

Park County Fair Royalty Organization

Rules

Guidelines for Conduct, Dress, Social Media, Obligations, Duties, and Parent Expectations

Behavior Policy

The Park County Fair Board, along with the Royalty Coordinator, has established a Zero Tolerance Behavior Policy to ensure all Royalty members uphold the highest standards. Violations of this policy will result in an immediate meeting with the Fair Board and/or possible dismissal from the program. The following actions are considered violations:

- Engaging in illegal behavior, including drug use, tobacco product use, or alcohol consumption.
- Smoking or vaping, even by legal-aged individuals, is only permitted in private settings and never publicly, including on social media, while representing the Park County Fair.
- Unbecoming, immoral, or detrimental behavior during the fair or related functions, as determined by the Park County Fair Board. This includes inappropriate online representations or posts on social networking sites. Royalty must connect with the Park County Fair and its coordinators on social media and provide all usernames as outlined in the Social Media Policy.
- Use of unwholesome or inappropriate language, including swearing, is strictly prohibited.
- Arguing, yelling, or inappropriate communication with anyone, including family members, is deemed unacceptable. Royalty are public figures and role models representing the Fair.
- Failing to respond to requests or contacts from the Queen Coordinator or Fair Board.
- Defamation of the Queen Contest, its winners, contestants, the Fair, or the Park County Fair Queen Program and associated individuals, whether oral or written, including posts on the Internet.

- Disrespectful behavior towards others. Parents, chaperones, and significant others must also display respectful conduct at events, and certain events may have additional guest rules.
- Wearing indecent or inappropriate clothing, as defined by the dress code. This applies to outside functions, including Prom, Homecoming, and Halloween.
- Pregnancy or marriage status.
- Conviction of any crime other than a minor traffic offense.
- Making unauthorized appearances or representing the Queen Program in crown and banner. All appearances must be scheduled through the Royalty Coordinator, and prior approval is required for attendance as Royalty.
- Unsportsmanlike or uncooperative conduct before, during, or after competitions.
- Parents, siblings, relatives, friends, and others are held to the same code of conduct as participants. Violating parents may be barred from future events and their child may be removed from the program. Refer to Expectations of Parents/Guardians.

It is important to remember that your actions and appearance reflect the image of the Fair to the public.

Dress Code

Wearing the Fair Royalty Crown and Sash is both an honor and a privilege. The bearer represents herself, her family, her community, and the Fair. Therefore, a professional appearance is expected whenever wearing the crown and sash during the fair or special events. The following guidelines must be observed:

- **Hat:** Must be appropriately shaped for a woman, fit securely, and be clean and in good condition at all times. The hat should not be worn on the back of the head, even if requested by a photographer.
- **Boots:** Should be kept clean and polished.
- **Pants:** Must be age-appropriate, neither too baggy nor too tight, and the correct length (1" above the bottom of the heel when seated). All western-style pants are acceptable. No faded or low-rise pants. Bling on jeans should be minimal and tasteful. No rips or tears allowed. CINCH jeans should be worn most of the time.

- **Buckle/Crown/Sash:** These items are considered part of the uniform and must be worn at all times and at all events when dressed as royalty. Sashes must be kept clean.
- Excessive make-up is not allowed.
- No visible body piercings except for earrings.
- Tattoos must not be visible during contests or while representing the title. Tattoo exposure should be minimized on social media.

The minimum dress code for Queen/Princess includes an attractive long sleeve western shirt or blouse, western pants, clean and coordinating boots, clean hat and crown, belt with buckle, and sash. Royalty should also be presentable in public even when not serving in an official capacity (e.g., participating in 4-H events). If unsure about the outfit, please seek approval from the Royalty Coordinator before events.

Social Media Policy

Online social networks blur the lines between public and private, personal and professional. As representatives of the Park County Fair in a small community, Royalty members must remember they are role models and the face of the Fair. Conducting oneself appropriately is crucial as it reflects on the Fair's public image. All content associated with Royalty should align with their ambassador role, as people are always watching.

1. Anything published online will remain public for a long time. Do not post content you would not want leaders, sponsors, or Fair customers to see.
2. Be mindful about whom you follow or are friends with, and what pages and posts you like.
3. Respect your audience; you never know who is viewing your posts.
4. Do not use ethnic slurs, personal insults, sexual language, or obscenity, nor engage in unacceptable conduct as an Ambassador.
5. When disagreeing with others or correcting misinformation, always remain professional and polite.
6. Pause and think before posting anything.

Ambassadors must not post the following on social media:

- Profane language or content.
- Discourteous communications, including personal attacks or bullying.
- Content promoting or perpetuating discrimination based on race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, marital status, public assistance status, physical or mental disability, sexual identification or orientation, or national origin.
- Sexual content or links to such content.
- Solicitations of commerce or spam.
- Conduct or encouragement of illegal activity.

Parents of Royalty members must also adhere to these guidelines. All social media usernames and platforms must be listed. Unlisted accounts constitute a violation of the policy.

Park County Fair Royalty Obligations

Crowned Royalty are required to fulfill additional obligations and appearances during and after Fair week. These obligations may only be waived at the discretion of the Park County Fair Royalty Coordinator or the Fair Board for valid reasons with advanced notification. The Fair Princess may be asked to attend functions with or in place of the Queen if the Queen is unavailable. Some events may have minimum age requirements. The Royalty Coordinator may determine event attendance based on age, timing, and length.

New Royalty and their parents must have a meeting with the Royalty Coordinator(s) to review expectations and obligations as scheduled by the Coordinator.

Duties

The Queen and Princess will have the following duties, among others:

- Hand out ribbons at all Park County Fair and Rodeo events according to assigned schedule.
- Be present for introductions.
- Attend all designated fair events.
- Participate in the Park County Fair Parade, with or without a horse.
- Be knowledgeable about the county and Fair, able to answer questions.
- Communicate all information with the Coordinator in a timely manner.

- Royalty group photos for advertising will be taken on a prescheduled date and location by the Coordinator; only approved photos will be used for advertising.
- All photos from royalty functions or while in royalty attire must be approved by coordinators before being posted online.
- Royalty will not be reimbursed for mileage; other travel costs must be approved by the Fair Board if reimbursement is requested. Parents/Guardians accept responsibility for transportation, chaperone support, and financial expenses unless otherwise approved.
- Crown the 2027 Park County Fair Royalty Court and assist with the 2027 Royalty Contest.

Community Activities

Royalty are expected to participate in community activities, including:

- Attend the 3-day Colorado Association of Fairs (CAFS) in November 2025 (usually the first weekend).
- Speak to local groups about volunteerism and the Fair (“Why you should come to our Fair”).
- Learn about county and state agriculture.
- Attend regional community events (Burro Days, Bailey Day, NWSS, Hartsel Days, etc.) as scheduled.
- Attend other fairs when invited.
- Be present and active in Park County Fair fundraisers that are age-appropriate.
- Assist other service clubs with fundraisers as requested (e.g., Park County 4-H, VFW).
- Support regional agricultural businesses through appearances as arranged.
- Meet local commissioners and be introduced to County leaders as arranged.
- Participate in promoting and activities for the 2026 Fair Queen Contest (school presentations, 4-H meetings, etc.).
- All activities will be arranged by the Fair Royalty Coordinator. Suggestions for additional activities should be submitted to the Coordinator with details.