



2025 Parent/Guardian Waiver Agreement for Ramona Rodeo Queen Pageant Participation

Agreement Overview

This contract is entered into by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) ("the Guardian") of the contestant participating in the Ramona Rodeo Queen Pageant ("the Pageant"). It outlines the responsibilities, expectations, and conduct required for the duration of the contestant's participation in the Pageant.

Conduct and Interactions

The success of the Ramona Rodeo Queen Pageant relies not only on the talents and grace of its contestants but also on the conduct and behavior of their parents or guardians. The following detailed guidelines are designed to foster a positive, respectful, and supportive environment throughout the pageant process.

Respect and Professionalism

- **Mutual Respect:** Parents and guardians are expected to show respect towards all contestants, judges, pageant staff, volunteers, and other parents. This includes respecting others' time, efforts, and contributions to the pageant.
- **Professionalism:** Interactions should remain professional and courteous at all times. This pertains to both in-person and digital communications, including emails, social media posts, and text messages.
- **Zero Tolerance for Drunkenness:** Any instances of drunkenness by parents, guardians, or any accompanying adult at Pageant events or related activities will not be tolerated. This applies to both public and private settings associated with the Pageant.
- **Avoidance of Negative Behavior:** Parents and guardians are expected to refrain from any form of negative behavior that could tarnish the reputation of the Pageant, contestants, or other participants. This includes, but is not limited to, derogatory comments, disruptive behavior, and unsportsmanlike conduct.
- **Appropriate Dress:** Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring their daughter arrives at Pageant events dressed in attire that is appropriate and adheres to the guidelines set forth by the Pageant. This includes selecting outfits that are respectful, suitable for the occasion, and meet any specific requirements outlined by the Pageant.
- **Punctuality:** It is crucial that contestants arrive on time for all Pageant events and activities. Parents/guardians must ensure their daughter is aware of and adheres to the schedules provided, allowing ample time for preparation and travel.

Positive Encouragement

- **Supportive Environment:** Create a supportive atmosphere by encouraging not only your child but also other contestants. Applaud their successes and offer kind words of encouragement during challenging times.
- **Constructive Feedback:** Any feedback should be constructive and aimed at helping improve the contestant's experience. Avoid negative criticisms that do not offer a path to improvement.

Handling Disagreements

To ensure a fair and positive experience at the Ramona Rodeo Queen Pageant, any concerns of foul play, disputes, or perceived rule violations must be addressed promptly and directly:

- **Report Immediately:** Parents/Guardians should report any concerns or observed violations to the Pageant Director as soon as possible, and no later than two hours before the announcement of the contest winners.
- **Transparency and Cooperation:** Full transparency is required in reporting potential violations, ensuring the Pageant can fairly investigate and resolve any issues.
- **Designated Official:** The Pageant Director is the official point of contact for all reports related to disputes or rule violations.
- **Finality of Decisions:** The Pageant holds the exclusive authority to determine, interpret, and enforce rules and regulations. The findings and decisions of the Pageant regarding any reported issue are final and binding.

Accepting Decisions:

- The decisions of the judges and pageant officials are final. Parents and guardians are expected to accept these decisions gracefully and refrain from disputing outcomes publicly or privately.

Social Media Conduct

- **Positive Representation:** Social media posts related to the pageant should reflect positively on the contestant, their peers, and the pageant itself. This includes sharing accomplishments, positive experiences, and supportive messages.
- **Privacy and Consent:** Before posting images or information about other contestants, obtain their consent (and their guardians' consent, if applicable). Respect the privacy and preferences of others.

Public Interaction

- **Role Modeling:** Recognize that as a parent or guardian, you are a role model not only for your child but for others in the pageant community. Your behavior in public settings, including social gatherings, rehearsals, and during the pageant, should exemplify the values of respect, integrity, and sportsmanship.

- **Cordial Competitiveness:** While competitiveness is a natural part of the pageant, it should never devolve into hostility or rudeness. Celebrate the spirit of competition by maintaining cordial relations with everyone involved.

Ethical Standards

- **Honesty and Integrity:** All forms of dishonesty, including but not limited to, misrepresenting your child's achievements, bribing judges or pageant staff, or sabotaging other contestants, are strictly prohibited.
- **Upholding Pageant Values:** The pageant is a celebration of skill, personality, and community. Parents and guardians play a crucial role in upholding these values by demonstrating ethical behavior, promoting fairness, and encouraging a focus on personal growth and community contribution.

By adhering to these detailed guidelines, parents and guardians will contribute significantly to a positive, enriching pageant experience for all participants, fostering an environment where every contestant can perform at their best and enjoy the process.

Ambassadorship and Representation

Upon the contestant's winning of the title, the Guardian recognizes the contestant's role as an ambassador for the sport of rodeo, the Ramona Rodeo, the Ramona Rodeo Foundation (RRF), and the Ramona community. The Guardian commits to supporting the contestant in:

- Exemplifying outstanding sportsmanship and maintaining high moral and ethical standards.
- Educating on and advocating for the humane treatment of rodeo animals.
- Actively participating in Pageant-related events, prepared to represent the title positively in public settings.
- Upon winning the title of Ramona Rodeo Young Miss, the Guardian recognizes that due to insurance limitations and safety considerations, the Young Miss will not be permitted to ride horses at official rodeo events. Instead, they will participate in a range of non-riding appearances and duties.

Responsibilities and Commitments

The Guardian agrees to ensure the contestant will:

- Cooperate with chaperones, committee members, and volunteers.
- Maintain eligibility criteria including being unmarried, not pregnant, and upholding high moral and ethical standards.
- Refrain from using dating profiles or applications during their tenure.
- Provide their own horse and transportation for Pageant events.
- Manage fundraising for necessary expenses related to Pageant participation.

- Adhere to all rules, regulations, and agreements including wardrobe and appearance guidelines.
- Participation in the Ramona Rodeo Queen, Jr. Queen, and Young Miss Pageant is a family commitment that requires active involvement from the Guardian. While the Ramona Rodeo Queen Director and Pageant staff coordinate events and activities, they are not responsible for chaperoning or supervising contestants. It is the Guardian's responsibility to ensure that the contestant is appropriately supervised during all Pageant events, rehearsals, and public appearances. This includes managing transportation, timely arrival, departure from all Pageant functions, and addressing the contestant's needs throughout the event schedule. Guardians should be prepared to take an active role in their child's participation, ensuring their readiness and adherence to all Pageant guidelines and commitments.

Acknowledgment and Consent

The Guardian acknowledges reading, understanding, and agrees to comply with all rules and regulations as outlined in the Pageant guide. This includes:

- Accepting responsibility for the contestant's participation, including health and well-being.
- Consenting to the use of the contestant's image for promotional purposes.
- Accepting the decisions of the Pageant judges and committee as final.

Agreement to Terms

By signing below, the Guardian confirms that the contestant meets all eligibility requirements and agrees to adhere to the expectations and responsibilities outlined in this agreement. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the Pageant.

Contestant's Name: _____

Contestant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

This contract is an agreement to foster a positive, respectful, and competitive environment within the Ramona Rodeo Queen Pageant, ensuring a memorable and enriching experience for all participants.