



2024 Royalty Tryouts

The Ouray County Rodeo Royalty tryouts will be held at the Ouray County Fairgrounds arena on **Sunday, July 14th at 12noon**. The public is invited to attend.

Princess tryouts are open to young women who are ages 10 through 13 as of January 1st.

Queen tryouts are open to young women who are ages 14 through 18 as of January 1st.

Entrants will be judged on horsemanship, personality/interviews and appearance, public speaking and flag carrying abilities.

Applicants chosen to represent Ouray County Rodeo will be required:

- *Ouray County Labor Day Parade & Rodeo on September 2nd, 2024
- * Represent the Rodeo Association at a minimum of 2 other rodeos in 2025
 - * Attend no less than 3 Ridgway Gymkhana Series events in 2025
 - * Ride in the 4th. of July Parade in Ouray in 2025
- * Assist with the Annual Rodeo Association Fundraiser in June 2025

RODEO ROYALTY APPLICATION

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone #: _____

Age on January 1, 2025: _____ Grade: _____

Emergency Contact name and phone: _____

What school are you attending: _____

Horsemanship qualifications and experience:
(If more room is needed, use the back of the page)

Horse's breed, color and name: _____

School history and activities:
(If more room is needed, use the back of the page)

Attach a recent photo of yourself to this application.

**Bring this completed application and photo to the
Tryout on July 14th**

**For more info: Call Cheryl @ 281-334-4770 or
email: ouraycountyrodeo@gmail.com**

RULES FOR OCRA ROYALTY TRYOUTS

REPRESENTATIVE PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Must have adequate time to devote to this position for the coming year.
2. Applicants must be single, have not been married and must not have children.
3. We encourage parents to take an active role in and support all applicants during the tryouts and in the coming year.

HORSEMANSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must be a qualified rider and be willing to demonstrate that ability to the selection committee at the tryouts.
2. Horses should load easily in a horse trailer for travel to appearances.
3. The horsemanship portion of the competition will consist of a designated pattern, "hot lap" and flag run.
4. Caution is emphasized during the tryouts. The horses must be kept under control at all times. Any horse deemed to be "out of safe control" by the selection committee will be immediately disqualified and asked to leave.

JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

1. The applicant is required to wear western apparel. Western apparel consists of cowboy boots, cowboy hat, long sleeved shirt and jeans.
2. The Judging will be done by a Selected Committee.
3. One (1) applicant may be selected each: Rodeo Queen and Rodeo Princess. No selection is guaranteed.

HORSEMANSHIP PATTERN

1. Start at the entry gate
2. Run past the center of the arena and complete a full stop.
3. Back up to the center of the arena.
4. Complete 2 circles to the left, the first one large and fast, then a slow smaller circle.
5. Return to the center of the arena.
6. Complete 2 circles to the right, the first one large and fast, then a slow, smaller circle.
7. Return to the center of the arena. Dismount and walk toward the judges.
8. Answer questions from judges.
9. Remount and join contestant line-up outside the entry gate.