



# 2026 St. Paul Rodeo Court Tryouts

## September 28, 2025

The St. Paul Rodeo Association and its Board of Directors and Court Committee would like to thank you for your interest in the St. Paul Rodeo Royal Court. We are proud to say that, if chosen, you will be representing a rodeo ranked in the top twenty rodeos in the nation.

For our Royal Court, we are looking for young horsewomen with outgoing personalities who enjoy meeting people and speaking publicly about the St. Paul Rodeo and its events in a variety of situations including, but not limited to, civic luncheons, radio and television spots, and schools and retirement homes. Weekends are generally booked from mid-March through July. For this reason, we require that you reside within 120 miles of St. Paul for the entire time of your reign.

Members of our Royal Court must also be able to ride and present their mounts at their best at all parades, rodeo runs, television appearances, and at our local trail ride. A good ranch type horse such as a Quarter horse or Paint horse is preferred; a grade horse is acceptable if it meets these criteria. Please read the entire application including requirements and expectations before applying.

During the try-outs, candidates are judged on personal appearance, personality, and poise at all times.

### Order of events:

- a. A personal interview: Court Committee will ask questions about the sport of Rodeo, St. Paul Rodeo history, current world affairs, and each candidate's life experiences.
- b. A speech delivered from horseback using a microphone: Good eye contact, quality of voice enunciation, interesting content, and speed of delivery are all points evaluated.
- c. Execution of a set reining pattern with a flag presentation on horseback: We're looking for a confident rider and a well-mannered horse with a professional, polished way of going. Only one horse is to be used for all portions of horsemanship. **YOU ARE EXPECTED TO RIDE THE HORSE YOU PLAN TO USE DURING YOUR REIGN IF YOU ARE CHOSEN TO BE ON THE COURT.**
- d. An impromptu pattern: Judging each candidate's ability to handle unexpected situations on horseback.
- e. An informal social gathering with your parents.



The 2026 St. Paul Rodeo Court tryouts will be held Sunday, September 28, 2025 at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds, 2070 NE Lafayette Ave, McMinnville, Oregon 97128.

**The tryouts consist of the following agenda:**

- a. At 10:00 am there will be a group orientation with all contestants and their parents. After introductions, contestants will draw numbers for the order of interviews.
- b. Personal interviews: You will be asked about rodeo and current events.
- c. Give a 3 - 4 minute speech about yourself, your horse, or something you think would impress the Judges. This speech will be done on horseback, using a wireless microphone.
- d. Horsemanship: You will ride the enclosed pattern once, and then an impromptu trail pattern on your own horse.

The horsemanship competition begins at 1:00 pm; family and friends are welcome to attend.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Please read the Contestant Eligibility Requirements & Court Expectations.

Complete and email an electronic copy of the 5-page application, with copy of your driver's license and a recent head and shoulders photo (in full western dress with hat) to:  
**manager@stpaulrodeo.com**

You will be notified by email confirming your application has been received. If you do not, please call 503-633-2031.

If you are unable to email, you may mail application to:  
St. Paul Rodeo, P.O. Box 175, St. Paul, OR 97137

Applications are welcome after August 1 and must be received by September 15, 2025.



## St. Paul Rodeo Court Contestant Eligibility Requirements & Court Expectations

**I certify I meet these requirements to compete in the tryouts and serve on the court if chosen:**

**Age:** I am between the ages of 17-23 at the time of the rodeo in July. I have obtained a high school diploma or equivalent or must be currently enrolled as a graduating senior in high school. **Must include a copy of your driver's license with your application.**

**Marital Status:** I have never been married or engaged and agree not to during my reign.

**Gender:** I was assigned female at birth, and I am female.

**Parental Status:** I have never been pregnant and agree not to become pregnant during the year of reign. I am not the parent or legal guardian of a child.

**Residency:** I currently reside and will reside within 120 mi radius of St Paul, OR and if chosen I will remain living within 120 miles for the entirety of my reign.

**No criminal offense:** I have not been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor (excluding minor traffic offenses).

**Health:** I am in good health and without any health concerns which would lead to my inability to safely and fully participate in the pageant and/or court activities if I am chosen.

**If chosen for the St. Paul Rodeo Court, I agree to abide by these expectations and rules:**

**Horse:** I will provide transportation and pay all expenses, including feed, board and medical bills for my horse. I will have a minimum of one attendant for all functions involving horses. I will ride an approved horse. If I am unable to use my tryout horse for any reason, the new horse will need to go through the horsemanship portion of the contest in order to be approved.

**Time:** I have sufficient free time for all court events including wardrobe fittings, parades, rodeos, speaking engagements, media interviews and photo shoots. I will make the Court appearances a priority.

**Communication:** I will provide a reply to all communication within 24 hours.

**No other competitions:** I will not compete for or hold titles other than the St. Paul Rodeo title for the duration of my reign if I am chosen a member of the court. I will not compete, perform, or have other duties at rodeos and other official St. Paul Rodeo Court Appearances.



**Good Character:** I will emulate high morals, abide by the laws of the land, be an outstanding citizen, and promote the ideals of society. I will *voluntarily relinquish a certain amount of freedom in personal choices and activities while holding this position of public scrutiny and responsibility*. I will display a high level of morality, integrity, honesty, fairness, sincere concern, public service, poise, tact, and the traditional, family-oriented western lifestyle. I shall always conduct myself to reflect most favorably on myself and the St. Paul Rodeo.

**Tobacco products:** I will not use tobacco products.

**Illegal Substances/alcohol:** I do not use any illegal or controlled substances (other than prescription medications and only in the manner they are prescribed), nor do I abuse alcohol or other dangerous substances. I will not use alcohol if underage and will not use alcohol at events related to the St. Paul Rodeo nor post any alcohol use on my social media sites.

**Profanity:** I will not use profanity in my vocabulary.

**Tattoos/piercings:** I will not have any visible tattoos or piercing while representing the St. Paul Rodeo. Earrings are permitted.

**Attire/timeliness:** I will arrive at all events fully dressed in royalty attire and on time or early. This means that the titleholder's hair is to be curled and neatly done, hat is to be on with crown, and she is to be in her appropriate court attire, provided by the St. Paul Rodeo and pre-approved by the wardrobe coordinator or chaperone.

**Respect:** Lack of respect of authority, including board members, parents, chaperones, or anyone else, is not acceptable. I understand I am being watched by the public even when behind the scenes.

**Social media:** I agree that my social media, or any other public profile is subject for review by the court coordinator or St. Paul Rodeo Board of Directors. I will remove any item deemed inappropriate. All accounts should be secured to only be viewed by friends and those approved to view. Any post from St. Paul Rodeo official events is subject to approval.

**Removal of titles:** I have not had any previous rodeo titles removed for any reason.

**Unable to serve:** I agree should I move away or be unable, or unwilling, to fulfill the years duties the St. Paul Rodeo Board of Directors can decide to appoint a runner-up.



**Abide by Rules:** I understand any infraction of these rules by a titleholder may result in disqualification and/or removal and forfeiture of prizes and/or forced resignation upon review of the St. Paul Rodeo Board of Directors. I understand that serving on the St. Paul Rodeo Court is a privilege not a right. I understand that the St. Paul Rodeo Board of Directors reserves the right and have the authority to enforce these rules and choose who represents the St. Paul Rodeo.

**Provided Attire and Equipment:** I understand the St. Paul Rodeo will provide jeans, arena shirts, jewelry, scarves, boots, coat, parade outfit including chaps, dress outfit, saddle pad and silk flower pack. I will keep these items in good repair and always arrive at official appearances with the necessary, approved wardrobe items. These items will be fitted to each court member at the beginning of her reign, if for some reason sizes change the court member is responsible for purchasing new identical items or paying for alterations. These items will be the property of the court member if she successfully completes her reign, if she is unable to complete her reign for any reason, she is to immediately return all items.

**Loaned equipment:** I understand I will have the use of a tiara, quirt (queen only) serape, headstall, reins, and breast collar. I understand these items are the property of the St. Paul Rodeo Association and I will return them in good repair when requested.

**Wardrobe:** I agree that all wardrobe selections, changes, or alterations must be coordinated by the Committee and approved by the Court Director.

**Court overnight stays:** I agree that when overnight stays are required lodging will be provided for the court members only. I understand that at no time will the St. Paul Rodeo pay travel or lodging costs for chaperones, family or others who may want to accompany to official appearances.

If you meet the above requirements and agree to the policies, fill out the following application, sign, and return.



# St. Paul Rodeo

## Royal Court Committee

### Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Parents:**

**Mother** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

**Father** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_



# St. Paul Rodeo

## Royal Court Committee

Education (High School, College, Special Training)

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Scholastic Honors & Other Accomplishments (High School to Present)

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Scholastic Ambitions & Life Ambitions

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Why I want to become part of the St. Paul Rodeo Court:

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Please include a brief description of your horse:

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# St. Paul Rodeo

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**MEDIA:**

Contestant's Local Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please write a brief biography below.

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# St. Paul Rodeo

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**Verification that all Statements are true.** By submitting this application, I verify that I have read the application, expectations, and requirements and that all of my statements are true.

**Contestant** agrees to indemnify and hold harmless St Paul Rodeo Association, St Paul Rodeo Foundation, its officers, directors, employees, and volunteers and all others claiming by, through or under St Paul Rodeo Association against any claims, demands, suits, losses, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and disbursements), damages or recoveries (including, without limitation, any amounts paid by St Paul Rodeo Association in settlement), suffered, paid, incurred or assumed by any of the St Paul Rodeo Association Parties and all others claiming by, through or under St Paul Rodeo Association, (a) by reason of any breach or non-performance of any representation, warranty or covenant of contestant contained in this Agreement, (b) directly or indirectly arising out of any acts, omissions or negligence or willful misconduct of contestant.

**This is a legal instrument which affects your rights, an attorney should be consulted with any questions.**

**Contestant (for titleholders under 18) her parent/guardian hereby agree to all the requirements and expectations. I understand this is a legal document and affects my rights.**

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(For contestants under 18)

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Royal Court Committee

### Size Chart – include with your application

Since the St. Paul Rodeo supplies the wardrobe for the Royal Court it is necessary to have the sizes of the competitors so we can immediately order items after the competition. Please go to a western store and try on if you are unaware of your size in these brands.

Jeans (Wrangler Q-baby) Size \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

Wrangler long sleeved shirt \_\_\_\_\_

Jean Jacket (Wrangler Women's) \_\_\_\_\_

Columbia brand Jacket \_\_\_\_\_

Belt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Cowboy Hat \_\_\_\_\_

Justin Boots \_\_\_\_\_



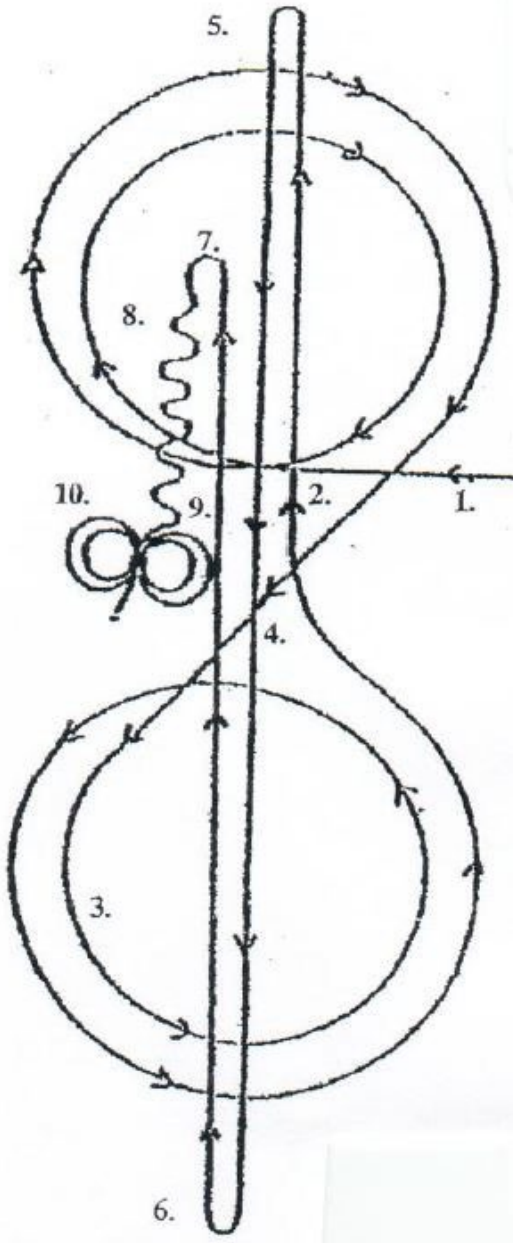
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Royal Court Committee

## Tryout Pattern

Ride the pattern as follows:

### **RIDE THE PATTERN AS FOLLOWS:**



- 1) Begin at center of the arena. Complete two circles to the right: The first, small and slow, the second, large and fast.
- 2) Change leads at the center of the arena.
- 3) Complete two circles to the left: The first, small and slow, the second, large and fast.
- 4) Change leads at the center of the arena
- 5) Run to the far end of the arena and do a left rollback – no hesitation.
- 6) Run to opposite end of arena and do a right rollback – no hesitation.
- 7) Run past center of arena and do a sliding stop.
- 8) Back straight to the center of the arena. Hesitate.
- 9) Complete two spins to the right.
- 10) Complete two spins to the left.
- 11) Make rodeo run, waving to people.
- 12) Execute a sponsor flag run, then exit.