

QUEEN AND LADY-IN-WAITING CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Conduct yourself as a LADY at all times, whether in Queen's attire or not, when representing the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo. Behave in a polite and gracious manner at all times. Arguing with anyone (this includes parents and siblings) yelling, talking, laughing loudly and "goofing off" will be considered inappropriate behavior. Remember you are in the public eye and you must represent the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo properly. You are there to publicize the events, no to make it notorious!
2. Attend all required events and every event possible that you have been invited to in order to promote the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo, (invited events must be approved by the Queen's Committee).
3. YOU AND YOUR MOUNT MUST ALWAYS BE NEAT AND WELL GROOMED. No visible tattoos or face/body piercing will be tolerated at any time during your reign. Single ear piercing is excluded.
4. ALWAYS wear the designated attire (dress code) when representing the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo. Dress code includes boots, hat with crown, sash and belt buckle.
5. Remember--- you are always in the public eye even when not in official attire. Swearing, smoking, chewing tobacco, or drinking alcoholic beverages is inappropriate.
6. Handle your horse as a horsewoman. The display of anger when handling your horse is inappropriate.
7. As Lady-in-Waiting this is your apprenticeship and your time to learn. Cooperation with the Queen and the Queen's Committee is expected. If you feel the Queen is not performing her duty properly, speak to her first. If the matter cannot be resolved, the chain of command is to discuss it with the Chairperson of the Queen's Committee and then the President of the Fair Board.
8. As Queen you must keep your Lady-in-Waiting informed of engagement details (location, dates, times, what to wear and whether to bring her horse) well in advance.
9. It is a function of the Queen to plan and execute one or more fundraising events in order to replenish the scholarship fund.
10. The Queen and Lady-in-Waiting shall not participate in any open display of affection with a significant partner or other while representing the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo. This includes kissing, handholding, sitting on laps, etc. The Queen and Lady-in-Waiting shall not live with a significant partner during their reign.

The committee members and the Fair Board will investigate any possible rule violation and/or misconduct and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken, which may include written reprimand or immediate dismissal. The Lady-in-Waiting Contest; Horsemanship, Presentation and Personality.

The Queen's Committee updates the application for the Lady-in-Waiting Contest in early April. Applications are available during the first week in June at the Fairground's Office and on the web at www.larimer.org/fair (<http://www.larimer.org/fair>). The deadline coincides with the fair entry deadline. Each contestant will be judged on horsemanship, presentation and personality.

Queen and Lady-in-Waiting reign years are defined as September 16th-September 15th of the following year. The Lady-in-Waiting Contest is held each year during the first week of the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo. The reign of the new Lady-in-Waiting will begin September 16th of the current year. She will become Queen on September 16th of the following year. The contestants are judged on personality, presentation, and horsemanship. Each contestant is required to wear Wrangler 13mwz blue jeans, a plain off white or white long sleeved, cuffed and collared, button up shirt (absolutely no design or adornments, sequins, beading, etc., or any design in the material of the shirt), a hat, and boots during all portions of the contest. No jackets or vests allowed.

The Queen's Committee, with the assistance of the Queen and Lady-in-Waiting, shall coordinate all arrangements for the contest including: publicity, planning for the clinic(s), and securing appropriate judges. The committee shall completely plan the "contest brunch" for the personality and presentation portion of the contest. This includes securing a location, confirming the time, deciding on refreshments, ordering participation awards, and any other planning that is required. This event shall be open to the public and may have a minimal fee associated with it.

The contest begins with the Contest Brunch. At this brunch, each contestant will draw her number to be used throughout the entire contest. The personality and presentation portions of the contest are held at the brunch during the week prior to Fair. The Queen and Lady-in-Waiting are the hostesses for this event and are to be in proper attire. Each contestant will be asked to introduce herself and to tell the group about herself. She will then proceed by giving her prepared 2-minute speech. During this portion of the competition each contestant will be asked to draw impromptu questions that she will be required to answer. The questions will be drawn from PRCA Rodeo regulations, the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo Premium Book, general facts about Larimer County and situational question(s). Following the impromptu questions the judges will conduct private interviews with each contestant. The interviews will not exceed ten minutes.

Each Lady-in-Waiting contestant will be required to ride her horse in the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo Parade, attend the Queen's Luncheon and Grand Entry and Junior Rodeos. All of these events are held on the same day, so appropriate support for each contestant is required.

On Saturday at Fair, brief descriptions of each contestant will be read. The Queen and Lady-in-Waiting will then hand out participation awards to each contestant. The name of the first runner-up will be announced and then the name of the new Lady-in-Waiting. A runner up is named in the event the chosen contestant cannot fulfill her duties. She will then make a Queen's (victory) run. The new Lady-in-Waiting will officially be crowned at the Tuesday evening PRCA Rodeo performance dressed in contest attire.

The Horsemanship portion of the contest is held at the Larimer County fairgrounds during the week off Fair. Both the current Queen and Lady-in-Waiting must be present on horseback and in proper attire. Each contestant will groom and saddle a horse to perform most, or all of the following events:

A. Groom and tack

B. Horsemanship pattern

C. Demonstrate posting of the sponsor's flags, (1 fast lap around the arena with flag); a flag boot may be used if desired, but must be provided by the contestant.

After completion of the horsemanship pattern the contestant will, approach the judges, dismount, visit briefly with the judges, remount and exit the arena. The last part of the horsemanship portion of the contest is the Queen's ride. Each contestant will individually enter the arena in the same "order of go" to do a Queen's run. Tabulating of judges' scores will be done by an independent accounting firm.