A) received a complete copy of all the rules and regulations, B) read all rules and regulations, C) understands rules and regulations, D) has been advised of amendments to the rules if any, E) has had the opportunity to have any questions answered fully.
2. I/Contestant will adhere to and comply with the rules and regulations.
3. If I/Contestant observe(s) a rule violation, please make the pageant director or club member aware of this violation in a timely manner and the appropriate measures will be taken.
4. All decisions of the judges and director will be final.
5. I/Contestant understand(s) there are certain risks and dangers involved in competing in the NSC Royalty Pageant and I hereby assume all risks of injury sustained to my person and/or damage or loss to my property resulting from my participation in the pageant.
6. I/Contestant do/does hereby release the NSC Royalty Pageant and Newton Saddle Club, all it's members and affiliates from any and all claims, demands, actions, and causes of action of any sort of injury sustained to my person or any damage or loss to my property resulting from my participation in the pageant.
7. I/Contestant release(s) for use by the pageant and pageant sponsors the images captured by photograph and video/audio for use in further publication and promotion.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING RELEASE OF INJURY & MEDIA IMAGES

I represent and certify that my true age is _____ years, and if I am under the age of 18 years, I represent and certify that I have the permission and consent of my parents and/or guardian to participate in the stated activities, and that they have knowledge thereof.

Signature of Contestant _____ Date _____

Signature of parent/guardian if under 18 _____ Date _____