



Appleatchee Riders Association

Queen Information

Hello! If you are reading this document, you may be interested in becoming the next Appleatchee Riders Association (ARA) Queen. This document contains some basic information about the queen requirements as well as the Rules and Regulations of the ARA Queen. As ARA Queen, you will have a busy but incredible year of attending Appleatchee and non Appleatchee events such as local rodeos, fairs and parades. You'll have the opportunity to make life-long friends and create amazing memories, and you'll be able to do most of it on horseback!

Please note, this is NOT the official application packet, but an overview of what is expected of the ARA Queen. Applications generally go out near the end of September and the contest is held in early November.

~ ARA Queen Committee



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Requirements and Rules for the Appleatchee Riders Queen

1. The position of the Appleatchee Riders Queen will last from pageant date with the selection taking place on a Saturday in November to the next pageant date.
2. Candidates wishing to apply for the position must be:
 - a. Age 16 by date of contest and no more than 23 years of age,
 - b. Never have been married,
 - c. Never have given birth or adopted children,
 - d. Must have horse available for use during reign,
 - e. Must not marry or become pregnant during reign,
 - f. Must be a current Appleatchee Riders Association (ARA) member.
3. Competition for position shall consist of these areas:
 - a. Present a prepared speech.
 - b. Demonstrate the ability to ride with a flag.
 - c. Demonstrate horsemanship skills by riding a set pattern and a draw horse.
 - d. Answer Impromptu questions
 - e. Personality Interview
 - f. Portfolio with all application information with two letters of recommendation.
 - g. Written letter to the selection committee as to why she should be considered for the position of Queen.
 - h. Knowledge of Appleatchee Riders Ground Rules and History
4. Contestants must sign the Waiver of Liability, the Code of Conduct, complete the contest application, and submit the required documents along with photographs to enter the contest.
5. Each contestant must conduct herself in a professional manner, portray high moral standards and good sportsmanship or she will be disqualified.
6. Contestants are not permitted at any time during the contest, as reigning Queen or as a representative of ARA to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke or use foul language.
7. If the Appleatchee Riders Queen is or becomes pregnant during her reign, she will forfeit her crown and all prizes and benefits derived from the contest.

8. Upon arrival to the contest, contestants will be under the jurisdiction and responsibility of the Queen Committee. The committee has complete charge of contestants. The Appleatchee Riders Queen Committee will provide Chaperones (as feasible) and meals during the contest.
9. No entry fee will be required of the contestants.
10. Contestants are required to provide their own wardrobes.
11. All contestants must be aware of and conform to all PRCA dress codes (Long sleeved shirt with cuff and collar, western jeans, and cowboy hat- NO Straw).
12. All contestants and the winner of the contest are required to dress western when representing the ARA in any capacity.
13. Contestants are required to have a suitable horse for use at Rodeos and other related events, but it need not be the horse used in the contest.
14. Contestants are to provide their own transportation to and from the contest and all promotional activities.
15. In the horsemanship portion, the horse and tack will not be judged, only the contestant's ability. Skill and overall appearance (personal appearance and grooming of horse and tack) will be judged.
16. Coaching from the sidelines is not permitted. This could be grounds for complete disqualification.
17. Pictures taken of contestants by ARA photographers during the contest become the property of the Queen Committee and may be used for publicity. Copies may be made available to contestants.
18. Except during Personal Interviews, recording equipment may be used at contest function while the contestants are being judged without the approval of the committee.
19. Movies, slides, prints or pictures of the contestant may be taken by parents, family and friends during the contest.

20. Parents, friends, and relatives are welcome to attend the contest activities, and must agree to abide by all rules and regulations.
21. Any problems which arise should quickly be directed to your Queen Coordinator or member of the Queen Committee.
22. Final decisions in all categories will be that of the judges.
23. After the coronation, the contestants are expected to stay for the remainder of the event. Contestants are expected to behave appropriately and display good sportsmanship.
24. The Appleatchee Rides Queen crown is the permanent property of the ARA. If the contest winner chooses to keep it in her possession during her year as reigning queen, she will be responsible for returning it in the same condition that she received it along with all other queen equipment.
25. The reigning Queen cannot hold any additional Queen title while representing the Appleatchee Rides Association.
26. Appleatchee Riders Queen will be *required* to appear at a minimum of four (4) Appleatchee Riders events including, but not limited to: Reining Shows /Clinics, Roping Events, WAHSET Shows, Open Shows/Meetings, 4-H Events, Gaming Events, and any other events held on the grounds or that are Appleatchee Riders are involved in.
27. Appleatchee Riders Queen will be *required* to attend and help with the Performance Open Shows by making gift baskets if asked and hand out awards at the shows. Additional requirements include the Annual Board Meeting as well as the selection contest for the following year's ARA Queen.
28. The Appleatchee Riders Queen Committee must approve any additional appearance in writing.
29. If the Appleatchee Riders Queen appears with a horse off of the Appleatchee Riders grounds, parent(s) and/or an approved adult representative shall be required to transport/chaperon the Queen and her horse.
30. Appleatchee Riders Queen will conduct herself in a responsible and respectable manner and attire while representing Appleatchee Riders and is expected to adhere to all ARA rules.
31. Appleatchee Riders will not be responsible for any costs associated with being Appleatchee Riders Queen except for those that are outlined.

32. The Appleatchee Riders Queen will follow all laws currently regulating our society.
33. The Appleatchee Riders Queen shall exhibit exemplary conduct while handling a horse and/or while on the grounds of Appleatchee Riders Association whether on a horse or not at all times.
34. Parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) and/or the queen must be a member of Appleatchee Riders.
35. All decisions regarding Appleatchee Riders Queen issues not addressed in this document will be the responsibility of Appleatchee Riders Queen Committee and Chairwoman.
36. Failure to comply with any of these requirements is grounds for dismissal. The Chairwoman and the Appleatchee Queen Committee will conduct and review grounds for dismissal of Queen. Recommendation to the Board will be made.
37. No commercial appearances will be allowed. All appearances will be chaperoned by parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) and/or a queen committee person. **NO EXECTIONS!**

NOTE: These rules and regulations are designed for your safety and to keep the contest running properly and in a professional manner. If any grievance should arise during the contest, final decision shall be that of the Queen Committee.

As Queen, you are provided the following items:

1. Banner: Black and white with year and first name only by Royalty Sash Company.
2. Appleatchee Riders Queen Coat with name and year to be given the Annual Meeting of that year, donated by GPA Embroidery.
3. Crown: The contest winner will receive the club crown, which will be passed to the next Appleatchee Riders Queen on the date of crowning along with chaperon pin. A commemorative bracelet with the queen's mane and reign year will be presented at the next year's coronation.
4. Perpetual Chaps made by 3 B Saddlery and ARA serape.
5. Buckle: Name and year on Queen buckle by Red Bluff Buckles will be presented at the Annual Meeting.
6. Insurance for rodeo weekends and/or parades only.

Appleatchee Riders Queen will be responsible for purchasing the following:

1. Boots
2. Hat: FELT HATS ONLY!
3. Dress shirts: LONG SLEEVE ONLY!
4. Dress Jeans: Clean, dark wash blue jeans or colored jeans (Wrangler, Kimes, Ariat, ect.)
5. If a sponsor is found to cover costs, the name of sponsor shall be appropriate to age of Appleatchee Riders Queen and be in a minimal proportion if public sees logo. Sponsors will not be entitled to appearances by Appleatchee Riders Queen. Appleatchee Riders Queen will attempt to publicly acknowledge sponsors at appearances if appropriate. Appleatchee Riders Queen may acquire as many sponsors as she wishes.
6. All sponsors must be approved by ARA Royalty Committee.