

Johnstown Saddle Club

Royal Court Rules

Introduction

To hold the titles of Johnstown Saddle Club (JSC) Queen, Attendant, Ambassador or Princess is not only an honor, but an obligation. This rulebook was prepared to provide a set of guidelines for the Royal Court in order for them to meet this obligation. The JSC Royalty holds many responsibilities. Those who hold these titles:

- Are ambassadors representing JSC at all times.
- Need to conduct themselves professionally and as positive role models, as they will be looked upon as such by members of the community for the entire year that they serve in this capacity.
- Will need to know the JSC gymkhana and pleasure show rules.
- Should have a strong commitment and dedication to JSC.
- Will have their own horse (owned or leased) and participate in JSC activities.

Queen's Responsibility

- Coordinate Royalty activities and assign duties to the Attendant, Ambassador and Princess.
- Solicit sponsors for JSC with assistance from Attendant, Ambassador and Princess.
- Ensure that other members of the Royal Court are present for club events, have all their equipment and are properly attired.

- Keep track of all Royalty funds.
- Plan and supervise the annual JSC Fun Day with the assistance of the Royal Court members.
- Receive and review future Royalty applications and assist the JSC Board with structuring the following annual Royal Court try-outs.

Royalty Code of Conduct

- Conduct yourself as a LADY or GENTLEMAN at all times, whether in Royalty attire or not. You are a representative of JSC. Behave in a polite and gracious manner at all times. Arguing with anyone (including parents or siblings); yelling in anger and "goofing around" will be considered inappropriate behavior. Remember you are in the public eye and you must represent JSC at all times. Inappropriate behavior will result in grounds for dismissal.
- Attend all required events in order to promote the JSC. If you are unable to attend an event you should contact a member of the JSC board and let them know that you will be absent at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled event. Unexcused absences are subject to review by the Board and disciplinary actions can result.
- You and your mount must always be neat and well groomed. No visible tattoos or face/body piercing will be tolerated at anytime during your reign. Single ear piercing is excluded.
- ALWAYS wear attire designated by the Queen when representing JSC. Dress code includes boots, hat with crown, sash and belt buckle.
- Remember - You are always in the public eye even when not in official attire. Swearing, smoking, chewing tobacco or drinking alcohol is not appropriate.
- Handle your horse with proper horsemanship. The display of anger when handling your horse is inappropriate and will be grounds for dismissal. Signs of abuse to your horse will not be tolerated and can also result in dismissal.

The Royalty should not violate any of the above rules. If there is a violation it will be investigated and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. In the event of a serious violation the board of directors of the JSC may dismiss the Royal Court member immediately. If that shall occur, the offending member will surrender their crown, sash, butt drop and buckle immediately.

General Rules

All general rules and by-laws of the club shall apply to Royalty.

Members shall be between the ages of 14 and 19 as of January 1 of the current year to hold the title of Queen. Members shall be between the ages of 11 and 16 as of January 1 of the current year to hold the title of Attendant. Members shall be between the ages of 8 and 13 as of January 1 of the current year to hold the title of Princess. Members shall be between the ages of 8 and 19 as of January 1 of the current year to hold the title of Ambassador.

You must be a member in good standing at the time of the JSC Royalty tryouts.

A Royalty member shall not serve as Royalty for any other similar organization or club during their reign. Exceptions will need to be voted on by the JSC Board of Directors.

Royalty members must agree to be available for appearances and functions for the promotion of the Club throughout their reign. The Royalty will be required to attend following club functions:

- At least one member of the Royal Court shall be available at each JSC general meeting to provide the Board of Directors with the Royalty report.
- Be present at all JSC horse shows and gymkhanas and assist in duties assigned to them by members of the JSC Board including handing out ribbons, riding in the grand entries and assisting the front office.
- Be present at all parades that the Club rides in as a group.
- All other activities as assigned by the Board of Directors.

Members of Royalty must be single at the time of selection and remain single throughout the year. If a member of Royalty marries or a female

member becomes pregnant during her reign, she will forfeit her belt buckle and all other rewards.

Members of Royalty must be enrolled in school, a graduate, hold or be working on a G.E.D.

Royalty must provide their own transportation to and from events and minors must have a chaperon who is 18 years or older.

The Board reserves the right at its sole discretion to remove any member of the Royal Court. The reasons may include, but are not limited to:

- Unbecoming behavior
- Bad Sportsmanship
- Use of illegal drugs or alcohol

Club Royalty is expected to:

- Exhibit high moral standards at all times
- Present a pleasant personality and positive attitude
- Look their best and act professionally
- Arrive on time to designated events

Royalty is required to report all Royalty activities to the Board of Directors by presenting a monthly Queen's report at the general meetings. This time should also be used to discuss any problems or concerns the Royal Court might have with the Board.

Once selected as a member of Royalty you will be expected to fulfill your obligation to the Johnstown Saddle Club.

Parent's or Guardian's Responsibilities

Parent or Guardian is responsible for getting their child and horse to the required function or making other arrangements if necessary.

Parent or Guardian is responsible for helping their child carry out functions of their position.

Parent or Guardian is responsible for their own actions as it reflects back on their child and the Johnstown Saddle Club.

Parent or Guardian will supply their child with suitable tack that is clean and in safe riding condition.

Parent or Guardian should be willing to assist the subsequent and following year's Royal Court with any questions they might have.

Parent or Guardian is responsible for providing, at their expense, attire for their child that is appropriate for the Royal Court. This attire at a minimum must include:

- Black Cowboy Hat
- Black Wrangler Jeans
- Black Cowboy Boots (standard - without studs, zippers, etc.)
- Black Belt
- Plain White Long Sleeve Western Shirt
- A Sash (matching the other members of the Royal court) bearing the name, Johnstown Saddle Club, the member's title (Queen, Attendant, Ambassador or Princess) and the year they are serving.

Other optional attire may be selected by the Royal Court. The optional attire must be agreed upon by each member of the Royal Court and the Parent or Guardian. The JSC requires only that the attire be neat and presentable and that all members of the Royal Court match their clothing during club events. At least one matching "parade shirt" is recommended, but not required. This will allow the Royalty to "stand out" from other club members riding in the parade.

JSC Board of Director's responsibility to Royalty

The JSC Board of Directors will provide each member of the Royal Court with matching Belt Buckles, a butt drop for each horse and tiara. Note: The board will allot \$100.00 for the purchase of each belt buckle.