



2019 American Family Rodeo Association

Royal Family Application and Rules

1. All Contestants must be a member of the AFRA.
2. Contestants must sign a Waiver of Liability, the Expectation Statement, complete the contest application, and submit the required documents.
3. Contestants are required to provide their own wardrobes, and transportation to and from the contest and all promotional activities.
4. Coaching from the sidelines is not acceptable, can lead to disqualification.
5. Final decision in all categories will be that of the judges.
6. Pictures taken of the contestants by AFRA photographers during the contest become the property of the AFRA Board and may be used for publicity. Copies may be made available to contestants.
7. Video or pictures may be taken by parents, friends, or relatives of the contestants during the contest.
8. Contestants are not permitted at any time during the contest (as the reigning royal court or as a representative for the American Family Rodeo Association) to drink alcoholic beverages, use drugs, tobacco products, or use foul language in public.
9. All contestants must be aware of and conform to all AFRA dress codes (long sleeves western shirt, jeans, and western hat, boots and belt.)
10. All contestants and winners of the contest are required to dress western when representing the American Family Rodeo Association.
11. Any problems which arise should quickly be directed to any member of the AFRA Board.
12. After the coronation, each contestant is expected to stay and behave appropriately as well as show good sportsmanship. Misconduct could cause ineligibility for future contests. This will be decided by the AFRA Board.



13. There are eight levels of eligibility for the Royal Family Contest.

Prince/Princess-9 & Under

Junior King/Queen-10—19 years old

AFRA King/Queen—19 & Under (All contestants are eligible and considered for this role.

Top contender overall will receive this honor)

Mr. AFRA/Ms. AFRA- Over the age of 19

14. AFRA King/Queen and under contestants shall never have been married, or pregnant, and may not be the mother of a child out of wedlock, nor co-habiting with a male or female not of her family.

- If a contestant marries or becomes pregnant during his/her reign, he/she shall forfeit his/her title and all the benefits, prizes and moneys derived from the pageant. The title and benefits will go to the next runner-up.

15. Titleholder may have a boyfriend/girlfriend, but his/her Royal duties shall take top priority at all AFRA events.

- No extreme Public Displays of Affection (PDA) shall be permitted.
- Hand holding, quick hugs, and quick kisses are permitted.

16. Titleholder who violates any of these rules during his/her reign will relinquish all rights and privileges his/of her title.

17. Contestants will not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke or use inappropriate language at any time during the pageant or while representing American Family Rodeo Association

Mr. AFRA/ Ms. AFRA

1. Any member over the age of 19 may participate
2. Contestant may be married and/or have children.
3. No extreme PDA (public displays of affection)
4. Title holders will no be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke, drugs, or use inappropriate languae at any time while representing AFRA.



Social Media

1. The AFRA Royal Family are expected to conduct themselves in a positive manner online. They must represent, and respect AFRA and themselves in the best way with their attitude, actions, and behavior.
2. Titleholder must provide at least two Board Members with access to any, and all social media accounts, or blogs. Said accounts will be monitored by those Board Members during the Queen's reign. (excludes Mr./Ms. AFRA)

A. Queens shall not:

1. Be involved in cyber-bullying.
2. Post, tweet, share, or comment any of the following items, whether it be pictures, memes, gifs, or statements:
 - Nudity
 - Vulgarity
 - Profanity
 - Racially motivated
 - Inappropriate Language
 - Threats
 - Any negative, derogatory or harmful items towards American Family Rodeo Association
3. Titleholder who violates any of the social media rules, shall have said post be under review by the AFRA Board of Directors. With documentation of said post, and depending on severity, title holder is subject to a fine, or may be required to forfeit her title immediately. The next Runner-Up shall take said position.



CONTEST DIVISION

1. **APPEARANCE**-The purpose of this judging is to select the contestant is highest in:
 - Grooming-this should include neatness and cleanliness in every detail such as hat, boots, and other apparel
 - Posture
 - Professional behavior in every situation
 - Contestant's wardrobe

2. **HORSEMANSHIP**-The purpose of this judging is to select the contestant is highest in:
 - Horsemanship-Control of mount and the way each situation is handled.
 - Balance-The ability to sit in a saddle.
 - Position of hands and feet.
 - Mounting and dismounting.
 - The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged, and the overall appearance (grooming and cleanliness) of the horse and equipment.
 - Each contestant will be interviewed.
 - The contestant will be required to mount and dismount and perform a queen's presentation ride.
 - Dress wear for horsemanship is: Western jeans or pants and western cut blouse or shirt with long sleeves with shirttail tucked in. Hat, boots and belts are required. ☐ Since a contestant's personality projects from horseback to the audience and judges, showmanship should be considered.
 - Excessive use of spurs will not be permitted.
 - Hats must be secured to ensure that they do not come off while performing.
 - Optional for 9 & Under

3. **POISE AND PERSONALITY**-The purpose of this division is to select the contestant who rates highest in:
 - Intelligence-Good common sense and logic.
 - Education-Good grammar and general education.
 - Conversational ability in varied areas.
 - Sense of humor.
 - Genuine interest in other people, noticeable consideration of others, and good sportsmanship at all times.
 - Projection-Ability to project one's personality whether from horseback in an arena, or before an audience.
 - Showmanship-Being able to present oneself in a gracious manner.
 - Happy outlook on life in general.
 - Ability to keep composure in public.



4. **PERSONAL INTERVIEW**-Each contestant will be asked several general 'impromptu' questions about herself during the Personal Interview. The judges will score each contestant according to how well she presents herself, her composure and mannerisms while answering the questions. This will be added to her final scoring.

5. **RIDING PATTERN** The purpose of this judging is to select the contestant highest in handling a horse and the queen's responsibilities in the arena. (PATTERN WILL BE GIVEN OUT 10 MINUTES BEFORE COMPETITION)

FOR CONTESTANTS 9 & UNDER: If contestants 9 & under do not ride they will be given the same pattern to perform on foot not on horseback.



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This statement represents an agreement, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), between the American Family Rodeo Association, hereinafter referred to as "AFRA" and _____, a 2018 AFRA Royal contestant.

The purpose of this MOU is to confirm the contestant's understanding of the expectations set forth by the AFRA Queen Committee regarding the competition for the AFRA Queen. It discloses the expectations of the AFRA Queen and contestants vying for the title. I understand that by competing in the AFRA Royal Family Contest, or by winning one of the AFRA Royal Positions, I will be representing the AFRA.

Furthermore, I will be responsible for promoting the sport of rodeo in its true light to the general public. I further understand that should I not be chosen as part of the 2018 AFRA Royal Family, I may be asked to represent the AFRA in the event that the chosen Queen is unable to appear at any of the various events. I agree that I will eagerly and enthusiastically participate in activities when invited, including riding in the Grand Entries during the upcoming Rodeos. I agree to help in any and all activities where I am needed without negativity including: selling raffle tickets, sheep/calf scramble and anything else that I may be of help.

At all times I will strive to portray unexcelled sportsmanship, high morals, ethical character, and humane treatment to animals. As AFRA's representatives, I will act, speak, and dress according to the esteem my title deserves any time I am in the public eye. If I am chosen as part of the AFRA Royal Family, I agree to the following Articles:

ARTICLE

I. I will appear at events to promote the American Family Rodeo Association my entire reign.

II. I will wear my banner, crown, and proper western attire whenever I make an appearance as the AFRA Royalty or for portrait photos for the use of promoting the American Family Rodeo Association.

III. I will comply with this MOU and keep in close contact with the chairperson of the AFRA Board. It is my responsibility to notify the chairperson if: any problems arise, or if I am unable to make any appearances as scheduled. Should I be unable to make any event, I will notify the chairperson seven days in advance. I am aware that I can only miss 2 rodeos during the season, if I am to miss anymore then said 2 rodeos I am aware that I will give up my title as part of the Royal Family.

IV. I will encourage others to participate in future contest, act as hostess to contestants in future contests, and assist in the promotion of the contest in any way possible.



V. I understand that all of my appearances must have AFRA approval.

VI. I understand that I would have to forfeit all prizes if I act in a manner that does not adhere to this MOU. If there are negative reports on my conduct, the AFRA Board will discuss the matter with me. If there is no resolution to the problem, AFRA can request that I relinquish my title along with prizes.

VII. Finally, I completely understand that the AFRA Royal Family Contest is a competition that recognizes a number of attributes: Horsemanship, appearance, personality, knowledge of Rodeo.

During the contest, I will exhibit the utmost sportsmanship and conduct myself in a professional matter.

Contestant's Printed First & Last Name

Contestant's Signature and Date



WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In consideration of my application of being accepted for participation in the American Family Rodeo Association Royal Family Contest, I hereby agree to abide by the rules and understand that any violation of the rules and regulations may disqualify me from participating. I further agree to hold harmless the American Family Rodeo Association Board, their officers, agents, and employees for any claims resulting from the loss, accident or injury received by me in connection with participation by me in any event and performance of this contest. Furthermore I agree to hold harmless the facility, its officers, agents, and employees that provide the arena. In conclusion, I hereby release the right, title, and claim of any photographs that may be taken by the management for their use in promotion and publicity. I certify that I have read the rules and regulation of the American Family Rodeo Association Royal Family Contest.

Contestant Printed First & Last Name

Signature of Contestant _____
Date

Signature of Mother _____
Date

Signature of Father _____
Date

Contestant's Street Address/City/Zip Code

Contestant Phone #



APPLICATION (Please type, if unable to please print legibly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

County you reside in _____

Date of Birth _____

Telephone + Area Code _____ home

_____ Mobile

Email _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact's Telephone Number _____ home

_____ mobile _____ work

EDUCATION

Name of School you are attending: _____

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES _____

_____ SPECIAL INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

(include awards rec'd-horse/non-horse related)

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THE FUTURE? _____



PERSONAL QUESTIONNAIRE (This paper will be used to announce your name and info) Your name _____

How old are you? _____

What school do you go to? _____

What grade are you in? _____

What events are you competing in:

Which Title of the Royal Family are you competing for? _____

What is your horse's name? _____

What is your favorite rodeo event? _____

Questions the judge may ask you!

The judge will ask everyone these four questions.... What are your hobbies? Why do you like to Rodeo? Why do you want to be part of the Royal Family? What events do you participate in?

All contestants will be asked any question that you may find the answer to in our 2018 AFRA Rulebook.