Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Rodeo Royalty Court

Thank you for your interest in being part of Roots N' Boots Queen Creek!

In this packet you will find a summary of what it means to be Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Rodeo Royalty, a tentative calendar of our 2027-2028 year, and the 2027-2028 Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Queen and Sweetheart applications.

We encourage you to ask questions as you make your decision to run for a Roots N' Boots Queen Creek title. The Friends of Horseshoe Park, and Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Committee are excited for your participation, and we want you to have a memorable experience that offers you great opportunities throughout the year.

Being a member of the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Rodeo Royalty is a job which bears many responsibilities: financial obligations for wardrobe and travel, time for appearance commitments, and acting in a manner appropriate to be a representative of our Town, Friends of Horseshoe Park, and Roots N' Boots Queen Creek. It is not just an opportunity to look pretty on a horse (although you will have your share of that!), it's an opportunity to interact with civic and community leaders, interviews with local media, build lifelong friendships, and community spirit, all while supporting an amazing signature Queen Creek event.

As part of the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Rodeo Royalty Court, you will be required to attend various Roots N' Boots Queen Creek related events and Town of Queen Creek events, all the while promoting our rodeo with grace, style, and class. This is a commitment that will require several of your weekends and occasional weekday evenings.

A Rodeo Queen and Sweetheart Court is a team support system. Our goal for the court is to develop a working friendship bond. To help each other out and reduce fears and stress. Helping your court achieve their goals not only makes everyone's year fun and successful, but also develops your character.

Please note that our rodeo audience extends into many different walks of life and you will be asked to promote our event at venues such as restaurants, sponsor promotions, other rodeos, rodeo dances, etc. We ask that you keep an open mind and remember that it is your job to represent us in public. We will of course, never put you in a situation that puts you in any direct danger or compromises your moral character, and we welcome open communication from our Queens in this area. Any promotion relating to alcohol will be on behalf of Roots N' Boots Queen Creek and your position with the event and any objections to this must be discussed with the Royalty Coordinator before tryouts. All candidates agree and allow Friends of Horseshoe Park to take photographs and/or video recordings and allow said media to be published to promote Friends of Horseshoe Park and/or its sponsors. If an applicant is under any other contract for representation, sponsorship, endorsement etc. the candidate must inform of such BEFORE tryouts. Chosen Court will agree to request permission from Friends of

Horseshoe Park before accepting any sponsorship or making any contract or obligation to any person or business to use their likeness, photograph, or endorsement of any kind during their reign.

Below is a copy of our 2027-2028 Tentative Rodeo Royalty Calendar. Roots N' Boots Queen Creek takes pride in our community involvement, so it is important for our incoming Queens to be aware of all the events they are expected to attend. Please be aware that Ag in the Classroom is an event during the week and will be during school days (TBD dates in late February or early March) so arrangements to be excused from school will need to be made beforehand. New events may be added throughout the year. Your Royalty Coordinator will have dates and times of events for you usually one week in advance, but sometimes you will be asked to attend a function at the last minute, so flexibility is important. Although we are very understanding about family events and emergencies, it is important to understand that representing Roots N' Boots Queen Creek is a yearlong commitment, not just for rodeo week.

Tryouts will be held: January 9th 2027. Queen contestants need to be prepared to do a horsemanship pattern, flag presentation lap, and a Queen hot lap. You will answer questions on horsemanship, rodeo, Roots N' Boots Queen Creek, and the Town of Queen Creek, as well as a few impromptu questions. You will also need to prepare a short speech in accordance with an assigned topic. The speech presentation should be at least 3 minutes long, no more than 4 minutes and preferably memorized, though not required. **The horsemanship pattern and speech topic will be provided to all contestants at the same time following the application deadline**. You must bring the horse you plan to use throughout the year. Part of this tryout there will be a modeling portion. Your riding attire for horsemanship portion, a fashion forward/formal outfit for speech, questions, and announcement. A formal leather dress will never be required to be Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Rodeo Royalty! You or your family must own the horse or be in a bone fide written lease agreement that extends throughout your reign. This is not a competition on who can borrow the best horse for the day. You will need the horse throughout the year. Lease agreements must be submitted for approval with the application. The day's schedule will be sent to you by email. For the start of the tryouts come in your riding attire, please wear what you would wear to a rodeo. Long sleeved solid color, western shirt, jeans, and a cowboy hat. While felt hats and dark Wrangler jeans are not required for tryouts, they will be required if you obtain the title.

Sweetheart contestants need to be prepared to model and answer a few impromptu questions during the tryouts.

By signing the application below, you acknowledge you have read these guidelines and that you understand the yearlong commitment of being a Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Rodeo Royalty. This is only a guideline to give you a better understanding of the expectations as well as time and financial aspects. The chosen 2027-2028 Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Rodeo Royalty and Parents/Guardians (for those under 18) will be required to sign a contract before announcement of appointment. The 2027-2028 Rodeo Royalty Court will be "Lady's in Waiting" until the official Coronation on **April 3rd**. Any questions, please email: tiffbaden@gmail.com or call the Pageant Coordinator, Tiffany Baden at 208-221-2795.

All Applicants/Contestants must score a 72% in order to qualify for a title. Even if there is only one applicant running for a title, they must still score a 72% to receive the crown. We do not allow our current court to run for another title during their reign, whether it be with our own committee or another event. If there are no qualified applicants for a particular title then we will give the current title holder (if they are in good standing) the right of first refusal to continue for another year. If there are no qualified applicants and the current title holder chooses not to continue for another year, we will give the junior title the opportunity to move forward, if age and performance allow it. If there are no qualified applicants, and the current title holder chooses not to continue another year, we will open it up to an appointment process which will consist of personal interviews and riding qualifications.

Please fill out the application below, include a 150-250 word introduction of yourself and a 4x5 headshot. Your 4X5 headshot should be in modest long sleeved Western wear.
Email the application, introduction, and picture to: royalty@friendsofhorseshoepark.org to be received no later than Dec. 16th.

2027-2028 **Dates and events subject to change.
REQUIRED Events in RED

This calendar is a work in progress. Event sponsors sometimes change their dates, or not publish their dates until later OR create new events. We will give as much notification in advance that we can. Since dates do change and new events may be added, flexibility is important. If there is a conflict in events, Friends of Horseshoe Park shall make the decision as to what events the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Rodeo Royalty Court shall attend. We expect you to attend 100% of mandatory events and 80% of Town and Sponsor Events (70% for junior titles) UNLESS the Queen has an excused absence from the Royalty Coordinator. Depending on circumstances, any event (new or previous) may become mandatory. In addition, you will be given a list of rodeos throughout the State. You are not required to attend these rodeos but are required to get approval from the Royalty Coordinator on the rodeos and other events that you wish to represent at.

January

9th - Roots N' Boots Queen & Sweetheart Pageant

February

Town of QC Love Bug Dance

March

*** –AG in the Classroom-this is during the school week. As Ladies in Waiting you are not contractually required to participate HOWEVER when you are Queens this will be mandatory. It is highly suggested you attend as Ladies in Waiting to prepare for when it is your year**

13th -Spring into QC * As Ladies in Waiting

16th -21st – Roots N Boots Rodeo Week 2027 *As Ladies in Waiting. This whole week is filled with autograph signings, sponsor events, Rodeo 101, and community visits. Please be available this week, do not schedule any extracurricular activities this week.

April

3rd - Coronation

TBD RnB Thank you dinner

September

TBD Founders Day

TBD - Roots N Boots Kick-off Dinner

October

November

Royalty hosted - event

TBD TOQC Pancake Breakfast

December

TBD Holiday parade

January 2028

TBD – Roots N' Boots Queen & Sweetheart Pageant/Try-outs

February 2028 TBD Love Bug Dance

TBD–AG in the Classroom-this is during the school week.

March 2028

TBD Roots N Boots Rodeo WEEK 2028 ** This includes PRE-Rodeo Events Please do not schedule any extracurricular events on this week (Monday thru Sunday)

TBD Spring into QC

TBD Coronation

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2027-2028 Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Rodeo Queen Application

Name:

Adress:

City: Zip Code:

Cell Phone: Email:

DOB: Age: Place of Employment:

Parent's Names: Parent's Phone:

Current School and year of graduation:

Future Career Goals and Plans:

Hobbies/Other Sport Activities:

How long have you been riding and what horse organizations you belong to or compete in?

Queen titles you have held and dates of each (Prior titles are not required):

Please check which title you are interested in based on your age on or before January 9th 2027: (Titles, age groups, etc. may change depending on number and experience of applicants)

- ◯ PRCA Pro Rodeo Queen - 18-25 years of age
- ◯ PRCA Senior Teen Queen - 15–17 years of age
- ◯ PRCA JR Teen Queen - 11-14 years of age

Please send: signed riding waiver and the application, 4x5 headshot, and a 150-250 word introduction of yourself. EMAIL to: royalty@friendsofhorseshoepark.org

I have read these guidelines and understand the yearlong commitment of being a Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty.

_____ _____
Applicant Date

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian (if Applicant is under age 18) Date

Participation Release, Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement (the "Release")

I, _____, having the address of _____,

_____, agree to the following terms as part of this Release Agreement:

1. In consideration of my being allowed to participate in any and all activities hosted by Friends of Horseshoe Park dba Roots N' Boots Queen Creek, including without limitation, the activities of bicycle riding, equestrian riding, barrel racing, cutting contests, mounted target shooting, jumping competitions, roping, team penning, and any activities inside the arenas, pens and racks, participation and/or assisting in any Equine-related activities as described in A.R.S. 12-553, including any associated or incidental activities (whether involving supervision or not) (collectively the **"Activities"**), to the fullest extent allowed by law, I, the undersigned, for myself, my spouse, my heirs, executors, administrators and estate, assume the risk of and hereby release, waive and forever discharge the Town of Queen Creek and its council members, officers, agents, representatives and employees and Friends of Horseshoe Park, (collectively, the **"Released Parties"**), and further covenant not to make a claim against or to sue the Released Parties for any injury, loss, liability, damage or cost whatsoever arising, directly or indirectly out of or related to any loss, damage, illness, or injury (including death) to me or to my property or any other claim for damages of any kind or nature that I may sustain as a result of my participation in the Activities during, before, or after related to Roots N' Boots Queen Creek.

2. If I am under the age of eighteen (18) years, I certify that I have obtained the signature of my parent or guardian allowing me to participate in the Activities and that my parent or guardian has full knowledge thereof.

3. I further understand that bulls, cattle, horses and other equine including pony, mule, donkey, ass, (all included as **"Equine"** herein), are unpredictable and that participation in Activities in the presence of Equine always involves an element of risk. I acknowledge that Equine may without warning or any apparent cause, without limitation, buck, stumble, fall, rear, bite, kick, run, make unpredictable movements, spook, jump obstacles, step on a person's feet, push or shove a person, saddles or bridles may loosen or break – all of which may cause the rider, handler or observer to fall, stepped on, pinned, bleed, break bones, be jolted, or otherwise be injured or scared, including resulting in serious injury or death. I acknowledge that Equine riding is a dangerous activity and involves risk that may cause serious injury and in some cases death, because of the unpredictable nature and irrational behavior of Equine, regardless of their training and past performance. I acknowledge that I clearly understand and acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the Activities, including Equine-related activities, and I am willing and able to accept full responsibility for my own safety and welfare. I voluntarily assume the risk and danger of injury, illness or death inherent in the use of the equine, equipment and gear used in said activities.

4. I understand and agree that I have been advised that properly fitted ASTM/SEI equestrian helmets may mitigate head injury and as such are recommended. I understand that whether I choose to wear one or not is my own decision and I hereby hold harmless the Released Parties, including Friends of Horseshoe Park and The Town of Queen Creek for such decision.

5. In the event any action, suit or proceeding is brought by the undersigned or Released Parties to enforce compliance with the Release, to exercise any rights or remedies under the Release, or to declare the rights of the Release, the undersigned shall pay all costs and expenses of such action, suit or proceeding, together with such sums as the court (and not the jury) may adjudge reasonable as attorneys' fees to be allowed in said action, suit or proceeding.

[If Applicable] The below named person is a minor and I the undersigned, as the parent and/or guarding of such person, hereby agree to all of the terms of this Release on behalf of such person.

I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT. I UNDERSTAND IT IS A PROMISE NOT TO SUE AND A RELEASE AND INDEMNITY FOR ALL CLAIMS.

Name(s): _____

Signature (Parent/Guardian, if applicable): _____Date: _____

Roots N' Boots Sweetheart Royalty Guidelines

Intent:
The intent of the Roots N' Boots Sweetheart Royalty is to give younger girls the opportunity to be mentored and "shadow" queen title holders and see what it is like to be a PRCA Rodeo Queen. By shadowing our queens, we hope that it will give younger girls an insight to what is expected from them and their parents and most of all gives them the experience needed to then move forward one day and become rodeo royalty or a leader in another role they aspire to. The hope is that these young ladies will learn from current queens how to interact with people, how to speak to people and how to serve their communities. In addition to shadowing our rodeo queens, they will be mentored on leadership, community service, kindness, and public speaking and appearance.
Their participation in the annual Roots N' Boots rodeo's 50/50 raffle helps to raise money for the incoming Roots N' Boots royalty. These funds help finance this program also.
There are several other Town of Queen Creek events they will be able to participate in and various queen activities.

Process:

- Complete the necessary application by the due date of December 16th. Include a 4x5 headshot
- Sweethearts will send information to the Pageant coordinator by due date via email, royalty@friendsofhorseshoepark.org.
- Basic information required will be: Name, Address, Age, Parent Information, along with a picture.
- 6 Sweethearts will be chosen between the ages of 5-11 years old to be part of the upcoming Roots N' Boots Royalty Court.
- The sweethearts will serve for a one-year term. Girls can reapply to this program more than once but not for the immediately following year unless there is an open spot. Any community, committee or sponsor who want to submit applications can be done so and submitted to the pageant coordinator.
- The Queen coordinator will provide funds for the upcoming courts buckles, crowns and sashes.

What will Sweethearts Receive?

- RnB Sash
- RnB Tiara
- RnB Buckle
- Mentoring and queen education
- Ability to learn, grow and serve their community

What is expected from Sweethearts?

- Participation at all events and functions Roots N' Boots Rodeo week (4 days) is a requirement.
- Participation in the Town of Queen Creek Founders' Day Celebration, Spring into QC, Town of Queen Creek Holiday Parade and Block Party events. Any other events they are asked to attend from the board or royalty coordinator.
- They will NOT be required to participate in other rodeos, other than Roots N' Boots.
- Additional Town of Queen Creek events are not required but are open for participation.
- Participation in any community service and fundraising efforts during their year of service.
- <u>There will be no riding at events and no expectation if they can ride or have a horse</u>.
- Each Sweetheart is expected to have an adult at every event within close proximity to them at their activities to supervise. The care and supervision of each participant belongs to that adult and the coordinator.

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2027-2028 Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Sweetheart Application

Name:

Address:

City: Zip Code:

Date of Birth: City of Birth:

Parent's Names:

Parent's Phone: Parents City in which they reside:

Tell us about yourself:

I have read and agree to the 2027-2028 Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Sweetheart guidelines.

Parent's Signature _____
Selected 2027-2028 Roots N' Boots Sweethearts will tentatively take their reign at Coronation on April 3, 2027.

Roots N' Boots Sweethearts are expected to attend various Town of Queen Creek events in the months of January 2027 until coronation on April 3, 2027 with the current Roots N' Boots Rodeo Royalty.

Each Sweetheart must have an adult to accompany them at each event. **Please email application and a photo of yourself to: Roots N' Boots Pageant Coordinator • royalty@friendsofhorseshoepark.org**. **All applications are due by 5:00 pm December 16, 2026.**

ROOTS N' BOOTS QUEEN CREEK PRO RODEO

Royalty Court

Guidelines and Expectations

WHO IS THE ROOTS N' BOOTS QUEEN CREEK ROYALTY?

A Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty Court symbolizes the young adults of our community; who wish to further promote the sport of rodeo and in doing so promote our western heritage. She is the ideal young western American woman and will represent our city, county, sponsoring committee, and the sport of rodeo as she volunteers at Town and Sponsor events and travels throughout Arizona representing the Town of Queen Creek and the Friends of Horseshoe Park.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A ROOTS N' BOOTS QUEEN CREEK ROYALTY?

While promoting the sport of rodeo and spreading goodwill for her community and state, a Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty Queen will garner some of the richest experiences of her life, and will be laying a solid foundation for her future. It means commitment and a lot of hard work. She will receive a crown and banner, and other accessories to distinguish her in her endeavors during her reign. These items will remain the sole property of the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek committee. A Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty will be expected to follow the rules set forth in this Code of Conduct. She is expected to represent Roots N' Boots Queen Creek in a professional and graceful way. She will be the face of the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek and will symbolize the pride and hard work that goes into running the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Pro Rodeo by the Friends of Horseshoe Park Rodeo Committee.

WHAT TYPE OF YOUNG WOMEN DOES THE ROOTS N' BOOTS QUEEN CREEK ROYALTY PROGRAM ATTRACT?

A. Young women who wish to be a leader in her community and further promote the western way of life.
B. Young women who love horses and everything they represent, and who want to show the world what can be accomplished while living in this environment.
C. Young women who want to act as an official representative of the sport of rodeo.
D. Young women who are interested in furthering their chosen career through higher education and special training.

She will need to portray good sportsmanship and high moral and ethical character traits. She will reflect the careful and humane treatment of animals involved in rodeo. She must understand the sport of rodeo in its entirety, enough to explain and "sell" rodeo to anyone. She must realize that the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty Program **IS NOT** a "beauty" pageant. HOWEVER, they must speak, act, and dress in accordance with the prestige the title deserves.

CONDUCT

A. Harassment and arguing between anyone will not be tolerated.
B. Lady–like and good sportsmanship behavior will be expected at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Gossiping will not be tolerated.
C. Behavior of Queens during public appearances and on social media must be beyond reproach at all times. No profanity or abusive language will be tolerated, nor will the use of tobacco products, alcohol, or illegal drugs, and absolutely no abuse toward horses. You may not hit your horse at any time, even when out of Queen attire. These standards shall be upheld not only by the Queens but parents, trainers, and anyone else associated with the Queen.

GENERAL

All Queens must possess the following general qualifications:

- Intelligence
- Sincerity
- Integrity
- Maturity
- High Moral and Ethical Standards
- Dependability
- Responsibility

Unsportsmanlike conduct is grounds for disqualification or removal of title at any time.

Queens are expected to conduct themselves with high moral standards and present a kind, courteous and ladylike manner towards all. You are expected to smile and communicate in a friendly manner with the Royalty Coordinator, other members of the Rodeo Queen Court, rodeo committee members, all rodeo personnel, visiting royalty, fans & rodeo spectators. If a queen handles herself in a manner other than this (either in person, on social media, or during correspondence) towards anyone while in her official capacity she will be given a written warning.

Queens will not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke, use drugs, or use foul language at any time while representing Roots N' Boots Queen Creek in an official capacity in crown and sash, and will be given a written warning and can be sent home from an event or other disciplinary actions may be used depending on the severity of the offence.

Queens **MUST** be single. Cannot be married, not have a marriage annulled, nor have been nor become pregnant. If the Rodeo Queen has a boyfriend on her own time, that is fine, *BUT* **you are not allowed to be seen with a boyfriend while IN CROWN and BANNER at any public appearances. Remember this is your job, you must remain professional while in crown and banner.**

Part of being a Rodeo Queen is making yourself available to the Host committee at all times, therefore, if you have anyone attend an event with you, they need to remain in the background and not interfere with your Queen duties. If a distraction of this kind is brought to the attention on the Royalty coordinator, a warning will be given. If this continues, then a decision will have to be made by the Rodeo Committee to have that crown and banner removed and the Rodeo Queen stripped of her title.

All applicants are required to wear the proper attire at rodeos, parades and other scheduled appearances as Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty or during pageant events.

Contestants and Queens are to be fully and royally attired when they step out of the car, camper or hotel room in the morning. Arriving at a venue in curlers and/or pajamas will not be accepted. If you choose to "dress down" for the drive to an event, you must not leave your horse trailer/changing area until you are completely ready. "Dressing down" includes a t-shirt and shorts. At no time should the Queen/Contestant be seen in the public eye in any attire (hats, clothing, accessories ect) considered scandalous or indecent. This includes anything that may be taken as offensive or questionable to others, including words, images, or veiled meanings ect. During rodeo week, curler bonnets and t- shirts may be worn while practicing staging for rodeo opening ceremonies. Baseball caps are ok if they are appropriate "western themed" and the event is casual, as in Rodeo preparation or hotlap practice. Royalty are expected to be ready to work or sign autographs as soon as they step into the public eye and you must be seen as a Queen when representing Roots N' Boots Queen Creek in any official capacity. Another exception to this rule would be at visiting rodeos. If the visiting rodeo has a contestant only area where her horse trailer is parked, the Queen can finish getting ready there-out of the eye of the general public.

ATTIRE:

HATS: Felt hats only. At parades and group photos, it looks better if all the girls have the same color hats. White is nice for certain non area appearances. You can also wear white in the area, but it will get dirty. Off white, bone, or silver belly works great because it does not show dirt as well. There are many off white colors, so make sure you coordinate with the rest of the court so you purchase the same color. I have seen some "silver belly" advertisements that had a grey undertone and some have a light brown undertone. Invest in your hats, keep them in good plastic hat carriers. They need to be shaped. Where you get your hat should be able to shape it. They should know how to shape your hat Queen crease style. If not, find another shop. At any event, Town Events, Rodeos, special appearances your hat must look sharp. Make sure your hat fits your head. Your hat must not come off in the arena. Most girls use bobby pins. Some girls have used tape on their forehead as well as bobby pins. Practice riding hot laps with your hat on. There is a saying "If your hat comes off, your head better be in it"

SHIRTS: Long sleeve western button up shirts. You can add bling to these shirts and make them a Queen shirt. Look online for inspiration. Look on our Facebook pages for examples of what past Queens wore. There are Facebook online sales groups where you can sometimes get a good deal. These shirts do not necessarily have to be Wrangler, but they cannot have another brand name on them. At most of the rodeos the themes are: Cancer Awareness (Pink), Patriotic (Red, White and Blue), and sometimes Turquoise. Roots N' Boots Queen Creek is part of the Turquoise Circuit.

BELTS: Bling belts or other unique belts

JEANS: Wrangler. Black or Dark Blue. Stay away from the light blue or faded areas look. As a Queen you need to look sharp. No bling or intricate design on the back pockets. No "Barrel racing" jeans. The jeans need to be clean and pressed.

BOOTS: Clean boots.

HAIR: Look up on Facebook pages for Rodeo Queen hair. Many use extensions but these are not required. Hot rollers also work great. The longer you keep them in the better they last. Girls sometimes sleep in them, especially if they have an early appearance the next day. We need to see your ears. Learn how to do the "wings". No unnatural hair colors.

EARRINGS and other accessories: Earrings are a must. They make your outfit come together. Arena earrings need to be able to stay on for your hot lap, choose ones that are not as long. You must only have one set of piercings, no more than one in each ear lobe. NO OTHER VISIBLE PIERCINGS WILL BE ALLOWED WHILE IN CROWN AND SASH.

MAKEUP: You need to wear makeup. We need to see your eyes and lips. Town events and other appearances can be a lighter application. Arena makeup will be more vibrant.

FASHION FORWARD OR WESTERN TRENDY: At some Town events and special appearances you will need to be more dressed up than regular jeans and button up shirts. Look for dress/skirt that goes past your knee, a shirt that covers the elbows. Look for outfits that you can put a western flare to. Again, your accessories can help put your outfit together.

IN GENERAL: Always keep in mind modesty. No low cut backs or fronts. No short dresses/skirts ect What you wear is a reflection of yourself. NO VISIBLE TATTOOS Have fun with it! You are an art canvas, it is ok to step out of your comfort zone and try new things!

Cell phones must be put on silent/vibrate mode during all events and must be **out of sight, no holsters**. Not in back pockets, or front pockets. Behind your buckle in your jeans or in your boot works best if you are not carrying an autograph bag. Before and after events, while in crown and banner, cell phones are only to be used to contact a parent/guardian, fellow queens, the Royalty Coordinator, or in the case of an emergency situation. Cell phone usage should be polite and discreet (stepping away from a crowd) and only used in a private area such as the truck or horse trailer, <u>never</u> on the back of a horse.

The Pro Rodeo Queen is responsible for being a leader and role model for the younger Queen titles as well as on the road. She is responsible to contact the Senior Teen Queen and Junior Teen Queen before each appearance to ensure everyone has all the information needed for all to have an organized and enjoyable event. This may include passing on parking plans or knowledge gained from visiting the same event in the past or any information passed along by the host Rodeo. The Royalty Coordinator is responsible for passing on most concrete information; the Pro Rodeo Queen's call is a double check to make plans as a bonding experience. The queen should be a friend, ease fears or nerves and encourage, praise or provide tips or corrections (in a positive manner) when needed.

The Senior Teen Queen and Junior Teen Queen should be open and receptive to communication. The Senior Teen Queen and Junior Teen Queen should also feel comfortable providing feedback to the Pro Rodeo Queen. All feedback should be positive and encouraging. If a problem needs to be addressed, a solution should be offered. Safety concerns, bad behavior, and bad examples should be reported to the Royalty Coordinator to be handled appropriately. If the Queen is not at an event, the Sr Teen Queen should coordinate plans with the Jr Teen Queen. Our goal for the court is for the court to develop a friendship bond. To help each other out, reduce fears and stress, and be mentors to each other. Just like the outside world, chances are you will not be working with your best friend. Working as a team there will be age, cultural, and family differences to overcome. We need you to respect each other, communicate, and make the effort to include all of your team. Socializing with other Queens at events is fun, but your top priority should be your court. Helping your court achieve their goals not only makes everyone's year fun and successful, but also develops your character.

Parents are encouraged to be "in the know on travel arrangements" but to let clothing choices,

decorations, and Rodeo Queen Court decisions to be handled by the Queens. If an issue occurs within the relationship between any member of the Rodeo Queen Court, the Royalty Coordinator should be informed immediately. A good working relationship between titleholders is the key to an enjoyable and successful year. Families are expected to be encouraging and helpful to the group as a whole and disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. Families may be asked to refrain from attending events if problems do occur. Remember that the goal for everyone is to have a successful and productive year and to have fun while doing so.

Pro Rodeo Queen, Senior Teen Queen, and Junior Teen Queen Commitments and Expectations:

Reigning Royalty will be expected to answer questions at public appearances, she needs to be able to think "on her feet," and show maturity, intelligence, wisdom and imagination.

The Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty Court is intended as a Public Relations group to promote the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek, Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center, the Town of Queen Creek and any sponsors for the title year.

Rodeo Queens are expected to be knowledgeable about event details including dates and times promoted for the event. Rodeo Queens will be provided with the tools to find out this information such as flyers, press releases, and website information.

The members of the Roots N' Boots Rodeo Queen Court were given a tentative schedule at the time of competition. All members of the Rodeo Queen Court must attend the mandatory events. (e.g., Roots N' Boots rodeo week which includes Rodeo and Autograph signings, AG in the Classroom, Holiday Parade, and Kickoff Diner); 80% of Town and Sponsor Events (70% for junior titles); UNLESS the Queen has an excused absence from the Royalty Coordinator. While the schedule of events may change, the Rodeo Queens need to be open and available for last minute changes and appearances. Your Royalty Coordinator reserves the right to make any event, new or established, as mandatory. We will only do this if necessary and will give as much notice as possible.

Town of Queen Creek events and sponsor events are very important. **Unless in an Emergency, Rodeo Queens are expected to give 48 hrs notice if they believe they are unable to attend a scheduled event and repercussions may include loss of title if absences are excessive or are deemed inexcusable.** Examples of excusable absences: sickness (doctor's note required for missing a mandatory event), family emergencies, and periodic school events (Prom, field trips, once or twice a year activities ect). Examples of inexcusable absences: hanging out with your friends, team activities (sport activities, drill teams), and competition events (barrel racing, gymkhanas) If a Queen is employed, it is her responsibility to discuss in advance with her employers any time off that will be required to fulfill the duties of her Queen title.

NOTE: AG in the Classroom is during a school day and is a mandatory event. Please work with your teachers/school in advance to have this day off of school. While we understand emergencies, family and school events, it is important to fulfill the responsibilities that you accepted by becoming a Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty Queen. It is a one year commitment that is a unique once in a lifetime opportunity for you to participate in.

There is no guarantee of opportunities that will be provided to the Pro Rodeo Queen and/or the Royalty Queen Court. While the rodeo committee will work to provide opportunities such as working in the Rodeo performance, media appearances, special projects, etc; the Rodeo Queen and/or Rodeo Queen Court is not guaranteed specific assignments to promote the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek. Traditional Rodeo Queen duties such as Grand Entry, American Flag Presentation, sponsor flag presentations, and assisting with cattle work are left up to the discretion of the Rodeo committee, the stock contractor, and the production team of the event.
This is true of your rodeo and of visiting rodeos. When you attend visiting rodeos it is of the utmost importance that you remember that you are a GUEST. You are not guaranteed to perform ANY duties at visiting rodeos (this includes Grand Entry/hot laps/sponsor flag presentations). While in attendance at other rodeos on behalf of Roots N' Boots Queen Creek, Rodeo Queens are expected to assist in anyway requested by the hosting rodeo committee. This includes but is not limited to: selling raffle tickets, passing out information, autograph sessions, arena work, and any other requests made by the host. This is very important. You are a reflection of Roots N' Boots and the Town of Queen Creek. Be the best volunteer. Seek out the host rodeo committee members, ask if you can be of assistance. Do not just do a hot lap and leave without asking to volunteer. Queens will not be permitted to "vocalize" their frustration, upsets, etc in public (including social media) at **any** royalty event, whether in crown/banner or not. No dirty looks, gossip, mean remarks, etc. no matter what the circumstances are. If a Queen needs a minute, she must politely excuse herself and "get it together". Upsets can be voiced after an event and out of the public eye by phone or email to your Royalty Coordinator. Until that point, Queens must smile and be friendly to everyone; this includes towards each other & behavior towards parents. Family problems are to be dealt with at home or behind closed doors, not at events, in parking lots or horse trailers. Parents/Guardians/or those taking the role of a Parent will also be held to this same code of ethics. Written warning will be handed out if this is not adhered to and a Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty Queen may be stripped of her title if a problem persists.

Any upsets or grievances must be brought to your Royalty Coordinator, not anyone else. The Royalty Coordinator will act as the point of contact between the Roots N' Boots Royalty Queens and the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Rodeo Committee; a Queen/ parents/guardians should never contact any member of the committee without going to the Royalty Coordinator first.

If you still feel your concern was not properly addressed by the Royalty Coordinator, you may address your concerns by submitting a written letter addressed to the FOHP Board. Under no circumstances will a Queen contact a sponsor--all sponsor contact will be through your Royalty Coordinator.

The Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty Coordinator has the authority to relieve a Queen of her crown if her behavior through the title year is not up to expectations. A Queen will be given 2 written warnings and on the 3rd infraction issues will be discussed with the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Pro Rodeo Committee, if conduct is addressed within the guidelines attached; however based on the severity of the offense a Queen can be relieved of her title without warnings. A Queen parent/guardian/or others taking the role of the parent, their behavior can also result in a written warning for the Queen.

Queens must keep their "queen life" and private life separate. Please keep all your social media accounts clean and appropriate. You are now a public figure that little girls look up to. Any inappropriate content identified by someone in the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek organization will be address immediately and failure to comply could result in loss of title.

Criminal activity/behavior will not be tolerated under any circumstances and is grounds for automatic dismissal from the title and reign.

Rodeo dances are optional and are left up to the discretion of the Rodeo Queen or her legal guardian. If a Rodeo Queen attends a rodeo dance in Crown and Banner, she is expected to represent the event in an appropriate manner. Drinking /drugs/smoking/or any other inappropriate actions by the Rodeo Queen while in crown and banner will automatically result in the revocation of the title and benefits. If the Rodeo Queen decides to attend a Rodeo Dance on her own accord, she must not have any visible representation of the Rodeo on her person such as sponsor logos, belt buckles, or apparel distinguishing her as a representative of this event.

If a Rodeo Queen would like to attend a parade as an entry that is not set up by the Royalty Coordinator, she is required to communicate her intent and gain approval from the Royalty Coordinator prior to registration. All events must be offered to all members of the Roots N' Boots Rodeo Queen Court, unless the Pro Rodeo Queen is invited by special invite only. The court is a TEAM not an individual. The Rodeo Queens will be provided with a Parade script to accompany the application as provided by the Royalty Coordinator as an official publication of Roots N' Boots. Queens need to have a parade and rodeo sound horse. If a horse is too hot, or spooky the Royalty Coordinator or production committee may ask you to find a different horse.

Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty Court Queens may attend unscheduled events as a Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty Queen, however all events must be first approved by the Royalty Coordinator prior to attending. Any requests to go to an event that is not on the scheduled calendar must be made far enough in advance to your Royalty Coordinator to get the proper approval. Remember you are one part of a court, and must be part of a team effort.

All expenses incurred during the title year are the responsibility of the Queen and/ or members of the Royalty Queen Court. Perpetual items will be provided if available to help promote the rodeo and its affiliates. Sponsors may be arranged by the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Committee and

/or the Royalty Coordinator to cover the pageant expenses and awards given to the Royalty Queen court. Any apparel, jewelry, tack, feed, travel expenses, entry fees, and/ or other anticipated costs may have to be paid by the Queen.

Queens are not allowed to use the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek name, logo and/or event to solicit funding specific to them in exchange with promotion while at official events. Donations made to the Queen as an individual are permitted on a personal level, but in no way may be associated with the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek title or its affiliates. Roots N' Boots Queen Creek does not offer tax credits to anyone other than those parties solicited by the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Rodeo Committee.

Individual sponsors and affiliations must not be present on any apparel while attending official events. The only exceptions are PRCA sponsor logos. Any companies or individual people sponsoring a specific individual may be recognized on vehicles and /or trailers however they may not make reference to the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek title specifically. Tack may be sponsored as well or Trophy Tack used during the reign.

Royalty Coordinator Commitments:

The position of Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty Coordinator is solely volunteer and often covers more than just the obligations of the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty. The Royalty Coordinator must also act as a point of contact for other rodeos, visiting royalty, and rodeo personnel. While she is dedicated to making the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty Program as successful as possible, she is not committed to the job of Royalty Coordinator above her other life obligations. Please remember to use respectful communication detailing needs/wants in a professional manner (no complaining) and to provide a solution to any problems that may arise.

If something requires immediate attention (as in an event that day or next), please use group text to communicate with the Royalty Coordinator. If the matter is of a personal matter or another matter that cannot be posted, please contact the Royalty Coordinator by phone (calls and text) within the hours of 8am-8pm on weekdays and between 8am-9pm on weekends, with the exception of rodeo week. Rodeo Week Royalty Coordinator will be available at any time. The Royalty Coordinator is available via email any time of day. **If there is an upset which you feel must be addressed right away, please wait until you (or a family member) are calm enough to discuss the situation objectively and are willing work to find a solution.**

The Royalty Coordinator is not babysitter. As a Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty you are expected to be self reliant and will be held responsible for your own actions. The Royalty Coordinator will not travel to each rodeo or other events, you are expected to do so on your own or with your family. Host rodeos will report back to the Royalty Coordinator with any issue that need to be addressed with titleholders.

The Royalty Coordinator is responsible for making sure that the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty meets all obligations to sponsors and outside vendors associated with Roots N' Boots Queen Creek. While at times and in certain situations, this can be misconstrued as rude, uncaring, or pushy, you must remember that as a Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty Queen you are obligated to the larger success of the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek and its related events. The term "the show must go on" has never been truer and Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty Court will be held to that standard, just as the Royalty Coordinator and Rodeo Committee are within the Rodeo Industry.

Loss of Title and Benefits

Any person being awarded the title of and/or otherwise becoming the successor thereto, shall not:

A. Have been previously married, become married and/or be pregnant, or become pregnant during her title year
B. Be charged with and/or determined to have committed any crime of moral turpitude,
C. Compete in and/or otherwise participate in any other beauty and/or talent contest, pageant and/or activity, while you have this title unless approved
D. Solicit, negotiate, or contract with any third person for appearances, photographs, interview, sponsorship, and/or endorsement, during the year of her reign. These items are to be arranged by the Royalty Coordinator and Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Pro Rodeo Committee.
E. Fight with the rodeo committee regarding any issue whether publicly or privately
F. Be unwilling to appear when scheduled to appear
G. Dress outside of the dress code codes at any time while representing the Roots N' Boots event unless approved

Upon the occurrence of any of the above events, the title of Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty Queen together with any and all benefits derived by such person, shall be forfeited. Any open acts of defiance, disrespect for Board members and/or the Royalty Coordinator, or unwillingness to cooperate with the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Pro Rodeo Committee will not be tolerated and will result in drastic action(s) by the Royalty Coordinator and Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Pro Rodeo Committee.

The rule of "Once a queen, always a queen" applies and each title holder should act and dress appropriately, whether appearing officially, or in ordinary activities. The first obligation of a Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Royalty Court title holder is to the Roots N' Boots Queen Creek. This is to be considered when scheduling any personal appearance or event which could be a possible conflict. Please notify the Royalty Coordinator of all personal events such as vacations, holidays, etc that are scheduled in advance to prevent conflicts in schedule. The months of January through March should be set aside for Roots N' Boots Queen Creek events primarily.