

SASSRA AMBASSADOR DRILL TEAM GUIDELINES

AMBASSADOR MISSION:

To represent the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association at community events, schools, hospitals, etc. enhancing awareness and goodwill of the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association.

To represent by acting as Ambassadors to the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association at any event requested and approved by the officers, board and management.

Ambassadors shall entertain at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo events with riding exhibitions and must be a good role model and encourage young women throughout the community to aspire to becoming Ambassadors.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS:

Young ladies must be 13 years of age by their first San Angelo Rodeo performance and not older than 24 (at time of tryouts), single, having never married or nullified a marriage, must not be nor have been pregnant nor been charged or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor are eligible to tryout. Background checks will be made. Young ladies must maintain professionalism at all times toward peers, parents and advisors. She must maintain a 3.0 GPA. Proof of grades must be presented to the Coach or Directors within 30 days of the end of the spring semester. A "one" semester probation will be allowed before the Ambassador is dismissed.

Candidates must be able to ride a horse well at different speeds and use good judgment for the safety of themselves and other riders. She must follow procedures for drills established for contestant competition and must have proper western horse equipment in good condition. Each young lady must be able to cheerfully accept constructive evaluation and realize that errors must be corrected in order to retain their position. She must be considerate, professional and have the ability to get along well with other Ambassadors, Coaches and other persons working with the Ambassadors.

Candidates must submit a letter from the candidate's parent acknowledging consent and responsibility, if under 18, and a recommendation from a school official who is knowledgeable of her academic standing.

CANDIDATE COMPETITION:

Candidates shall be judged and awarded scores based on the following point system: Appearance in western clothing; Personality; Horsemanship (ability to ride and appearance on horseback); Professionalism – Background (past experience in similar positions).

All ambassador candidates will be contacted by e-mail informing them as to the decision of the judges. Decisions of the judges shall be final. The scores of the remaining candidates shall not be revealed unless there is a vacancy in the future.

A current copy of the coggins test, for each participating horse, must be presented along with your completed application. Candidates are encouraged to bring all horses that they could possibly use for performance (must select best choice to use during tryouts).

AMBASSADOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

Each member will have some monetary expense for:

Hats (black and white with Cattleman's crease)

Boots (black and white)

Pants (blue jeans without holes--1 non-Wrangler product),(black jeans--2 pair) (white jeans)

Winter jacket (approximately \$150)

Horse: black bell, black skid and black splint boots, and black reins.

Each member must have an acceptable mount that is easily controlled in public and manageable around other horses without consistently kicking or biting. Stallions are not allowed and geldings are preferred. Mounts must be well groomed and in good health.

Each member must have the ability to haul their own horse and attend functions that may be assigned. Ambassadors will always be in uniform when representing the Association unless otherwise advised by the Directors or Coaches. While at events and not in uniform, the Directors and Coaches will establish a dress code. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or illegal drugs while in uniform or representing the Association regardless of age. If not adhered to, you will be dismissed immediately.

Each member will travel at her own expense unless otherwise provided. She must show respect and appreciation to the HOST organization and be gracious for every consideration. She must conduct herself in a way to encourage other girls to aspire to follow in her footsteps.

A member may be required to relinquish her title if she becomes unable to perform her duties. Individual cases will be reviewed by the advisory group.

Each member MUST attend drill practices to stay in good standing. A member cannot have more than three (3) absences unless absence is pre-approved by the Coach. A record of all absences, approved or not approved, will be kept by the Coach for Director's review. Excessive absences could be grounds for dismissal. Members must be on time for all scheduled functions. If it is necessary to leave the area of a function, the advisor and/or host must be informed of departure and return.

Proper riding attire, jeans and boots, is required at all practices. No tops with sides cut out or tanks with excessive skin showing will be allowed.

**Cell phone use will be prohibited during drill practice or performance. Consequences will be enforced.

Each member must understand that her conduct and her ability to manage her horse are under observation at all times; failure to correct any problem area could result in non-participation in the current event or forfeiture of her Ambassador title.

Members must be groomed and neat in appearance at all times. Makeup shall be used sparingly to enhance natural beauty and use shall be appropriate for the occasion. She is to look neat in clothing,

not confusing well-fitting clothing with “too tight clothing”. If a larger size is needed, the ambassador is responsible for the purchase.

No more than 8 riding Ambassadors will perform in the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeos.

If for any reason an Ambassador cannot continue with her position, she is requested to submit a letter of resignation in writing to the Directors.

If any member of the team or their parent has constructive criticism or suggestions, they must present it to the Coach.

All ambassadors are required to sign a social media form provided by the Stock Show office that discusses the importance of proper behavior on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc. Failure to comply with these strict guidelines will result in a forfeiture of your Ambassador title.

Ambassadors will be required to perform at a percentage, to be determined at the beginning of each year, of summer rodeos. Summer rodeos is where horses are seasoned for performances at the San Angelo Rodeo and it is a must that you have performance experience. Any Ambassador who does not perform at the required number of summer rodeos can be required to relinquish her title, and will be asked to try out at the next try out date.

HORSE REQUIREMENTS:

All ambassadors must have a horse dedicated to use for the drill team. Each horse must be designated 45 days prior to the start of the season. In the event an alternate mount needs to be used, it must be from the designated pool of pre-approved ambassador mounts and go through steps #2 and #3 prior to participation.

All horses used in practice or performances must pass a veterinary wellness exam prior to participating at any ambassador function. As part of the exam, the horse will be scored on the Body Condition Scoring Chart. Each horse must score at least a 5. If a horse is under a 5, it will not be permitted to perform at any ambassador function. All wellness exams will be set during an Ambassador event to best accommodate participants and those providing the exams. Wellness exams will be required annually, and may be requested at any point throughout the year if questions of the horse's soundness, body condition score or wellbeing arise.

All horses used in the ambassador program must be approved by the coach for their ability to perform ambassador duties. If the coach does not believe the horse will be able to perform its duties, that horse will not be allowed to be part of the program.

It is a bona fide requirement of the Ambassador program that every participant have a horse to retain membership in the group. If an Ambassador does not secure a horse within 45 days of either losing the use of a mount, or from the start of the program, they need to resign from the program.

TEAM LEADERSHIP:

Captains and co-captains positions are a one year term. These positions will be determined by the coaches and directors.

If either the captain or co-captain cannot uphold her responsibilities during her one year term, the coach and directors will appoint the most qualified young lady to assume that position.

You may serve as the captain or co-captain position for multiple terms.

Duties of captains/co-captains include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Be the role model, always have an open mind and listen to any problems your teammates may have.
- 2) Be a solution person, discuss and suggest solutions to teammates' problems.
- 3) Learn your and your teammates' equine friends. Be attentive to any potential problem and discuss it with your teammates.
- 4) Have new drill ideas written down for the coach to review.
- 5) Select music for new drills for the coach to review.
- 6) Be certain all teammates clean up and pick up in the dressing room after each use.
- 7) Be able to take control.
- 8) Captains will be required to sign a captain duties form.

I, _____, have read and understand the rules governing the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Ambassadors and understand violation of these rules could result in forfeiture of my position.

I also understand that I will be evaluated every year and that my performance must fall within these guidelines. As an Ambassador, if I fail to properly represent the San Angelo Stock Show and rodeo Association, I know that I will not have my position renewed the following year. If I am removed from the program or not renewed the following year, I understand I am not eligible to try out for the program again. If I resign from the program, I will not be able to try out for the program during the same rodeo season.

Ambassador Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date