

These guidelines have been adopted into our royalty program to help you look polished, professional and approachable in order to help you best represent the National Little Britches Rodeo Association. Enjoy the year and have fun with your own personal style! Fashion is an outward expression of who you are, so dress like the person you want to become!

Hair, Nails and Make-Up

- Hair and make-up must be done for EVERY appearance (no chipped off nail polish)
- Age Appropriate Make-Up
 - ✓ Queen- Darker, heavier and more exaggerated to highlight natural features. Lipstick, blush, eye shadow, etc.
 - ✓ Princess- Light make-up and very natural looking
 - ✓ Little Wrangler- Little to no make-up, use of mascara and lip gloss
 - ✓ Make-up should never be overdone
 - ✓ Make-up should be adjusted for arena appearances
- Curled Hair
 - ✓ Hair should be curled and styled for ALL appearances, this includes the Grand Entry. The exception to this rule is during rodeo competition and or horsemanship patterns.
- Straight Hair
 - ✓ Can be worn as long as it is still styled and looks purposeful; however, it is not an option for formal events.
- Pony Tails and Braids
 - ✓ Acceptable for arena activities or rodeo day duties
 - ✓ Must look styled and not sloppy
- Nails should be polished and clean for every official appearance
 - ✓ Fake nails may be worn.
 - ✓ Avoid neon and other distracting colors.
 - ✓ Simple neutrals that look professional are best.

Arena Attire

- Long-sleeve shirt and jeans, if in rodeo competition the shirt must meet NLBRA requirements for rodeo events.
- Vests over a long-sleeved shirt are great for the arena.
- Felt hats will be worn at all Royalty appearances, including Grand Entries. A straw hat (without crown) may be worn in arena during rodeo competition.
- Hair may be pulled back for rodeo competition.
- If you have chaps, they can be worn in Grand Entries, Parades and when assisting a rodeo committee, such as shagging calves, in the rodeo arena.
- Wear jewelry that has less movement
- Darker make-up with bolder colors is best for arena
- Your horse's appearance is an extension of you and the NLBRA organization!
 - ✓ If riding your own horse be sure to take the time to groom well or take the time to groom a borrowed mount if allowed by owner. Use maintained and clean tack.
 - ✓ Always check your gear, bridle and stirrup length and of course tighten the cinch.
 - ✓ Be sure you come prepared with all necessary tack and aids (bring spurs)
- Look, act and ride like a cowgirl!
- Fashion-forward arena attire options, for example: tucking skinny jeans into boots.
- Layered jewelry
- Don't be afraid to wear different materials and explore different styles

Formal Attire

- Clean and well-shaped FELT hat for all Royalty appearances
 - ✓ Floor length gown or dress; however, certain events may allow for a shorter style dress, which should hit at knee level
 - ✓ Blazers and a matching skirt work
- Simple and elegant jewelry
- Natural make-up for dinner, darker for on stage
 - ✓ Show off your features

- ¾ sleeve is acceptable at formal Royalty appearances, does not include the rodeo arena
- Hair should be curled and styled
- Boots are clean and polished
- Fashion Forward Formal Options
 - ✓ Explore different materials (don't limit yourself to leather and suede and save money)

Meet and Greet Appearances

- Autograph signings, luncheons and other appearances
- Jeans and long-sleeved shirt
- Jeans and a blazer
- Knee length dress or skirt and shirt or blazer (dresses and skirts no more than 3" above the knee)
- Jeans (Wrangler, Tin Haul, Roper or CINCH/Cruel Girl), long-sleeved shirt and vest. Jeans are not to be distressed, shredded or with holes.
- Hair can be straight, curled or pulled back but MUST be styled

Additional Do's and Don'ts to Appearance

- Do
 - ✓ Treat your title like a JOB. This is a job of humble servitude!
 - ✓ You MUST be Royalty Ready when you step into the public. This includes: exiting your vehicle, leaving you hotel room, or your trailer. This is all taken care of behind the scenes. Your appearance at this time also includes: the NLBRA Crown, Buckle, and Sash and of course...A Smile. All must be worn at all Royalty Appearances. Use common sense.
 - ✓ The NLBRA wants the crowns taken care of and therefore, they should not be worn during rodeo competition or events where they risk damage due to the nature of the event. Use common sense.
 - ✓ If you carry a cell phone, please put it in your purse or boot and not the front or back pocket. During all settings, your cell phone should be turned off. It is not appropriate to talk on your phone or text during your appearances.
 - ✓ You now live on Royalty Time: Arrive 10-15 minutes EARLY to each event
 - ✓ Come prepared to every event & dress appropriately for the event
 - ✓ Integrate your own style and be creative with what you wear!
 - ✓ Communicate with your event host prior to event

- ✓ All events must be approved by NLBRA
- ✓ Dress like a modest and classy cowgirl with a fashionable twist
 - Wear fashionable (not outdated) and approved clothes
 - Starch or press jeans (Wrangler, Tin Haul, Roper or CINCH/Cruel Girl) and shirts. Jeans are not to be distressed, shredded or with holes.
 - Clean and polish boots
 - Clean and shape hats often
- ✓ Be helpful, positive and polite to all (especially Mom & Dad), even volunteer to help when appropriate
- ✓ Remember that everything you do reflect positively or negatively on NLBRA
- ✓ Contact NLBRA if you are unsure of what to wear or you need help with ANYTHING!
- Don't
 - ✓ Don't act entitled!
 - ✓ Never arrive late
 - ✓ Don't wear a straw hat to a royalty appearance whether indoor, winter or fall event
 - ✓ Don't come to an event without hair and makeup and nails done
 - ✓ Don't wear wrinkled clothes
 - ✓ Never wear a sleeveless outfit, low-cut or too short, dress modestly
 - ✓ Don't chew gum or eat during an appearance that isn't in a dining setting
 - ✓ Don't behave in a manner that might cause you or the NLBRA embarrassment
 - ✓ Don't lose your hat in the arena or take your hat off during an appearance. Use common sense
 - ✓ Don't be out of style

*** Remember that we are proud of what you accomplished and we are excited to work with you throughout the next fun-filled year. Don't hesitate to come to us for help or if you have any questions at all! You earned this title, go live it!