

National Little Britches Rodeo Association 2019-2020 Royalty Pageant Rules, Guidelines, and Regulations

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National Little Britches Rodeo Royalty

The NLBRA Royalty pageant is held annually to select three young ladies (one in each age group Senior, Junior and Little Wrangler) who will represent the National Little Britches Rodeo Association throughout the year.

The NLBRA Royalty Pageant Committee is responsible for the ceremonies and activities necessary to select the titleholders. The committee offers direction, support and assistance to selected royalty during their reign.

Contestants shall agree to abide by all the rules and regulations set forth by the NLBRA and the NLBRA Royalty Committee. Breaking any eligibility rules and or regulations will disqualify a contestant from the competition and cause forfeit of any prizes and or titles. Selected NLBRA Royalty are responsible to carry the title proudly; fulfilling duties assigned by the NLBRA and the NLBRA Royalty Committee to the best of her ability. The NLBRA and NLBRA Royalty Committee reserves the right to exercise its governing power where questions may arise throughout the year.

Eligibility

1. Contestants in the NLBRA Royalty Pageant must qualify for the NLBRA National Finals and Compete in at least one rodeo event.
2. Contestants must compete in the age category they will be competing in the following years and must have at least one year of eligibility remaining in the NLBRA.
3. A NLBRA titleholder who violates any of these rules during her reign will relinquish all rights and privileges of her title at the request of the Committee.
4. During their reign, the NLBRA Royalty title is the only royalty position that the contestant is allowed to hold. Any other title must be relinquished by August 31. Any other titles won during the year of the NLBRA reign must not start until August 1 of the following year.

Rules and Regulations

1. Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper, ladylike manner and portray high moral standards.

2. Each contestant must supply the NLBRA Royalty Committee with an electronic photo saved as a JPG. Photos must be head and shoulder pose (no action) in western attire. Western attire will include western blouse, suit or dress, hat and accessories. Photos must not contain crowns or banners from previous contests. It is the responsibility of the contestant to arrange their photo session and to submit photos on time with their application. The photos will be used for publicity purposes and the Pageant Committee cannot guarantee their return and will be responsible for the expense to replace them.
3. Each contestant is required to submit a \$60 entry fee with her application. Payment should be made payable to the National Little Britches Rodeo Association.
4. Contestants must be available from June 29, 2019 at 3:00 pm through the completion of the pageant.
5. Each contestant must FULLY complete and return the NLBRA Royalty Application along with any other requested documents, noted on each contestant's application. These documents must be submitted with each contestant's application in order to consider the application complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered a valid entry.
6. Pageant judges may not be approached by a contestant or related individual with the intent to influence or harass. Action of this type can result in disqualification of the contestant at the discretion of the Committee.
7. Junior and Little Wrangler contestants must provide their own horses, tack and handlers during the horsemanship portion of the pageant. Senior contestants will be provided horses but must provide their own saddle; bridle, blanket and leg gear will be provided by the owner of the horse. Horses will be drawn for contestants. Arrangements may be made for contestants to view the horses working prior to the horsemanship portion of the contest. The specific time will be determined later.
8. Contestants should be at all scheduled events at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. Failure to do so may result in a deduction in the contestant score.
9. Contestants must provide their own transportation to and from each scheduled event.
10. Contestants must provide their own wardrobe and agree to follow the wardrobe guidelines and dress code. Each contestant should have at least one complete western dress outfit, one complete horsemanship outfit (as outlined under horsemanship). Additional information is available in the wardrobe guidelines and it is up to the contestant as to how many outfits she brings.
11. Contestants are required to bring a silent auction item valued at \$25, as well as a small gift for another contestant in their division for the gift exchange which will occur right before coronation.

Pageant Categories

The categories for judging: Horsemanship, Appearance, Personality, Speech, Interview, Modeling, Impromptu, Silent Judge, and Test. The overall winner will be crowned NLBRA Royalty in her age division with the next highest scoring individual receiving First Runner-up. Other awards may also be given, including but not limited to Congeniality or Horsemanship.

Horsemanship

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates the highest in:

1. Horsemanship: including control of mount, proper arena etiquette, and the way each situation that may occur is handled.
2. Balance, ability and position of hands, feet, and seat when riding at a reasonable rate of speed for the activity.
3. Understanding of leads and proper execution of specific patterns.
4. Presentation ride (Queens Run/Wave and carrying of flag).
5. Showmanship: How the contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback.
6. Required attire for horsemanship is in the wardrobe guideline.

Other considerations in Horsemanship include, but are not limited to the following:

- * The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged, NOT the horse.
- * Contestants should ride with one hand on the reins. An exception to this will be senior girls who can use 2 hand is necessary for safety purposes.
- * There will be two go-rounds of competition, one will include the pattern and the other will be the cattle work. Contestants can use different horses for each round, but must have them both ready and have a handler waiting. The order will be drawn and announced at orientation.
- * Judges may talk to contestants, or ask Horsemanship questions in the arena, on stage during public appearances and/or during interviews.
- * Contestants may be judged on any of their presentation runs at the rodeo performances and will be judged on their presentation run during the Horsemanship competition.
- * Contestants will be asked to carry a flag. Flag boots should be used but will NOT be provided.
- * Contestants may be asked to ride on the rail at a walk, trot and lope in both directions as part of this contest. Other arena work may be requested at the discretion of the Committee and/or judges.

Appearance

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates highest in:

1. Attractiveness
2. Grooming: This should include meticulous care in neatness and cleanliness in every detail such as complexion, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots, and other wearing apparel. Remember to wear age appropriate make-up.
3. Posture: This should include carrying oneself straight and tall with confidence and poise.
4. Poise and ladylike behavior in every situation: This should include handling every type of situation with grace, style, and proper etiquette. Good sportsmanship both in and outside of the arena at all times.
5. Western Fashion Sense: This includes western outfits, which are fashionable, tasteful and properly fit for the contestant. Attention will be paid to the use of color and texture to enhance the contestant's personal features. Attention will be paid to suitability of the outfit to the occasion. Additional information is available in the wardrobe guideline. (Clothes need not be eccentric or expensive, but should be neat, clean and appropriate).
6. Proper fit of clothing: This includes figure flattering styles altered for a personal fit, if necessary. Properly cleaned, fitted and shaped hats which flatter the contestant's face, will

be considered. Judges will look for versatility and imagination in the contestants ability to carry out a “total look”, rather than an excessive amount of clothing.

7. Knowledge of western clothing: This includes the major western wear manufacturers (such as our sponsors), trends in western wear industry and western wear sponsors of the NLBRA.

Personality

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates highest in:

1. Intelligence and good common sense.
2. Conversational ability in varied situations with an emphasis on correct grammar and enunciation.
3. A good sense of humor.
4. Self-confidence, high-moral standards, sincerity, and integrity.
5. Genuine interest in people and consideration of others.
6. Self-projection (the ability to project one’s personality in any situation), whether from horseback or on stage.
7. Positive outlook on life.
8. Promptness and cooperation. Please note that if a contestant fails to arrive on time for any pageant event she may be penalized and or disqualified at the Committee’s discretion. (It is a good idea to arrive at least 15 minutes early for each event.)
9. Maturity.
10. Educational background and goals as well as career goals.

Speech

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates highest in:

1. Ability to communicate with an audience using appropriate and correct language as well as good grammar.
2. Ability to be prepared and deliver speech without the use of props.
3. Self-projection on stage, including delivery, voice, manner and use of microphone.
4. Ability to present age appropriate speech from memory.
5. **Speech Topic - Anything about the NLBRA.**

Other considerations in Speech include:

*Speeches should be NO MORE than 2 1/2 minutes in length. 5 points from each judge will be deducted for speeches longer than three minutes. Deductions will also be given for speeches less than 2 minutes.

* Speeches should be memorized. No props or visual aids will be allowed.

Modeling

The purpose of this category is to judge appearance, coordination and ability to present one’s self on stage. Routines will be limited to 2 minutes.

Written Test

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates highest in knowledge:

1. Written test worth 50 points of the total score. The questions on the test will be taken from the NLBRA Rule Book, the NLBRA Web Site, and current events in the Rodeo industry.
2. The topics can include but are not limited to: Current Board Members, NLBRA Rules, Current Royalty, Sponsors, Finals Personnel, or any information found in the places listed above.
3. Questions may include: True/False, Multiple Choice, Short Answer, or Fill in the Blank
4. Arrangements can be made at the discretion of the Royalty Pageant Committee to have an independent 3rd party ready the questions to a contestant if they are not able to do so themselves because of the contestants age/or reading ability. Notification must be made in advance of the contest.

Silent Judge

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates highest in:

1. Overall ability to conduct oneself like a lady throughout the pageant.
2. Areas of judging will include, but are not limited to: Behavior in and out of direct competition, interaction with others, completion of requirements of the pageant including a silent auction item, gift basket, and hometown display, treatment and care of your horse and other livestock, participation in activities, punctuality, other areas the silent judge(s) observe the contestants.

Judging

The NLBRA Royalty Committee will use the following procedures for selecting judges and for overall judging:

1. Judges are selected for their experience and qualifications. All judges will be used to judge all categories (except for the silent judge category), including Appearance, Personality, Impromptu, Speech, Interview and Horsemanship.
2. Silent Judge may judge the Rodeo Flyby rides if the contest judges are not available.
3. All decisions of the judges are final.
4. Silent Judge will be selected by the NLBRA Royalty Committee. The identity of the silent judge will not be revealed at any time before or during, but may be revealed after the contest. The silent judge's score will be included in the overall score.

Breaking of ties

A tie for any of the NLBRA Royalty Categories will be broken by the horsemanship scores, i.e., the contestant with the highest score in horsemanship will receive the higher ranking. A tie in horsemanship will be broken by the test score. A tie in both test and horsemanship will be broken by the silent judge score. A tie in Congeniality will also be broken by the silent judge.

Contestants may vote on the selection of Miss Congeniality. This award will not affect points earned in the NLBRA Royalty Contest.

Wardrobe Guidelines

Speech and Modeling: Formal Outfit is required. This is any western style dress or skirt combination. This dress does not have to be leather. No pants will be allowed in this category.

Interview: Interview attire will be fashion forward.

Horsemanship: Any color of jeans and any long sleeved horsemanship shirt of your choosing.

Grand Entries: Contestants are encouraged to observe the themes in the Grand Entries. You must rodeo in NLBRA approved attire.

Coronation: Formal Outfit is required. This is any western style dress or skirt combination. No pants will be allowed for this function.

Casual Appearances: Will be off the rack attire. (This will include Saturday night Orientation).

Royalty Scoring

There will be three judges chosen and approved by the NLBRA Executive Board. The contest winners will be determined by the total of the judge's scores, the silent judge score, and the test score. The contestant with the highest score in each age division will be crowned the winner.

The categories for judging are as follows:

Modeling - 25 points per judge for a total of 75 points.

Speech - 50 points per judge for a total of 150 points.

Impromptu Question - 50 points per judge for a total of 150 points.

Interview - 100 points per judge for a total of 300 points.

Personality - 25 points per judge for a total of 75 points.

Appearance - 50 points per judge for a total of 75 points.

Grand Entries/Presentation Rides - 50 points per judge for a total of 150 points.

(One presentation ride will be completed during the start of the performance on Tuesday evening. This is subject to change. Scoring for presentation ride during Horsemanship and performance will be a combined possible total of 150 points.)

Horsemanship - 100 points per judge for a total of 300 points.

(Horsemanship to be broken down as follows: Pattern 50 points, Flag Run 15 points, Cattle Work 35 points — grand entries will not be included in total horsemanship category.)

Test - 50 points total

Silent Judge - 50 points total

This allows for a total possible of 1450 points per contestant including all three judges, the test, and the silent judge.