

2010 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.  
**RODEO QUEEN COMPETITION RULES**  
CHAIRPERSON: Karol Cripps (409) 739-1556

<b>ENTRIES DUE:</b>	Thursday, March 11 , 2010 by 5:00 p.m. in the Fair Office
<b>SPONSOR FEE:</b>	\$50.00 Sponsor Fee
<b>JUDGING:</b>	Contestants will ride TWO speed events on Monday, April 12 <sup>th</sup> at Jack Brooks Park. Contestants will ride 2 Horsemanship Patterns on April 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, Interview competition will be on Saturday, April 3 at 4pm
<b>CROWNING:</b>	Saturday, April 17, 2010, RODEO ARENA During Professional Rodeo Competition
<b>NOTICE:</b>	<b><i>CURRENT NEGATIVE COGGINS REQUIRED – see rule #20</i></b>

1. The Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., Rodeo Queen Contest is open to all girls who meet the following requirements:
  - a. are registered in the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade of a Galveston County ISD public, private or TEA approved home school;
  - b. are not a former Galveston County Rodeo Queen;
  - c. are single and have never been married;
  - d. are eligible under the “no pass-no play” rule. A Declaration of Eligibility Form will be sent to the contestant’s school for verification of eligibility. Eligibility Forms will be handled by the Fair Office. You will be notified by the Chairperson if you are **not** eligible to compete.
2. Each contestant will be required to turn in to the Fair Office a completed Entry Application, signed Indemnity Form and Emergency Medical Authorization Form, a photograph for publication (will not be returned), a clear and readable copy of the Current Negative Coggins, and a short paragraph about yourself, your interests, hobbies, etc. This paragraph should be typed and written in third person format and will be read each night during your performance and should not exceed one minute in reading length. No changes or additions will be made after this entry is submitted. Failure to complete and submit ALL forms & attachments could result in disqualification.
3. Each contestant must have a sponsor (relative, friend, business, etc.) to pay a \$50.00 sponsor fee. **No applications will be accepted without a paid sponsor fee. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON.**
4. The deadline for entry applications, attachments and sponsor fee will be **March 11, 2010**, in the Fair Office. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 5:00 P.M. ON Thursday, March 11, 2010.**
5. Contestants must furnish their own horse/horses or make arrangements for same. Contestants will not be allowed to ride stallions or unmanageable horses. If given a reason to, the committee can deem any horse unmanageable at any time. **There will be no beating or unruly horsemanship of horses at any time. Contestants may ride a different horse for each event in the competition or compete on the same horse.** The Rodeo Queen Chairperson must receive a Coggins report on each horse being ridden prior to the contest.
6. Each contestant must warm-up their own horse for all practices and competitions.
7. Contestants will be required to use split reins during the horsemanship portion of the contest. Tie-downs are only allowed during the speed events. **No Tie-Downs or any training device are allowed in the horsemanship patterns.**
8. Contestants will be required to wear western apparel at all times. Western apparel consists of any color jeans, e.g., blue, black, purple, etc., long sleeve tucked in shirt (NO BARE MIDRIFTS) and boots. A cowboy hat must be worn in the Rodeo Arena during nightly performances and Grand Entries.
9. During speed events contestants may either wear a blouse or a blouse with a vest. Boots will be worn for all competitions. Tennis shoes of any kind are not allowed. During the horsemanship pattern, contestants will be required to wear the following:

\* long sleeve button-up (solid color) and black/blue jeans, Western Pleasure Rail Blouse/Showmanship Blouse, long sleeve with vest or long sleeve with jacket (chaps are optional)

10. Interviews will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2010 at 4 pm. Contestants will be judged on appearance, personality, knowledge of horsemanship, etc.
11. All Contestants are required to participate in a minimum of three scheduled activities during the Fair and work at least eight volunteer hours. (Mandatory Work Event: Livestock Auction which will be held Wednesday, April 14th).
12. All contestants will be required to ride in the Kick-Off Parade on Saturday, April 10, at 9:00 am. **All contestants are required to provide their own horse, or make arrangements for the same, to ride in the parade.** Contestants should assemble at the West County Building on Highway 6 in Santa Fe at 8:00 am. Western apparel will be the attire for the Parade.
13. Contestants and parent/guardian are required to attend a mandatory meeting/practice to discuss rules and other concerns. ***The mandatory meeting and practice will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, 2010 in the Rodeo Arena.*** Additional mandatory practices will also be held on ***Wednesday, March 24*** and ***Wednesday, March 31 at 6 pm in the Rodeo Arena.*** Only contestants and committee members are allowed in the arena during practices and scheduled events. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**
14. Winners will be required to ride in the Grand Entry each night of the Rodeo at 8:00 p.m. All Contestants may also ride in the grand entry. If a contestant chooses to ride a different horse in the Grand Entry, they may do so. A current negative Coggins test for this horse must be presented to the Chairperson prior to the Grand Entry.
15. Riders will be judged on horsemanship, speed events, regalia, *interview* and beauty. A pattern will be designated at the meeting on **Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.** *Contestants will be monitored by mystery judges for attitude and behavior during each practice and each day of competition. If a contestant is found to have an attitude problem or displays un-sportsman-like conduct, then the contestant will loose points and/or could be disqualified. Consequences will depend on the severity of the incident.* **The decisions of the judges will be final.** Scores will not be posted during competition. A copy of each contestant's score sheets will be provided after the contest is complete. If any parent/guardian or contestant would like to view their scores from the original score sheet, they may do so in the presence of the contest Chairperson, Rodeo Superintendent and either the Fair President or Fair Coordinator. Scoring will be further explained at the meeting on.
16. In the case a problem or concern should arise, the contestant should come to the committee. Parental interference is strictly forbidden.
17. A sash will be given to each contestant with the name of their sponsor. The sash may be worn when participating in functions at the Galveston County Fair and Rodeo. Each contestant will receive a gift. Prizes will be awarded to the Rodeo Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up, 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up, Most Congenial and Hardest Worker, Best Interview, Best Horsemanship Pattern, Best Over-all Speed. Miss Congeniality will be chosen by contestants; however, contestants cannot vote for themselves.
18. The Rodeo Queen will be required to make appearances & compete throughout the year to promote the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc.
19. **Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Test within the last 12 months is required for all horses. A clear and readable test document must be in turned in with Entry Form.**

***If you have any questions regarding these rules, please do not hesitate to call the Chairperson.***

**2010 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.**

**RODEO QUEEN CODE OF CONDUCT**

**The following Code of Conduct must be used while representing the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. during practice, scheduled events, activities, and during competition by each contestant and the reigning Rodeo Queen.**

1. Must set a good example for your peers. A positive attitude and behavior is a must. Remember you are representing your family, 4H, FFA, school, city, county and the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo.
2. Must always wear proper attire including sash.
3. Absolutely no profanity.
4. No drinking, smoking or drug use.
5. No cell phones are allowed.
6. No beating or unruly horsemanship to horses is allowed.

**Reigning Queen should also follow these guidelines.**

1. Will be required to make appearances & compete throughout her reigning year to promote the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo.
2. Will be required to be present for Fair & Rodeo activities. (Cowboy Fest, Shows, Auctions, etc.)
3. Will be required to be present at the Summer Series and volunteer to work where needed.
4. Must wear your crown, buckle and sash at scheduled events, activities, competitions and the rodeo during your reign as queen.
5. Must help acquire donations for the next contest during your reign as queen.
6. Will be required to organize the next queen contestants for the fair & rodeo parade during your reign as queen.
7. Absolutely NO coaching another competitor during your reign as queen.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT & GUIDELINES MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC. FOR THE FAIR YEAR IN WHICH THE VIOLATION OCCURS AND THE EXHIBITOR WILL FORFEIT ALL AWARDS AND/OR PROCEEDS.**

2010 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.  
**RODEO QUEEN COMPETITION ENTRY APPLICATION**  
**CHAIRPERSON: Karol Cripps**  
**PHONE: (409) 739-1556**

<b>ENTRY DEADLINE:</b>	<b>Thursday, March 11, 2010, by 5:00 p.m. – FAIR OFFICE</b>
<b>ENTRY FEE:</b>	<b>\$50.00 Sponsor Fee due with entry application</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Current Photograph for publicity, Indemnity Form &amp; Emergency Medical Authorization, Current Negative Coggins, and Paragraph</b>

**COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D/O/B: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H or FFA: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Address* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone*

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*I hereby make application to enter the 2010 Rodeo Queen Contest subject to Rules, Code of Conduct and Guidelines as published by the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., all of which I have read, and agree to the provisions contained therein as part of this application.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Contestant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Signature

<b>\$50 sponsor fee</b>	<b><u>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</u></b>
<b>Date Rec'd:</b> _____	<b>Rec'd by:</b> _____
<b>Method of Payment:</b> _____	

**OVER FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL & INDEMNITY FORM**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION**

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME (If minor): \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTESTANT'S DOCTOR: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTESTANT'S DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ Facts concerning the contestant's medical history including allergies, medications taken, and any physical impairments to which a physician should be alerted are: \_\_\_\_\_

This authorization is valid beginning March 11, 2010 and ending April 18, 2010. In the event reasonable attempts to reach contact person or parent/guardian (If minor) are unsuccessful and/or if the physician listed above is unavailable or unable to treat the contestant, I understand and acknowledge this authorization gives the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., the authority to chose a physician to treat the contestant in the event of accident, injury, illness, or any life-threatening situations. I further understand and acknowledge that the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. is authorized to take the contestant to a hospital of the Fair Management's choice if contact person or parent/guardian (If minor) are unavailable to make the decision. **I the undersigned, understand and acknowledge that all charges incurred in connection with the treatment of the contestant will be borne by the Contestant or Parent/Guardian (If minor) and I hold harmless the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. from any financial, legal or moral obligations surrounding the treatment or possible hospitalization of the contestant.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contestant or Parent/Guardian (If minor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**EXHIBITOR/CONTESTANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION FORM**  
**IMPORTANT: SIGNATURE REQUIRED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS**

The undersigned, with the intent of binding myself, my spouse, if any, and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns, do hereby execute this release. In consideration of the privilege of myself or my son/daughter competing/exhibiting in the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., I release and discharge the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., its successors and assigns including its officers, directors, servants, agents, employees, and legal representatives from any and all claims, present and future, known and unknown, in any manner for any loss or damage or injury to the person, animals or property of Exhibitor/Contestant, or Exhibitor/Contestant(s) agents, servants, family and/or employees, regardless of how such loss, damage or injury is occasioned and by whom. The Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., and Exhibitor/Contestant further agree that Exhibitor/Contestant will protect, indemnify and hold harmless Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., from any and all claims, suits and/or judgments, including the cost of defense of any such claim and/or suit and/or judgment(s) by, through, or behalf of Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., brought by anyone as a result of any loss, damage or injury, personal or otherwise, to any person, animal(s) or property occasioned by any action or inaction of Exhibitor/Contestant, either solely or in conjunction with Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., or anyone else.

Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., retains exclusive television rights pertaining to all shows/events, including open and breed shows and sales and all junior shows and sales, as well as any and all skits or additional contests held in conjunction with the Show/Event. By signing below, Exhibitor/Contestant gives the Show/Event permission to use video of Exhibitor/Contestant, including Exhibitor/Contestant(s) animal(s) or property, skits, etc., for television, website and video presentations without compensation or prior permission of Exhibitor.

Exhibitor/Contestant agrees to abide by all Rules and Regulations, published or otherwise presented, of the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc.

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Exhibitor/Contestant/Owner

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian (if minor)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_