

## Northern New Mexico Fair & Rodeo Court Information & Registration Packets

Court candidate(s) must be between the ages of: Mrs. and Mr. (26+), Queen and King (17-25), Princess and Prince (14-16), Sweetheart (10-13), Jr. Sweetheart (6-9) years, as of September 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.

Entry blanks must be completed and signed by the candidate and a parent and must be submitted to the Los Alamos County Recreation Division by **Wednesday, May 29th, 2024, by 5:00pm**. These applications may be turned in at the Aquatic Center in care of the L.A.C. Recreation or emailed to [lacre@lacnm.us](mailto:lacre@lacnm.us)

A candidate must furnish their own horse; however, the mount may be borrowed.

If a tie should occur the break will be based on the high score for the horsemanship portion of the contest. The decision of the judge(s) is final.

**Competition Date:** The competition will be held on **Saturday, June 7th, 2024**. The riding portion will begin at 9:00am at Brewer Arena, on North Mesa, Los Alamos, NM. The Personality portion of the competition will begin at 12:00pm at the Los Alamos County Golf Course, 4290 Diamond Dr., Los Alamos, NM, in the large meeting room. *Time is subject to change depending on the number of participants.*

The competition will be judged accordingly: Horsemanship 20%, Interview and Personality 40%, Public speaking 40%.

**Horsemanship** – Each candidate will be expected to perform a designated riding pattern included in the packet. Each candidate will be asked to perform two (2) minutes of free riding time. Please provide a copy of the pattern, prior to the competition. Each Mrs. and Mr., Queen and King, & Princess and Prince Candidate will be asked to perform a Queen's/King's run.

Any riding style is welcome (Western, English, etc.) with matching attire. Please dress to impress.

Each candidate must stop in front of the judge(s) and dismount. The judge(s) will ask questions, and then the candidate will re-mount and exit the arena. You will be judged on control of your horse, handling of various riding patterns, your ability to sit in a saddle, balance, position of hands, feet and seat, as well as mounting and dismounting. Your understanding of horsemanship skills will be judged, not the horse; however, it is certainly recommended that you have your horse and tack clean and ready for competition. Please make sure your equipment is in good working order.

**Personality** - The speech section of the competition will be held at the Los Alamos County Golf Course following the Horsemanship portion. Contestants will be announced and shall walk to the center and introduce themselves by name and introduce their family if they are present. It is recommended that candidates wear appropriate attire (Semi-Formal/Formal). The candidate's posture and poise are important. Contestants should have an awareness of fashionable attire and style, with particular attention given to proper style and color coordination, which enhances the total appearance. The judge(s) will observe the contestant's posture and poise, the way the candidate projects, and overall appearance and behavior.

Each candidate, except Jr. Sweetheart, will give a three (3) minute memorized speech about themselves, what they are presently doing, their goals, their education, and something about their County. Jr. Sweetheart candidates will give a one (1) minute speech about themselves. After the presentations, each candidate will be asked to answer a question from the judge(s). These questions will pertain to the horse show and/or rodeos. After the presentations have been completed each candidate will have a personal interview with the judge(s). This interview will last approximately five (5) minutes.

**Behavior** – The Royalty Court is expected to behave in a manner befitting your title. Each member of the Royalty Court is required to represent the Northern New Mexico Fair & Rodeo Court, in a responsible and appropriate manner at all times and at all events. Inappropriate behavior is not allowed, nor will it be tolerated. Inappropriate behavior may result in the title being revoked with or without warning.

**Appearance and Communication** – The Royalty Court will wear appropriate attire when representing the Northern New Mexico Fair & Rodeo Court. You and your horse must always be neat and well-groomed. Issues, questions, and concerns should first be directed to the Los Alamos County Recreation Division Staff.

**Crowning** - The Royalty Court will be announced following the competition. Official court presentation will be held during one of the **2024 Los Alamos Summer Concerts** at Ashley Pond. Members of the Royalty Court may represent the Northern New Mexico Fair & Rodeo Court at the Los Alamos Rodeo, Rodeo de Santa Fe, and any other Rodeos in our State. The Queen has the option to represent Los Alamos County at the State Fair Queen’s Competition, Los Alamos County will pay the entry fee for the State Fair Queen’s Competition for the Queen, she will be responsible for all travel, lodging, and food expenses. The Court should be accompanied by a parent or adult chaperone at all events. Los Alamos County is not required to send staff to the Rio Arriba County Rodeo, Rodeo de Santa Fe, or State Fair Queen’s Competition. The Royalty Court is required to make several appearances during the Los Alamos County Fair and Rodeo and other events throughout the summer of their reign. The Royalty Court is required to wear appropriate attire at all appearances.

Los Alamos County will award stipend checks to the Royalty Court in the amount of \$200 for Mrs. & Mr., \$150 for Queen and King, \$100 for Princes and Prince, and \$50 for Sweethearts. Los Alamos County will pick a date and a photographer of the County’s choice for group and individual photographs of the Northern New Mexico Fair & Rodeo Court.

# Los Alamos County Fair & Rodeo Court/ Northern New Mexico Rodeo Court

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Cell: ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHECK WHICH CATEGORY AND GRADE LEVEL YOU WILL BE COMPETING IN:

- | <u>Category</u>   | <u>Grade Level</u>  |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. Sweetheart (Ages 6 –9 ) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweetheart (Age: 10-13)  | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <sup>th</sup> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Princess/ Prince (Ages 14 – 16)                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <sup>th</sup>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Queen/King (Age: 17-25)  | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> College: <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh <input type="checkbox"/> Soph <input type="checkbox"/> JR <input type="checkbox"/> SR  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs./Mr. (Age 26+)   |   |

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School / College: \_\_\_\_\_

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Horse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Horse's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Provide a written paragraph including a quick biography/background/goals information about yourself that could be used in marketing materials should you be chosen to be part of the Royalty Court. You can use the questions below to craft your paragraph. (Space for completed paragraph provided below).**

What are your future plans and goals?

Are you involved, or a member, of any Civic and/or Social Clubs?

If you have been a member of a Rodeo Queen's Court within the last two years, please provide your title and the Rodeo location: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you compete in rodeo?  NO     YES: Which Events? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you compete in other horse show events?  NO     YES: How Many Years?  
Which Events? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your Free Time Event? \_\_\_\_\_

Written Paragraph:

**Los Alamos County Fair & Rodeo Court/ Northern New Mexico Rodeo Court  
Liability/ Photo Release Form**

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING – MUST BE SIGNED:**  
*RISKS OR HAZARDS INHERENT IN THE ROYALTY COURT COMPETITION THAT MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, ILLNESS, BODILY INJURY OR DEATH INCLUDE, BUT MAY NOT BE LIMITED TO: TRIPPING, FALLING, ANIMALS, ADVERSE WEATHER, CUTS, SCRAPES, SPRAINS AND BREAKS.*

I acknowledge that there are certain hazards and risks inherent in the Royalty Court Competition, and I understand and appreciate the nature of the risks. I understand that these hazards or risks could result in property damage, illness, bodily injury or death to myself, my family members, or my guests. I agree to fully explain these risks to my family members and my guests prior to the activity.

I also agree to abide by the rules and policies established by the Los Alamos County Parks & Open Space and Recreation Divisions. Candidate understands that failure to comply with the rules of the contest will necessitate surrendering all privileges as a Los Alamos County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Court.

In consideration of your acceptance of this entry by my signature, intending to be legally bound for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, I waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the organizers of the County for any and all injuries sustained and suffered by me during this event.

**IN CASE OF INJURY OR INABILITY TO FINISH THE COMPETITION, I HEREBY GRANT THE LOS ALAMOS COUNTY PARKS & OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION DIVISIONS PERMISSION TO TRANSPORT ME / MY CHILD TO THE NEAREST MEDICAL FACILITY.**

I have carefully read this statement and understand it to be a release of all claims and causes of action for illness, injury or death that occur while participating in the Royalty Court Competition, and an agreement to indemnify Los Alamos County for losses, damages and liabilities that may arise as a result of participation in this activity. In the event that I am legally precluded from extending indemnification to the County, I will be required; nevertheless, to agree to be responsible for all claims and damages arising from personal injury or damages caused to persons or property resulting from my activities, subject to all applicable immunities and exceptions. This agreement and release of liability is voluntary given.

I certify that I am 18 years of age and have read and accept the responsibility clause of this form (if contestant is under the age of 18 a parent or guardian must sign the form). I hereby grant full permission to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, and any other record of my participation in Recreation Programs for any legitimate purpose.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Written Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature (if 18 or older)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Written Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature (If Participant Under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Contestants Horsemanship Pattern

1. Walk through gate, turn left, then right.
2. Pick up the trot as you pass the judge's box.
3. Continue to south end.
4. Pick up lope to center of arena – opposite judge's box.
5. Do a small figure eight, starting to the right.
6. Do a large figure eight.
7. Continue on to cone and stop and walk back.
8. Dismount and mount.



### North Gate

1

2

4

5

6

8

7 

3

### South End

start Here

