



Northwest Youth Rodeo Association 2019 Court Tryouts

Thank you for your interest in being a part of the 2019 Northwest Youth Rodeo Association (NYRA) Rodeo Court. Tryouts will be held during Finals August 17 & 18, 2018 at the Philomath Frolic & Rodeo Grounds, 502 S. 13th Street, Philomath, OR. 97370.

Tryouts will consist of the following:

1. Personal Interviews: You will be asked a variety of personality, rodeo knowledge and current event questions.
2. Speech: A **memorized** two to three minute speech about anything rodeo related and why you want to be a part of the 2019 Court ~ be creative and remember no note cards or papers to read off of will be allowed during this event.
3. Impromptu Questions: One current event, rodeo, and personality question
4. Horsemanship: You will perform a riding pattern given at tryouts and an arena flag run.

Tryouts begin at 6:30 PM on Friday August 17th and are open to the public, except for the personal interviews. Please invite your family and friends to attend beginning with the Horsemanship portion of the tryouts and then the Personal Interviews after. Saturday August 18th will be the Speech, Modeling and Impromptu Question part of the contest. This will start at approximately 4:00pm depending on when the last event ends.

There is a mandatory orientation meeting Friday August 17th at 5:30 PM before Horsemanship. A parent/guardian is required to attend.

Your parents, or support team, are welcome to arrive with you; however they will be asked to remain outside or in another building during the personal interview process. Your parents, or support team, are allowed to help you prepare for horsemanship; once you are on your horse they must go into the grandstands to watch the competition and are not allowed to talk to you until the horsemanship portion is completed.

Please read all of the rules and regulations carefully. You and your parent(s) must sign the NYRA Code of Conduct prior to tryouts. If you have questions, feel free to contact the Court Advisor Leanna Steinke.

There is a \$35.00 Application Fee. Please make checks payable to the NYRA and turn it in with your application.

Please turn your completed application into the Court Advisor, Leanna Steinke. We look forward to getting your application. Deadline is August 1, 2018.



2019 Northwest Youth Rodeo Association Court Tryouts Information and Procedures

The NYRA Court represents the Northwest Youth Rodeo Association and its members throughout Oregon and Washington, appearing in parades, rodeos, luncheons, and other public and promotional activities. Applicants must have reached the age of 10 by July 1st of the pageant year, not exceed the age of 18 as of December 31st of the pageant year, and be a current paid member of the NYRA. So if the applicant is trying out for the 2019 Court year they must have been an active member in the 2018 rodeo year. Applicants must be willing to abide by the Court rules, including responsibility of her horse and transportation, fundraising, and be available to participate in court activities throughout the year. You will be responsible to raise money in sponsorships for the court. These funds will pay for a variety of items you both will need as court members.

If you are interested in being a contestant for the 2019 Court, please submit the completed application to: Leanna Steinke, Court Advisor, P.O. Box 456, Philomath, OR. 97370.

Application must include the following:

- Statement of why you want to be a member of the 2019 court (50 words or less)
- Signed Application Requirements and Rules of Conduct
- Non-Refundable \$35.00 Application Fee payable to NYRA
- 1 – 8x10 Color Photo – for the Photogenic Contest (Photo's will be returned)
Head & Shoulder shot, Western Style Hat and blouse, No Crowns or Banners Please
- Photo Release – signed by photographer of the photo submitted
- Signed Social Networking Policy

Application Deadline: August 1, 2018

Court Reign is January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019



2019 Rodeo Court Appearance Schedule – Parades and Rodeos (Tentative)

As a court you are required to attend all NYRA rodeos and Sponsor rodeos but have the opportunity to attend other events if you would like. Below is a schedule that courts in the past have followed. As you can see it can take a lot of commitment should you desire to do more than just the NYRA rodeos and Sponsor rodeo's. Support is very important. It is your responsibility to get yourself and your horse to every function. You may be required to attend two NYRA board meetings, one at the beginning of your year and one towards the end of your year. All travel is at the expense of the court members. You are also encouraged to attend coronation dinners for other courts. Other activities and appearances will be agreed upon by the new court and court advisor.

January

- 1/9 Columbia County Court Coronation Dinner
- 1/23 Jr. Miss Rodeo Oregon Coronation Dinner
- 1/23 Jefferson County Court Coronation Dinner

February

- 2/6 Teen Miss Rodeo Oregon Coronation Dinner
- 2/13 Miss NPRA Coronation Dinner
- 2/27 Philomath Frolic & Rodeo Queen Coronation Dinner

March

- 3/5-7 Vancouver Horse Expo
- 3/12 Canby Rodeo Court Coronation Dinner
- 3/18-20 Albany NW Horse Expo

April

- 4/2 St. Paul Rodeo Court Coronation Dinner
- 4/16 Women for Ag Dinner & Auction
- 4/22 Miss Rodeo Oregon Coronation Dinner

May

- 5/14 Shriner's Hospital Visit
- 5/21 NYRA Playday @ Branton's Arena
- 5/29-30 Spray Pro Rodeo & Parade

June

- 6/3-5 NYRA Rodeo @ St. Paul
- 6/10-12 Sisters Pro Rodeo & Parade
- 6/17-19 NYRA Rodeo @ Canyonville
- 6/25-27 Tillamook Rodeo

July

- 7/1-4 St. Paul Rodeo (Sponsor Rodeo) / Molalla Buckaroo Rodeo / Eugene Pro Rodeo
- 7/8-10 Philomath Frolic & Rodeo / Cottage Grove Rodeo (Both Sponsor Rodeo's)
- 7/15-17 NYRA Rodeo @ Canby
- 7/22-23 Sublimity Rodeo
- 7/29-30 Benton County Fair & Rodeo

August

- 8/5-7 NYRA Rodeo @ Cottage Grove
- 8/12-14 NYRA Finals Rodeo @ Philomath



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You must be prepared to show your best on tryout day. Judges will not take into consideration past experience or knowledge of any contestants. You will be judged solely on your performance that day.

Attire for Tryouts:

Interview / Speech / Impromptu:

Western attire (dress or pants) appropriate for an interview or appearing at a luncheon or group presentation.

Horsemanship:

Western jeans, western long sleeved shirt, hat and boots. (Jeans & Shirts need to be starched)

The objective of the tryout is to find 2 young women who can ride well, speak to the public, and represent herself and the Association in a dignified and honorable manner.

Judges will be looking for these attributes in court contestants:

Personal Interviews

- Pleasant, friendly, relaxed, poised, sincere, and confident
- Able to converse

Appearance

- Poise and posture
- Clean, well-fitting Western attire
- Clean, well-shaped Cowboy hat

Speech

- Self-projection and self confidence
- Speech topic, content, and effectiveness
- Delivery of speech (no ums, is it memorized, any hesitations, etc.)

Horse

- Clean, neatly clipped
- Clean, properly fitting tack
- Responsive to the contestant
- Must be able to carry a flag

Patterns

- Must ride with one hand
- Seat, posture, control, hands
- Ride with some speed, but in control
- Completeness and correctness of pattern



If you are selected you will be required to:

1. Have at least one parent / chaperone to help you at parades and rodeos.
2. Wear the wardrobe that is selected by the Court Advisor.
3. Be prepared at all events with tack, clothing, and a positive attitude.
4. Be available for appearances and events throughout your court reign.

As a court member you will be doing the following:

- Riding in parades
- Riding in Rodeo Grand Entries
- Attending luncheons, interviews and various coronation dinners
- Distributing NYRA information as requested by the Board or Court Advisor
- Carrying sponsor flags between events at rodeos
- Be flexible and available for short notice appearances
- Work / help at all NYRA rodeos when not competing
- Run in for Saturday and Sunday NYRA rodeos



Northwest Youth Rodeo 2019 Court Requirements

1. Applicants must reach the age of 10 by July 1st of the pageant year and not exceed the age of 18 as of December 31st of the pageant year.
2. Applicant shall not be married, never have been married, not pregnant, nor have children.
3. Applicant will have her own horse (owned or leased), transportation / trailer. Applicant will try out on the horse she plans to use during her reign. Horse should have previous parade experience. Only one horse is required, however a backup horse is recommended. The horse must be healthy, with current vaccination and worming. The horse must be kept clean, trimmed and shod. No stallions, late term pregnant mares, or mares with foals will be allowed.
4. Previous Queens can not serve on Court again.
5. The selection will be made on a score system; the highest scorer to be named Queen and the second highest will be named Princess.
6. If a member of the court is unable to fulfill her term the NYRA Board and Court Advisor will decide if that position shall be filled for the remainder of the term or will remain vacant.
7. The successful candidates will reign from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.
8. On behalf of the NYRA, Court members are required to fund raise to cover court expenses. You must submit your money to the Treasurer of the Board. If you have any questions or concerns about fundraising and obtaining sponsors, please discuss this with one of this year's court members who can provide you with a list of sponsors and ideas for fundraising.

Name of Applicant _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Name of Parent(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____

Name and Description
Of Horse _____

(Please include a signed copy of agreement if horse is leased)

Hold Harmless: by my signature, I hereby release the NYRA Executive Board, Court, Court Advisor, NYRA members and agents from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action of any sort, or of any injury sustained to my person or my horse, or any damage or loss to my property resulting from my participation in any event, rodeo performance, activity, or parade for the entire term of my reign as Queen or Princess. I enter this pageant at my own risk and am subject to pageant rules, both written and verbal.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent

Date



NORTHWEST YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION NYRA Court/Parental Code of Conduct

Congratulations on being selected to serve on the Northwest Youth Rodeo Association's ("NYRA") Court. The NYRA is pleased to welcome you to the court and looks forward to having you serve as a court representative. The NYRA is a non-profit Section 501©(3) organization whose Mission Statement is to maintain the Youth Rodeo Association values and traditions, which are their number one priority.

Your application for a membership on the NYRA court is voluntary and we appreciate the time that you intend to volunteer on behalf of the NYRA. You were previously provided with information regarding the responsibilities of court members and a copy of this Code of Conduct with your NYRA court tryout packet. By signing below, you understand and agree as follows:

- 1. Public Image.** Throughout your court service, you will be acting on behalf of the NYRA and all NYRA members and participants. It is important that your conduct and actions, as well as those of your parent(s)/guardian(s), are maintained appropriately, in good faith, and in the best interest of the NYRA. You will not only be asked to make public appearances, but you and your parent(s)/guardian(s) must be able to interact with other members of the court and their parent(s)/guardian(s) in a manner that is appropriate, nonconfrontational, and in a manner that serves the best interest of the NYRA. The NYRA Board of Directors and Court Advisor reserves the right to discontinue your service on the court should the NYRA, in the NYRA's sole discretion, determine that you or your parent's/guardian's behavior is not in the best interest of the NYRA. The NYRA Executive Board and Court Advisor reserve the right to withdraw a title under various conditions including if titleholder engages in behavior that brings into question her honesty, maturity or moral character.
- 2. Fundraising.** As a member of the court, you will be asked to conduct various fundraising activities on behalf of the NYRA. Donations of any kind that are provided to you, your parent(s)/guardian(s) or on your behalf are for the benefit of the NYRA only. It is your responsibility to inform all third party donors prior to making any such donations of its intended application and purpose. You are solely obligated to properly document and account for all such donations to the NYRA.
- 3. NYRA Equipment.** You will be entrusted by the NYRA with certain NYRA equipment, which includes, but is not limited to, court crowns, flags, chaps, serapes, vehicle magnets, spurs, chaps, and other similar property. You are solely responsible to maintain, care for, protect, secure and return all such personal property immediately upon the request of the NYRA or otherwise, upon your disassociation with the court. The NYRA has the right to hold you responsible for any damage, misuse, failure to return, loss, destruction, or theft of any of the NYRA property in your possession. In addition, the NYRA may purchase, on your behalf, certain property including, but not limited to, hats, shirts, jeans, vests, and similar items which may be of custom fit to you, and therefore, of no other use to the NYRA. Therefore, you expressly understand and agree that you are solely responsible to timely pay the NYRA or any third party vendor for such specialty items, as determined by the NYRA.



4. **Remedies.** As a member and representative of the NYRA court, you and your parent(s)/guardian(s) warrant, represent, and agree that, should the NYRA, in its sole discretion, find you or your parent(s)/guardian(s) in violation of: (a) the NYRA'S Code of Conduct; (b) the NYRA Rulebook; or any disclosure forms provided to you upon tryouts, the NYRA reserves the right to ask you to: (1) immediately step down from the court and cease any and all activities on behalf of the NYRA court; (2) seek any direct and indirect damages related to equipment or other personal property, or your failure to report and turn over NYRA donations, plus interest at the legal rate, until paid; or (3) seek all legal and equitable relief, including an injunction, to refrain you or your parent(s)/guardian(s) from disparaging the public image of the NYRA; (4) damages in the amount of \$50 per day for any retention of NYRA property after termination of your association from NYRA and issuance of a ten (10) day letter of demand by NYRA and/or(5) the NYRA's attorneys fees and costs related to the enforcement of such matters.

5. **Assumption of Risk.** By signing below, you understand and agree that there are certain inherent risks associated with activities related to the NYRA. These risks include, but are not limited to, the handling, riding, and proximity to rodeo animals, as well as other certain inherent risks that are associated with rodeos. You understand and agree to participate in these activities at your own risk and to hold the NYRA harmless from any and all actions related to these risks, as well as other damages associated with your voluntary membership on the NYRA court.

6. **Consideration.** As consideration for the NYRA accepting you as a member of the court and to act on behalf of the NYRA, you and your parent(s)/guardian(s) agree to sign this Code of Conduct Disclaimer. By signing below, you all understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the NYRA Code of Conduct and the NYRA Rulebook, you agree that you are voluntarily signing this disclaimer and have had ample opportunity to review, ask questions, and seek counsel, prior to signing this disclaimer. To the extent that you are a minor, by signing below, your parent(s)/guardian(s) consent, on your behalf, to the NYRA Code of Conduct.

NYRA Court Member

By: _____
(Date)

NYRA Court Member's Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Consent

By: _____
(Date)

By: _____
(Date)

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Northwest Youth Rodeo Association Photographer Release Form

Permission to Use Copyright Print:

Person in Photograph _____

Photographer _____

Business Address of Photographer _____

Telephone _____

As the photographer and copyright owner of the print, I grant permission for my print to be used in the Northwest Youth Rodeo Pageant and for pageant publicity purposes. The print will not be used for any purpose beyond those stated by Northwest Youth Rodeo Association.

Signature of Photographer

Date

Print Name



NYRA COURT APPLICATION

Name: _____
First Name MI Last Name

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Have you ever been married? _____

Name of Horse: _____ Age: _____

Description of Horse: _____

Do you have your own truck and trailer? _____

Parent's Information

Mother _____
Name Address City State Zip

Father _____
Name Address City State Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Personal Statistics

Height: _____ Blouse Size: _____ Jean Size: _____ Waist & Inseam: _____

Belt Size: _____ Jacket Size: _____ Boot Size: _____ Hat Size: _____

Education

Highest year completed: _____ Year Graduated: _____

School Name: _____

Scholastic Honors & Other Accomplishments

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Are you employed? _____ If yes, will this impact your ability to serve on court? _____



Horsemanship skills, experience, or training that may be helpful in fulfilling this position, especially participation in parades, rodeos, horse shows, etc. (Use an extra sheet if needed.)

Who should we notify in case of an accident or serious illness?

Name	Phone
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Address	Relationship
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Please Include

- A statement of why you want to be a part of the 2019 NYRA Court (50 words or less)
- Signed NYRA Court Requirements
- Signed Application and Code of Conduct
- Signed Photographer Release
- Signed Social Networking Policy

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My signature affirms that all information on this application is understood by me and my parents and is true to the best of my knowledge. I have read, understand and will abide by the Application Requirements and Code of Conduct and Court Rules and understand that violation of any rule may result in suspension or dismissal from the Court. I agree to be available for the entire NYRA season and I release the NYRA Executive Board, Court Advisor, or their agents from any responsibility for loss, injury, accident, theft, or damage to horse, rider, persons, or property.

Contestant Signature	Date
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Parent or Legal Guardian Signature	Date
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Social Networking Policy

The following is the Northwest Youth Rodeo Association (NYRA) Court Social networking policy. The absence of, or lack of explicit reference to a specific internet and/or web site does not limit the extent of the application of this policy. Where no policy or guideline exists, pageant contestants should use their professional judgment and take the most prudent action possible. Consult with your pageant director if you are uncertain.

1. Personal blogs should have clear disclaimers that the views expressed by the author in the blog is the author's alone and do not represent the views of the NYRA. Be clear and write in first person. Make your writing clear that you are speaking for yourself and not on behalf of the NYRA or your title.
2. Information published on your blog(s) should comply with the NYRA's confidentiality and disclosure of proprietary data policies. This also applies to comments posted on other blogs, forums, and social networking sites.
3. Be respectful to the NYRA, yourself, other title holders, your sponsors, NYRA sponsors, and possible pageant competitors.
4. Social media activities should not interfere with pageant rules and regulations.
5. Your online presence reflects the NYRA and your title as a pageant contestant. Be aware that your actions captured via images, posts, or comments can reflect that of the NYRA and your title as well.
6. Do not reference or site sponsors, other title holders, or rodeos without their express consent.
7. Respect copyright laws, and reference or site sources appropriately. Plagiarism applies online as well.
8. NYRA logos and trademarks may not be used without written consent.
9. Ultimately you should be mature, be ethical, and think before you type or post.
10. The NYRA Executive Board reserves the right to determine if posts are acceptable and within moral standards set forth in the Code of Conduct.

Violation of this policy can result in disciplinary action, up to and including the removal of being a pageant contestant and of the title and crown. The Northwest Youth Rodeo Association Executive Board reserves the right to decide such disciplinary action at any time during the pageant contestant status.

Please sign below indicating that you have read and understand the above policy and that you agree to adhere to these guidelines during your pageant contestant status.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pageant Advisor/Director Initials: _____ Date Received: _____