

# Minnesota Valley Riders Annual Royalty Contest Rules

## Royalty Categories

King/Queen:

Open to any member age 18 and over (as of January 1 of the upcoming membership year)

Prince/Princess:

Open to any member age 11 to 17 years (as of January 1 of the upcoming membership year)

Little Buckaroo/Little Miss:

Open to any member age 5 to 10 years (as of January 1 of the upcoming membership year)

## Royalty Contest

Those wishing to compete must be a "member in good standing" and complete the attached entry form for return to the Royalty Committee Chairperson by the due date listed on the entry form. The Royalty contest/show will be held at the last MVR fun show in the fall. The contest will consist of two parts. Part 1 is a personal interview with the judge or judge's panel (50 point scale). Part 2 will be a riding competition. A pattern will be selected by the judge's committee and communicated to the contestants before they ride (50 point scale). The scores from Part 1 and Part 2 will be totaled. One individual from each category will be selected based on total score.

The Royalty contest is designed to recognize individuals possessing characteristics that positively reflect the organization. A contestant cannot hold a given Royalty position for more than two consecutive years unless there are no other applicants for the position. Winning contestants will receive a new Royalty Sash. The Royalty crowns will be turned over to the care of the newly crowned Royalty at a coronation ceremony at the conclusion of the fall show, with the exception of the queen's crown in the event that the MVR queen is running for WSCA Queen, then the crown will be passed on after the Championship Show. Should a crown be lost, the Royalty responsible for the loss will pay replacement cost. Crowns requiring replacement arising from wear and tear will be purchased by the Royalty Committee. The King/Queen crown shall be larger than the Prince/Princess crown. While encouraged, it is optional for an MVR Queen to compete in the WSCA queen's contest. The WSCA Queen competition has its own rules and criteria that must be met starting early in the year (see [www.WSCA.org](http://www.WSCA.org) website for complete details).

## Responsibilities of MVR Royalty: (Items in bold are MANDATORY)

1. **Present Trophies or assist in various functions at MVR open shows.**
2. **Ride in the Royalty ride at MVR sponsored events (this includes BBQ Days & BBQ Days parade) or if you cannot attend, coordinate prior to the event with the Royalty committee.**
3. **Send hand written thank-you notes to open show sponsors in a timely manner.**
4. **The King/Queen will be given the club's American flag/pole and flag boot. It will remain in their care until passed to the next King/Queen. The Prince/Princess will be given the club flag/pole and flag boot. It will remain in their care until passed to the next Prince/Princess. If either flags/flag boots are lost, the individual caring for the flag will be responsible for its replacement cost.**
5. **Attend & assist in 4 club functions (Awards Banquet, MVR fun shows or monthly MVR meetings)**
6. As Minnesota Valley Riders Royalty, you are expected to show or appear at all WSCA shows under the MVR saddle club name for the entire year including the Minnesota State Fair and WSCA Champ show.
7. Royalty is encouraged to write and submit a monthly MVR club news article for submission in the WSCA Spotlight. This may be rotated among royalty members.

# Royalty Entry Form

**Due Date – on or before September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Applications submitted are for the upcoming membership year, November to October.**

Please mail or give to the Royalty Committee Chairperson(s)  
(see MVRSC.org for current Royalty Committee Members)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ (as of January 1st of membership year for this application)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY)

Name of Parents or guardian(s) if under age 18  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **Contestants Agreement**

I have read, understand and agree to comply with the Royalty Contest Rules and Responsibilities of the contestants. I also understand it is my responsibility to ask the current Royalty Committee clarifying questions if I do not understand.

I immediately accept my responsibilities on behalf of the Minnesota Valley Riders if so awarded and will do my utmost to promote Minnesota Valley Riders as an organization. I agree to work with the Minnesota Valley Riders' Board and the Royalty Committee. I will strive to act in the manner becoming of a representative of Minnesota Valley Riders. My conduct will be exemplary at all times in accordance with the proper image of a royalty member.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(If signer is under 18 years of age a parent's signature is required)

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent of the contestant I affirm that we have reviewed and discussed the rules and responsibilities and are prepared to perform the duties as required.

*Good luck and thank you for your participation!*

Part 1 of 2

SCORE CARD – Personal Interview  
Total of 50 Points possible

1. Judge and contestant sit together in private area.
2. Judge will ask each contestant the same interview questions (prepared by MVR Royalty Committee)
3. Judge will score each individual upon the categories listed below:

**Contestant number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Categories 1 thru 10 points**

Appearance and poise \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership \_\_\_\_\_

Communication skills \_\_\_\_\_

Confidence \_\_\_\_\_

Saddle club knowledge & involvement \_\_\_\_\_

**Total points (Part 1)** \_\_\_\_\_

Part 2 of 2

SCORE CARD – Horsemanship  
Total of 50 Points possible

1. Pattern will be performed as posted before show.
2. After all participants have completed the pattern, each will have their own individual Royalty ride.

**Contestant number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Categories 1 thru 10 points**

Appearance and poise \_\_\_\_\_

Control & Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Basic Positions (hands, head & seat) \_\_\_\_\_

Pattern Correctness \_\_\_\_\_

Pattern Performance \_\_\_\_\_

**Total points (Part 2)** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL COMBINED SCORE (Parts 1 and 2)** \_\_\_\_\_