

BYLAWS and STANDING RULES Of The MINNESOTA NORTH STAR GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE I. NAME

A nonprofit corporation duly organized under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 317a and laws amendatory hereof and supplementary thereto. The name of this organization shall be the Minnesota North Star Gay Rodeo Association, Inc. herein referred to as the NSGRA.

ARTICLE II. MISSION

The mission of NSGRA is to operate as a non-profit organization assisting local communities and charities through support, education, and fundraisers while providing a friendly environment for all persons to participate in and learn about western lifestyles and skills.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The purposes and objectives for which the corporation is organized and the nature of the business to be carried out by it are as follows:

- To operate under the rules set forth under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Service.
- To provide opportunities for all interested members of the community to learn about western lifestyles and skills. (i.e. horsemanship, western dance, roping, rodeo, etc)
- To provide prejudice-free opportunities for the entire community to participate in western oriented events.
- To establish a base organization in which members can collectively socialize and work together.
- To promote and support other gay rodeos or gay western related events.
- To support and promote local communities and charities operating under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Service through fundraising, awareness, education, and physical support.

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall insure the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to provide reimbursement for funds expended on behalf of the corporation, compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof.

No subpart of the activities of the corporation shall be to carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, and the association shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. This includes the publishing or distribution of statements.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICES

Section I. Principal offices shall be located in the St Paul/Minneapolis, Minnesota, and metropolitan area.

Section II. The corporation may also have additional offices at such other places, both within and without of the state of Minnesota, as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, determine or the needs of the business of the corporation may require.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open only to natural persons.

Section I. Classes of membership.

A. Active, Individual.

1. Any individual paying annual membership dues as established by the general membership.
2. An active membership application must be completed and submitted with annual membership dues.

B. Active, Domestic Partnership.

1. Any domestic partnership paying annual dues as established by the general membership.
2. An active membership application must be completed and submitted with membership dues.
3. May receive newsletter.
4. May participate in any and all organizational matters.
5. Each partner shall have one (1) vote privilege. (Total of two (2) votes)

Section II. Chapter Membership Organization

A. Chapters. Chapter status may be granted by the Board of Directors and approved by the general membership when:

1. The chapter's geographic location would allow it to provide service and support to a segment of the gay and lesbian community which otherwise would be unable to participate.
2. The chapter's stated goals, purposes, and bylaws are in concurrence with NSGRA's bylaws.
3. The chapter can maintain a minimum membership of ten (10) individuals.

B. The chapter organization must adhere to all standing rules of NSGRA.

Section III. Application Fees & Dues

A. Dues shall be established by the general membership.

B. Suspension and termination of membership for nonpayment of dues, shall be transferred to non-member file after 30 days.

Section IV. Obligations.

No member shall bind this corporation through joining, representing, or affiliation with any other organization, without the prior approval of the Board of Directors.

Section V. Liability Waiver and Insurance.

This organization assumes no responsibility and the enactment of the waiver procedure shall endure.

ARTICLE V -- MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section I. Time and place

Regular or special meetings, if any, shall be held on the day or date and at the time and place fixed by the Board of Directors. Regular or special meetings may be requested by two or more members in accordance with Section 317A of the Minnesota Statutes.

Section II. Notice of Meetings

Notice of all meetings of members shall be given to every member entitled to vote, except where the meeting is an adjourned meeting and the date, time and place of the meeting were

announced at the time of adjournment. The notice shall be given at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the meeting and not more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting. The notice shall contain the date, time and place of the meeting and other information required by
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Chapter 317A of the Minnesota Statutes and any other information necessary or desirable by the Board or any other person or persons calling the meeting.

Section III. Waiver of Notice

A director or member may make written waiver of notice of a meeting. The waiver shall be made to the Secretary and appearance at a meeting is deemed a waiver unless it is solely for the purpose of asserting the illegality of the meeting.

Section IV. Quorum.

A quorum shall constitute ten percent of the voting membership, or 10 members, whichever is greater, present in person or whereby a meeting is by mail vote, 20 percent of the total voting membership. If a quorum is present when a duly called or held meeting is commenced, the members present may continue to transact business until adjournment even though the withdrawal of a number of members originally present leaves less than the number otherwise required for a quorum.

Section V. Annual Meeting

- A.** The Annual Meeting shall be the first membership meeting of the fiscal year.
- B.** The election of officers and standing committee chairpersons shall take place, with the exception of Rodeo Director. The Rodeo Director shall be elected at the August membership meeting.
- C.** With the favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the eligible voting members in attendance (Article IV), who have been duly registered, the membership may:
 - 1.** Enact, repeal or amend a bylaw.
 - 2.** Amend the Articles of Incorporation.
 - 3.** Dissolve the corporation.

Section VI. Bylaw Amendment.

Bylaws can be amended by the favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the eligible voting members in attendance (Article IV), who have been duly registered, at the following times:

- A.** At the Annual Meeting.
- B.** At any general membership meeting providing that notice of the proposed bylaw change(s) is/are made 30 days before the meeting.
- C.** Notification shall be made by:
 - 1.** Announcement in the newsletter and
 - 2.** Announcement at the general membership meeting preceding the meeting where the bylaws change will be considered.

ARTICLE VI -- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The goal of this organization is to have equal or nearly equal representation of both men and women on its' Board of Directors.

Section I. Qualification.

Those qualified to serve on the Board of Directors shall be members in good standing of the organization.

Section II. Number, Election and Terms of Office.

- A.** The Board of Directors shall be composed of:
 - 1.** Trustee.
 - 2.** President.

3. Vice President.
 4. Secretary.
 5. Treasurer.
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6. Up to Six Standing Committee Chairpersons.
 - a. Fundraising/Entertainment.
 - b. Rodeo.
 - c. Membership/Social.
 - d. Public Relations.
 - e. Sponsorships.
 - f. Contestant.

B. Election. Board Members will be elected as defined for each respective position in Articles VI, VII and VIII of these bylaws.

C. Terms of Office. Trustee's term of office will be for three (3) years, all other terms will be for one (1) year as defined for each respective position in Articles VI, VII and VIII of these bylaws.

Section III. Vacancies.

Vacancies on the Board of Directors will be filled as defined for each respective position in Articles VI, VII and VIII of these bylaws.

Section IV. Compensation.

No Board member shall receive compensation for Board services. Compensation shall not include reimbursement for expenses actually incurred as per diem in an amount not to exceed authorized per diem rates as set by the Board. Compensation for non-Board services shall require approval of a majority of the remaining Board members prior to payment for such services.

Section V. Board Meetings.

- A. Time and Place.** Regular meetings of the Board shall be held monthly at any place within or without the State of Minnesota that the Board may select. If the Board fails to select a place for a meeting, the meeting shall be held at the registered office of the organization. Special meetings of the Board shall be held at the request of any Board member, at any place the Board selects. All Board meetings shall be open to any member of the organization.
- B. Notice and Waiver of Notice.** Notice of Board meetings shall be given 15 days in advance of the meeting date. Notice of an adjourned meeting need not be given other than by announcement at the meeting at which adjournment is taken. Notice of special meetings need not be given to members, and if no membership notice is given, announcement that such a meeting was held shall be given to all members upon notice of the next regular meeting. A director may waive notice of a meeting of the Board.
- C. Quorum.** A majority of the Directors currently holding office is a quorum for the transaction of business. A Director shall not appoint a personal proxy or vote by proxy.
- D. Agenda.** Any member or individual wishing to address the Board must be placed on the agenda prior to the commencement of that meeting.

Section VI. Duties.

- A. General.** The Directors duties shall include the management of the organization and they shall discharge their duties in good faith and with that diligence and care which an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances.
- B. Funds.** The Board shall approve the Treasurer's report at a regular meeting on a quarterly basis. The funding of community organizations shall be determined by the general membership.
- C. Correspondence.** One copy of all correspondence generated by any one person or group of people on behalf of or representing this organization shall be filed with the Secretary within 7 calendar days.

Section VII. Indemnification.

NSGRA shall indemnify and hold all Directors, Officers, committee chairpersons and committee members harmless from all liabilities, obligations, claims, causes of action, or expenses of any

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kind, including without limitation, attorney's fees that may arise or be incurred by them as a result of the performance of their duties for or on behalf of NSGRA, to the full extent allowed by the law.

ARTICLE VII -- OFFICERS

Section I. Election and Term of Office.

At the annual meeting the general membership shall elect a president, vice-president, secretary and a treasurer to serve for one year. The person receiving a simple majority of votes cast will be elected. If no one receives a majority of the votes, a runoff election between the people receiving the two highest votes will be held.

A. President.

1. Shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation.
2. Shall supervise and control all the affairs of the corporation.
3. Shall preside at all meetings of the general membership and Board of Directors.
4. May sign as the duly authorized agent of the corporation and Board of Directors (certificates, contracts, and other agreements).
5. May sign with any proper officer of the corporation authorized by the Board of Directors (checks, deeds, mortgages, and bonds).
6. Shall appoint chairpersons of special or temporary committees as necessary.
7. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time.

B. Vice President.

1. In the absence of the President, inability of the president to perform, refusal of the President to act, or at the direction of the President shall perform duties of the President.
2. Shall appoint and supervise a Historical Committee and Pride Committee
3. Shall supervise the Royalty Committee
4. May sign with any proper officer of the corporation, authorized by the Board of Directors (checks, deeds, mortgages, and bonds)
5. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time.

C. Secretary.

1. Shall keep or cause to be kept the minutes of general membership and Board of Directors meetings.
2. Shall maintain minutes in one or more books provided for that purpose.
3. Shall provide a hard copy of the minutes, of the previous meeting, at each general membership and board of directors meeting.
4. Shall be the custodian of corporate records and the corporate seal. This shall include one copy of all correspondence generated by any one person or group of people on behalf of or representing this organization. It is the responsibility of the person(s) generating the correspondence to forward a copy to the Secretary within 7 calendar days.
5. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time.

D. Treasurer.

1. Shall have charge, custody of and be responsible for all funds of the corporation.
2. Shall receive and give receipts for the funds due and payable to the corporation.
3. Shall deposit all such funds in the name of the corporation in such bank account(s), trust company(s), or other depository(s) as shall be selected in accordance with the bylaws.
4. Shall make a full treasurer report, and provide a hard copy of that report at each general membership and Board of Directors meeting.

5. May sign with any proper officer of the corporation authorized by the Board of Directors: Checks, Deeds, and Mortgages.
6. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time.

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Section III. Vacancies.

Any vacancy of an elected officer shall be filled by:

- A. President. The Vice President shall become President.
- B. In the event of the loss of a chair the executive committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) has the right to appoint a member immediately. In the event of an executive board vacancy other than President the position will be voted on at the next general membership meeting after the vacancy.

ARTICLE VIII. TRUSTEE

Section I. Election and Term of Office.

The Trustee shall be elected by the Board of Directors and will serve a three-year term as defined by IGRA Bylaws.

- A. First term effective Sep 23, 2006 through Oct 1, 2008
- B. Subsequent terms will run for three years.
- C. IGRA Bylaws will supersede NSGRA Bylaws in this matter.

Section II. Duties.

- A. Represent NSGRA on the IGRA Board of Trustees.
- B. Forward minutes of all IGRA Board meetings and all IGRA financial reports to NSGRA Board of Directors and general membership and report on all relevant IGRA activities.
- C. Act as a liaison between IGRA and NSGRA.
- D. To attend as many IGRA Board of Trustee meetings as possible.
- E. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time.

Section III. Vacancies.

A vacancy that may occur will be filled by an election of the Board of Directors. The person elected will be designated "Acting Trustee" until duly sworn in as "Trustee" at the IGRA Annual Convention.

ARTICLE IX -- STANDING COMMITTEES

Section I. Standing Committees

There shall be up to six (6) standing committees, which report to the Executive Board:

A. Fundraising/Entertainment

1. Plan and coordinate execution of all fundraising and dance events.
 - a. Events designed to raise funds for NSGRA.
 - b. Events designed to raise funds for any charity chosen by the general membership and North Star Regional Rodeo.
2. Act as an impartial liaison to the dance and entertainment elements of NSGRA. Fundraising/Entertainment Chairperson shall promote unity among all groups and, whenever possible and appropriate, attempt to involve all groups as a part of social events.
3. Plan, promote and execute an annual couples and line dance competition in order to select NSGRA representatives to the IGRA Dance Finals Competition held each summer.
 - a. The competition will be held within the six months preceding the annual IGRA contest.
 - b. The Dance Chairperson shall not be a contestant in the competition unless he/she is clearly not directly involved in the primary preparations for the events (e.g., judge selection, voting policies, awards presentation).

4. Plan, promote and execute any group dance competition approved by the membership. Fundraising/Entertainment Committee to decide upon final allocation of any moneys received. It is recommended that a certain amount be retained to provide seed money for the following year's event with the rest going to charity.
5. Plan, promote and execute one major fundraising dance annually in conjunction with the Rodeo Committees. The Fundraising/Entertainment Committee will publish (in advance) where the proceeds from the event will go.
6. The Fundraising/Entertainment Chairperson will make a reasonable attempt to attend workshops and seminars as appropriate to this function.
7. Plan and coordinate all dance tent entertainment and activities for the rodeo, in cooperation with the Royalty Team.

B. Rodeo.

1. Plan and coordinate execution of Major and/or Unit Rodeo(s) and/or rodeo related events.
2. Coordinate compliance for IGRA rules, IGRA contracts, and local association sponsorship commitments.
3. Coordinate and execute the creation and distribution of the .Rodeo Program.
4. Carry out any other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors.

C. Membership.

1. Maintain membership roster.
 - a. Provide a current membership list to the IGRA office as required by IGRA.
 - b. Maintain a Master membership list for the use of NSGRA Board of Directors and a General membership list for the personal use of the membership (consisting of only the members receiving a copy of said list)
 - c. Provide a sign-in sheet for members attending the general membership meeting and verify the voting status of the members signing in.
2. Maintain mailing lists.
 - a. Active members.
 - b. Social (non-members, inactive members).
 - c. Other organizations or individuals interested in receiving our information.
 - d. Newsletter. (See ARTICLE XIV - AWARDS 1. A.)
3. Solicit new members in all classes.
4. Publish a newsletter in cooperation with the Public Relations Committee.
5. Attempt to organize one social event per quarter. This could include a membership social or a community involvement activity.
6. Carry out other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors or general membership.

D. Public Relations.

1. The point of contact for all NSGRA press releases.
2. Plan and coordinate execution of all media correspondence, advertising, and press releases via radio, TV, newspapers, internet and NSGRA website. Responsible for updating web site.
3. Responsible for NSGRA Hotline. recording monthly greetings, checking for messages and answering messages.
4. Responsible for the rodeo poster contest and distribution of posters.
5. Responsible for the rodeo brochure and any other rodeo promotional items.
6. Shall handle or cause to be handled all correspondence and communication as deemed necessary.
7. Shall inform the Board of Directors and the general membership of any incoming and outgoing correspondence.
8. Shall insure that all incoming and outgoing correspondence and communication is completed as deemed necessary.
9. Shall see that all special notices are duly given in accordance with the bylaws.

10. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time
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E. Sponsorships

1. The Sponsorships Chair shall work with corporations, businesses and individuals to generate sponsorships for the rodeo.
2. Keep a detailed accounting of sponsorships/donations received.
3. Keep track of buckles and officials awards sponsored/available.
4. Shall insure that sponsors get all promised sponsorship benefits.
5. Make sure all sponsorship information is up to date on web site and in newsletter.
6. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time.

F. Contestant

1. Designate training coordinator(s) to organize training events or gymkhana dates for the four types of rodeo events.
2. Create an educational/mentoring program for new contestants.
3. Report on rodeo results.
4. Coordinate North Star Saddle Club (see page 12, Rule 4)
5. The Chair shall be responsible for all rodeo equipment and for making policy for the use of said equipment. 'Policy' to be presented to the Treasurer and the Executive Board for approval.
6. The Contestant Chair shall coordinate Contestant Registration at the Rodeo.

Section II. Committee Chairpersons.

A. Election and Term of Office.

At the Annual Meeting, the membership shall elect a chairperson for each of the standing committees to serve for one (1) year. The person receiving a simple majority of votes cast will be elected. If no one receives a majority of votes, a runoff election between the people receiving the two highest vote totals will be held.

B. Duties of chairpersons

(other than rodeo and special committee chairpersons).

1. Establish and maintain a roster of active committee members.
2. Establish a regular meeting schedule and notify the Board of Directors and general membership of meeting times and places.
3. Present a report of committee actions to each general membership meeting.
4. Serve on the Board of Directors.
5. Coordinate all activities of the committee.
6. Establish subcommittees as needed.
7. Coordinate activities of their committee with the other committees.
8. Carry out any other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors or general membership.

C. Duties of Rodeo Chairperson.

1. The rodeo chairperson will be the rodeo director for the NSGRA rodeo.
2. The rodeo chairperson must attend at least one IGRA sanctioned rodeo prior to his or her own during the current IGRA year.
3. Establish and maintain a roster of active committee members.
4. Establish a regular schedule and notify the Board of Directors and general membership of meeting times and places.
5. Present a report of committee actions to each general membership meeting.
6. Serve on the Board of Directors.
7. Coordinate all activities of the committee.
8. Establish subcommittees as needed.
9. Coordinate activities of their committee with the other committees.
10. Carry out other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors or general membership.

D. Vacancies.

Vacancy, which may occur in a chairperson position, will be filled as follows:

1. Temporary appointment by the President.
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2. Duration of such appointment shall be only until an open election can be held. An election to fill the vacant position will be held at the first membership meeting following the notification of the vacancy is given to the general membership. Notification shall be made by:

- a. Announcement in the first newsletter published after the vacancy occurs; or
- b. Announcement at the first membership meeting after the vacancy occurs.

Section III. Committee Meetings.

Committee chairs shall try to schedule one open meeting per month to promote membership involvement and assistance in carrying out their duties.

- A. Notification of meetings will be publication in the newsletter.
- B. Committee chairs shall not schedule any committee meeting as to coincide or conflict with any regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting or general membership meeting without prior approval of at least three quarters (3/4) of the Board of Directors

ARTICLE X - SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section I:

Special committees to perform a specific function may be appointed by the President as the Board or Corporation may direct.

Section II:

Special committees may be, but not limited to:

A. Bylaws committee.

B. Nominating committee.

The nominating committee shall seek qualified candidates for election to the Board of Directors. To the extent possible, the committee shall try to maintain gender parity among those members being nominated for election.

ARTICLE XI -- DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section I. Discipline.

A. Offenses.

All charges of offenses of any member(s) or director(s) must be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing.

- 1. General Membership.
 - a. Conduct injurious to the association or its purposes.
 - b. Conduct that endangers the safety of another member.
- 2. Board of Directors.
 - a. Misconduct in office.
 - b. Neglect of duty including patterns of lack of response to emails, voice mail and/or written communication.
 - c. Conduct injurious to the association or its purposes.
 - d. Missing one (1) unexcused meeting.
 - e. Conduct that endangers the safety of another member.

B. Forms of Discipline:

- 1. Reprimand.
- 2. Removal from office.
- 3. Suspension of membership and voting privileges.
- 4. Fine.
- 5. Expulsion (termination of membership).

C. Review Board.

The Board of Directors will act as a review board to examine any charge(s) and will execute disciplinary action(s) as appropriate.

1. If charges are pending against a member of the Board of Directors, that Director will not participate as a member of the review board.

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2. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of eligible voting Board members is required to take action.

3. The Board must act within thirty (30) days of receipt of response from a person(s) with charges pending.

a. A hearing may be scheduled if requested.

b. The Board may act on the written charge(s) and response(s) if no hearing is requested.

D. Notification.

1. The Board of Directors will notify in writing all persons charged with any offense and possible disciplinary action within fifteen (15) days of receiving written charges.

2. Any person(s) with charges pending must respond to those charges in writing, addressed to the Board of Directors, within five (5) business days of notification.

a. Notification date will be upon receipt of said charges.

b. An extension may be granted by the Board of Directors at the Board's discretion if the Board decides extenuating circumstances exist.

3. Failure to respond to notification of pending charges and disciplinary action may be considered as evidence by the Board.

E. Right of Appeal.

1. Any disciplinary action may be appealed to the general membership within thirty (30) days of decision by submitting a request in writing for such an appeal to the Board of Directors.

2. General membership may override a Board of Directors decision by a favorable two-thirds (2/3) vote.

F. Misuse of Association Funds.

Any departure from NSGRA's board or membership approved financial procedures may be deemed to constitute "misuse of funds". See Article XIII. Section II. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained on the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised", shall govern the association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the association may adopt.

ARTICLE XII -- MAILING LIST

Mailing List. The sale, gift or availability of the membership mailing list to any is prohibited.

A. A Master Membership List will be maintained and available to the Board of Directors & approved designated persons upon request.

B. A General Membership List will be maintained with availability limited to members in good standing, to be used only for the personal use of the association.

C. Any member may choose not to be on the General Membership list. Any member choosing not to be on the General Membership list will not be allowed to obtain a copy of said list.

D. Membership lists may only be distributed in hard copy.

ARTICLE XIII -- ORGANIZATION FUNDS

Section I.

The borrowing or lending of organizational funds to any member, director or officer is prohibited

Section II. Expenditures.

A. Expenditures up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) may be authorized by the President.

B. Expenditures up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) may be authorized by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

C. Expenditures over one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) must be authorized by majority vote of the membership at any general membership meeting.

Section III. Fundraising.

Any funds generated by fundraising efforts must be applied to the purpose for which promotional materials name. A member of the elected Board of Directors attending the fundraising event shall be responsible for collecting and delivering any monies at said fundraising event to the Treasurer or Bank Account within 72 business hours. This is to only happen if the Treasurer or Fundraising/ Entertainment chairs are not in attendance of said fundraiser.

ARTICLE XIV. AWARDS**1. NSGRA "Good Neighbor Award."**

- A.** Selection to be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors from nominations received from membership as solicited by the editor of the newsletter at least one month prior to the annual meeting.
- B.** This award shall recognize an individual NSGRA member or group of members who have contributed to our community at large on behalf of NSGRA.
- C.** The award shall be presented during the Annual Meeting.

2. President's Award

- A.** Selection to be made by the President of NSGRA of an individual NSGRA member or group of members who have contributed to our community at large on behalf of NSGRA.
- B.** The award(s) shall be presented during the Annual Meeting.

3. Trustee's Award

- A.** Selection to be made by the Trustee of NSGRA from nominations received from the Board of Directors.
- B.** This award shall recognize individuals, businesses or other entities for special contributions to NSGRA.
- C.** The award(s) shall be presented during the Annual Meeting.

4. Contestant's Award

- A.** Awarded by the Contestant Chair to all contestants in good standing that competed for NSGRA in the current year.
- B.** The award(s) shall be presented during the Holiday meeting in December.

5. Rookie of the Year Award

- A.** Awarded by the Contestant Chair to the top new female and male NSGRA contestant each year. Recipients are the top NSGRA point earner for their gender during their first year of competition. In the case of no points being earned by any new contestant, the awards will be given to the new contestants who competed at the most IGRA sanctioned rodeos during the NSGRA fiscal year. Contestants must remain in good standing to be eligible for the award.
- B.** The awards shall be presented during the Holiday meeting in December.

6. The "Muffy Sinclair Royal Starlight" Award

- A.** Awarded by the NSGRA Royalty Team
- B.** Recipients are an outstanding individual, group, organization, or business that the Royalty Team feels has helped them most in reaching their goal/s.
- C.** Award shall be presented during the NSGRA Royalty Competition.

ARTICLE XV -- DISSOLUTION

In the event that dissolution of the NSGRA becomes necessary, the remaining assets of the corporation shall be donated to one or more non-profit organizations as determined by the board.

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RULE 1. Compliance with IGRA Standing Rules

NSGRA recognizes all IGRA Standing Rules governing the administration of these events: Major Rodeos, Unit Rodeos, Royalty Competition, Dance Competition or any other similar event governed by IGRA Standing Rules as outlined in the current IGRA Hand book

RULE 2. Membership Dues

New or Renewal (effective 10/1/2006)

- A.** Active, Individual Memberships. Annual membership dues shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) paid annually on the anniversary of the member's initiation.
- B.** Active, Domestic Partnership Memberships. Annual membership dues shall be forty dollars (\$40.00) paid annually on the anniversary of members. initiation
- C.** An NSGRA Badge will be available to any member in good standing for a fee.

RULE 3. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall begin September 1st and end August 31st.

RULE 4. Chapter Membership Organization Section

Section I. Club Structure

A. Presiding Board

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Trustee

A.A. Standing Committee Chairs

1. Rodeo
2. Sponsorship
3. Fundraising/Entertainment
4. Membership
5. Contestant
6. Public Relations. Will serve on the Board of Directors of NSGRA.
 - a. Will have one (1) vote privilege on NSGRA Board.
 - b. Will be selected by Club Membership to coincide with NSGRA elections.
 - c. Will be responsible to club membership to communicate all information.

B. North Star Saddle Club

1. The Contestant Chair is the Chairperson of the North Star Saddle Club
2. The North Star Saddle Club is open to all NSGRA members with an interest in horses.
3. The North Star Saddle Club will coordinate education for beginners and provide opportunities to trail ride.
4. For those members with horses, the North Star Saddle Club will promote camaraderie & horsemanship. (Examples would be opportunities to compete in gymkhanas & rodeos or a NSGRA drill team to march in parades.)

C. May create any other offices necessary to the club's operating needs.

Section II. Meetings

Shall establish a monthly meeting time, and report it to NSGRA Recording Secretary.

Section III. Membership Dues

All classifications of membership. Dues amount paid (Same as NSGRA Standing Rule 2); to be forwarded to the NSGRA Membership chairperson with a copy of the member's receipt attached.

Section IV. Required Reports**A. Financial**

1. Monthly update filed with NSGRA Membership Chairperson.

- a. Name/Alias.
- b. Address
- c. Phone number
- d. Dues Status

2. New Membership. Refer to Standing Rule 2, Section II.

B. Any other reports (submit within fourteen (14) days).

Section V. Removal of Club Status

Recommendation for removal:

- A.** Board Failure.
- B.** Sixty (60) days of inactivity.
- C.** Failure to file reports.
- D.** Financial discrepancies
- E.** Defamation of NSGRA/IGRA or other related clubs

NOTE: Individual members of clubs removed or dissolved may maintain their active member status with NSGRA by virtue of maintenance of dues and member is in good standing status.

RULE 5. NSGRA Royalty Section**Section 1. CANDIDATES**

Any NSGRA member in good standing may become a candidate for the following year's royalty competition. The following conditions must be met:

A. An application fee of \$25 shall be paid to the NSGRA Vice President who will then turn it over to the Treasurer to deposit in the .NSGRA Operating Account. The candidate's current contact information shall also be submitted at this time. This will include name, mailing address, phone contact number(s), email address (if available).

B. Royalty candidates must raise a minimum of \$100 for NSGRA, at a function planned by that candidate, or by taking an active role at any function planned by NSGRA or another candidate, during their candidacy (with that \$100 going to the .NSGRA Operating Account..

C. Candidate should apply (application and fee) for the NSGRA royalty position for which he/she will be a candidate by July 1st or the Friday of rodeo weekend of the year prior to that for which the candidate is running.

Example: Apply by July 1, 2007 if running for Mr. NSGRA 2008.

D. A member can reapply to be a candidate following the annual royalty competition if he/she has not attained any title in the royalty competition. (1st and 2nd Runner up will be allowed to reapply)

E. In the event that no candidate has applied to run for a title, the Board reserves the right to appoint a Regent from past Royalty. This candidate will only be required to successfully complete the interview portion of the Royalty competition.

Section II. RULES GOVERNING SELECTION OF THE NSGRA ROYALTY TEAM.

A. Scoring will be done by all judges with all scores being totaled.

B. Judges would use standardized scoring sheets included as Exhibits 1 - 6.

C. Each person entering into the competition for MR/MS/MISS/MSTER NSGRA must be a current member in good standing with NSGRA. Royalty candidates must participate in a minimum of one fundraiser or raise a minimum of \$100 for NSGRA during their candidacy.

E. Entry forms will be available on the web site and .Royalty Packets. with Entry Forms will be available through the current MR/MS/MISS/MSTER NSGRA and the Vice President.

Section III. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR NSGRA ROYALTY.

A. Upon assuming their respective title, the association will provide.

1. MR . Royal Blue (yellow trim) Sash and Large Royalty Buckle
MR 1st Runner Up . Light Blue (matching light blue or no trim) Sash Small Buckle
MR 2nd Runner Up . Light Blue (matching light blue or no trim) Sash Small Buckle
2. MS . Royal Blue (yellow trim) Sash, Large Royalty Buckle and 3. hat crown
(MS has the option of 8. crown in place of Large Royalty Buckle)
MS 1st Runner Up . Light Blue (matching light blue or no trim) Sash and 3. Hat crown
MS 2nd Runner Up . Light Blue (matching light blue or no trim) Sash and 3. Hat crown
3. MISS . Royal Blue (yellow trim) Sash, 8. crown, 3. Hat Crown
MISS 1st Runner Up . Light Blue (matching light blue or no trim) Sash and 3. Hat crown
MISS 2nd Runner Up . Light Blue (matching light blue or no trim) Sash and 3. Hat crown
4. MSTER . Royal Blue (yellow trim) Sash and Large Royalty Buckle
MSTER 1st Runner Up . Light Blue (matching light blue or no trim) Sash Small Buckle
MSTER 2nd Runner Up . Light Blue (matching light blue or no trim) Sash Small Buckle

A.A. Standardized Sashes, Crowns and Buckles must be used. The Vice President and Treasurer shall keep order information on file for ordering purposes. The Secretary shall keep a back-up copy on file under Royalty.

B. MR/MS/MISS/MSTER NSGRA will work in association with the Board of Directors, Fundraising/Entertainment and Public Relations committees.

C. Represent the general membership of NSGRA in a positive manner at all association, community, state and national events asked by the general membership. Funding for such representation will be the responsibility of the requesting association. Royalty must attend at least one rodeo outside of NSGRA during their reign.

D. Serve as the official host at all NSGRA events.

E. The NSGRA Royalty Team must raise funds for operating costs and support of North Star Regional Rodeo.

F. MR/MS/MISS/MSTER NSGRA must do a minimum of 3 fund-raisers and volunteer a minimum of 8 hours at the rodeo (in any capacity) per person. First runners-up must do a minimum of 2 fund-raisers and volunteer a minimum of 4 hours at the rodeo (in any capacity) per person. Second runners-up must do a minimum of 1 fund-raiser and volunteer a minimum of 4 hours at the rodeo (in any capacity) per person. Minimums must be met by June 1 of the succeeding year (not including the volunteer hours at the rodeo). If minimums are not met, title will be forfeited.

G. Coordinate and organize the following year.s Royalty competition.

H. Coordinate and organize the parade, grand entry and awards ceremony for the North Star Regional Rodeo.

I. Shall assist the Fundraising/Entertainment Committee with the planning and coordinating of entertainment and activities for the dance tent at the rodeo.

Section IV. JUDGING

A. All contestants in each category will be lined up by contestant number to be assigned by random drawing.

B. MR/MS/MISS/MSTER NSGRA contestants will be judged in four (4) segments of competition.

1. Personal interview.
2. Western Wear.
3. Public presentation.
4. Entertainment.

C. Scores from each category will be accumulated and contestants with the most points will receive the titles.

D. Western wear, public presentation and entertainment competition will be open to the public. The personal interview segment will be closed to the public.

Section V. POINT VALUES

- A. Personal Interview - 50 points
- B. Western Wear - 25 points
- C. Entertainment - 25 points
- D. Public Presentation - 25 points

Section VI. COMPETITION

A. Personal Interview - judges will be looking for poise; confidence; familiarity with gay rodeo, NSGRA and its benefits to the gay community at large; and casual western wear (MISS will appear in male attire MSTER in female attire).

B. Western Wear - will be staged separately from the entertainment competition. MR/MS/MISS will model contemporary western fashions such as could be found in today's western wear catalogs or in a quality western store. MISS may not wear stage costumes for the western wear competition.

C. Entertainment - talent competition will be a presentation of a .show. routine country/western in nature. Five (5) minutes time limit. Exceeding the time limit will result in a five (5) point-per-minute penalty for each minute and/or portion of a minute. Music selection (if any) must be on CD, with the selection being the only number on the CD. Talent shall be done solo. Audience will be asked not to tip during presentation.

D. Public presentation - contestant will be asked one (1) question on stage and will be judged on the following poise; stage presence, content of answer, and confidence. The current reigning NSGRA Royalty and Vice President will determine questions.

E. In the case of a tie the contestant with the highest Interview score will get the title. If there is still a tie, a second on stage question will be asked (scored the same as the original Public Presentation) and the person with the highest score will receive the title.

Section VII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS.

- A. Announcement of MR/MS/MISS/MSTER NSGRA Royalty shall take place at the end of competition as soon as scores are tabulated.
- B. Score sheets will be given to the contestants at the end of competition after winners are announced.
- C. The final tally sheet will be kept on file for no less than one year.

Section VIII. TERMINATION

In the event that a member of the royalty team is not able to fulfill his/her term and/or responsibilities, the 1st runner up (and if 1st is not available, the 2nd runner up) will assume the title. If no runner up is available, the previous year's titleholder shall assume the title. If that person is not available, the current year's royalty team shall submit a list of candidates to the Board of Directors for selection according to the standard competition criteria.

Section IX. IGRA ROYALTY PROGRAM

A. NSGRA recognizes all IGRA Standing Rules governing the administration of the IGRA royalty competition. If the NSGRA royalty wish to compete in the international competition, they may do so.

B. It will be the responsibility of the NSGRA royalty to follow all guidelines and rules governing the competition as outlined in the current IGRA Handbook.

RULE 6. Country Western Dance Competition

Section I. Contestants must be a member of NSGRA and sign an agreement with NSGRA, which states, "In the event I win, I agree to compete in the International Dance Competition at the Annual IGRA University.

Section II. All judges' names and qualifications will be submitted to the Board of Directors for final approval.

RULE 7. Committee Reports

Section I. Standing and Special Committees shall.

- A. Keep minutes of each meeting.
- B. Submit a written report to the Recording Secretary at the monthly membership meeting.

RULE 8. Affiliated Dance Groups

Section I. Definition.

- A. A dance group is defined as three or more people who form a group to dance primarily in a public performance setting.
- B. Groups will seek to promote dance styles traditionally associated with the western lifestyle (e.g., two-step, clogging, square dance, western line dance).

Section II. Membership.

- A. To be affiliated with NSGRA, dance groups must maintain a membership roster, 100% of whose members are also NSGRA members in good standing.
- B. New members must complete an NSGRA Membership Application within 30 days of admission to any affiliated dance group.

Section III. Representation.

- A. As representatives of NSGRA, dance groups will act as NSGRA ambassadors in a general sense and support NSGRA fundraising efforts as appropriate.
- B. Affiliated groups will each select one primary spokesperson to be the primary liaison to the NSGRA Entertainment Chairperson.
- C. Each affiliated group will select at least one person to represent their troupe on all primary projects falling under the responsibility of the Entertainment Chairperson.

Section IV. Scheduling.

- A. Each group will schedule its own outside performance events. However, events directly associated with NSGRA will be scheduled in conjunction with the Entertainment Committee.
- B. Affiliated dance groups will work closely with the fundraising and rodeo committees to prevent serious conflicts in scheduling.

Section V. Compensation and sponsorship.

- A. Affiliated dance groups are encouraged to seek outside sponsorship to meet their annual financial needs.
- B. If appropriate, the Entertainment Committee may submit a proposal to the general membership to request funds.
- C. All affiliated dance groups will manage their own moneys and budgets. Groups are also directly responsible to their own members of individual reimbursement requests.

NSGRA ROYALTY COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

CATEGORY: Mr. Ms. Miss MsTer (circle one)

MALE FEMALE (check one)

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP : _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Entry Requirements Checklist

NSGRA Member in good standing

\$25 contestant entry fee (checks made out to NSGRA, must accompany this form)

I, _____, acknowledge receipt of the NSGRA royalty packet, with all contest general rules, royalty requirements, contest category descriptions, sample questions, NSGRA/IGRA/gay rodeo histories, NSGRA By-laws and sample Sash Contracts.. I agree, by signing below that I will honor all rules, regulations, commitments and bylaws set forth by NSGRA and IGRA.

I conform that all of the items listed above are complete and true.

Signed _____ Date _____

Section to be completed by NSGRA Vice President.

Membership current Entry postmarked by deadline

One fundraiser or \$100 minimum Registration fee (\$25)

Western wear description Entertainment material

I certify that the above named contestant has met all requirements and is eligible to compete in the NSGRA Royalty Competition.

Signed _____ Date _____

NSGRA ROYALTY COMPETITION GENERAL RULES

Section 1.

For the purposes of competition within NSGRA, any transgender contestant is eligible to compete under the gender classification with which the individual identifies and lives on a daily basis. Transgender contestants must present to the NSGRA Vice President, evidence of changing from their gender at birth. This document will be kept on file and only needs to be evaluated one time. Evidence may be their legal driver's license or I.D. card if it indicates gender. The NSGRA Vice President will photocopy the document for the file. If the transgender contestant is in the process of changing their gender, they must provide the NSGRA Vice President adequate documentation, such as recommended by the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association., showing they are in the process. The terms Mr., Ms., Miss, MsTer and other gender identifying words used throughout these competition rules refer to the contestant's personal gender identification as indicated on the Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer NSGRA Contest Entry Form. For purposes of competition, a contestant cannot change their gender classification during their NSGRA Royalty career.

Section 2.

- A. In the event of a tie, the highest interview score breaks the tie.
- B. In the event that a tie

Section 3. Competition Committee/Contestant Meeting

- A. The Royalty Competition Committee shall be made up of the current Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer NSGRA and the NSGRA Vice President.
- B. The committee shall hold a contestant meeting prior to the start of competition. The meeting shall consist of the following:
 - 1. Verification of contestant eligibility.
 - 2. Western Wear descriptions and any entertainment CD.s are to be turned in.
 - 3. Competition general information and contestant questions are to be addressed.

Section 4. Competition Guidelines

- A. Personal Interview Judges will be looking for:
 - 1. Poise
 - 2. Confidence
 - 3. Familiarity with gay rodeo, NSGRA, IGRA and its. benefits to the gay community at large.
 - 4. Casual Western Wear (Miss will appear in male attire and MsTer will appear in female attire).Questions will be determined by the current Royalty Team and the NSGRA Vice President. Contestants must successfully answer Five (5) out of seven (7) questions to move on.
- B. **Entertainment**

Talent competition will be a presentation of show routine country/western in nature:

 - 1. Five (5) minutes time limit. Exceeding the time limit will result in a five (5) point per minute penalty. Head Judge will record times on his/her score sheet.
 - 2. Music selection (if any) must be on a CD, and the only Number on the CD. CD.s must be CLEARLY marked with the name of the contestant.
 - 3. Entertainment shall be done solo.
 - 4. Audience will be asked NOT to tip during presentation. (Accepting tips will be a disqualification)

5. Props may be used as long as the contestant carries them onto the performance area. If any set-up time is required, it must be completed within the five (5) minute time allotment for entertainment. Time begins when the contestant enters the performance area or when music starts. Sets and back-up persons cannot be used. Stage clean up may not begin until the performer exits.

6. Performances are limited to stage and/or designated area to be determined by the competition committee. Failure to comply will result in a two (2) point per judge penalty. (points deductions to be tallied by the Head Judge)

C. Western Wear

1. Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer will model contemporary formal or casual western fashions such as could be found in today's western wears catalogs or in quality western stores.
2. Contestants may NOT wear stage costumes for the western wear competition.
3. Presentation/modeling is limited to the stage and/or designated area to be determined by the Competition Committee. Failure to comply will result in a two (2) point per judge penalty.

C. Public Presentation

Contestants will be asked one (1) question on stage and will be judged on the following:

1. Poise
2. Stage Presence
3. Content of answer
4. Confidence

Questions will be determined by the current Royalty Team, and the NSGRA Vice President.

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Section 5. Judging

A. All contestants in each category will be lined up by contestant number to be assigned by random drawing.

B. Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer contestants will be judged in two (2) segments of competition:

1. Personal Interview
2. Entertainment, Western Wear, and Public Presentation

C. Scores from each category will be accumulated and contestants receiving the most points will receive the titles.

D. Entertainment, Western Wear, and Public Presentation will be open to the public. The Personal Interview segment will be closed to the public.

Section 6. Point Values

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| A. Personal Interview | 50 Points per judge |
| B. Entertainment | 25 Points per judge |
| C. Western Wear | 25 Points per judge |
| D. Public Presentation | 25 Points per judge |

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NSGRA ROYALTY TEAM

TITLE HOLDER SASH CONTRACT

I, _____, acknowledge receipt of the duties of NSGRA Royalty Team.

By my signature below, I agree to complete the terms of this contract.

Duties for Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer NSGRA include but are not limited to:

1. Attend at least one (1) rodeo (other than North Star Regional Rodeo).
2. Make EVERY effort to attend the General Membership meetings.
3. Serve as co-chairs of the Fundraising/Entertainment and Public Relations Committee.
4. Have a minimum of three (3) fundraisers per person for NSGRA
5. Volunteer for a minimum of eight (8) hours per person at NSRR
6. Work with charity partners and other organizations (i.e. The Imperial Court, The Storm Patrol, etc.) to further the goals of the Fundraising/Entertainment and Public Relations Committee.
7. Ensure Fundraising information is included on the NSGRA Website.
8. Represent NSGRA in the Pride Parade and in the park (i.e. stage performances, working the booth, etc.)
9. Be responsible for the collection and dissemination of information, whether oral, written, or visual, as directed by the NSGRA Board of Directors.

If for any reason, a current NSGRA titleholder does not complete the minimum rodeo attendance requirement, the said royalty member will forfeit their step down privileges, except for extenuating circumstances, left to the discretion of the NSGRA Vice President and the current Royalty Team.

If, for any reason, a current NSGRA titleholder does not demonstrate a good faith effort by the end of the third (3rd) month toward the accomplishment of their duties according to the bylaws, the NSGRA Vice President shall mail a certified letter of reprimand, postmarked within ten (10) days after the first day of the fourth month of the royalty year, to said royalty member.

The royalty member will have thirty (30) days to appeal the charges before the NSGRA Board of Directors. The NSGRA Board of Directors will make the final decision about removal from the Royalty Team.

In the event of a royalty member removal, the next highest-scored contestant will be contacted and offered the vacant position and will be recognized at the next NSGRA function. This process will continue until the position is filled or no eligible contestant remains.

Signed _____ **Date** _____ **Title** _____

Witnessed by (print Name) _____

Witnessed by (sign) _____

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NSGRA ROYALTY TEAM 1st RUNNER-UP SASH CONTRACT

I, _____, acknowledge receipt of the duties of NSGRA Royalty Team.

By my signature below, I agree to complete the terms of this contract.

Duties for Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer NSGRA 1ST Runner-up include but are not limited to.

- 10. Attend at least one (1) rodeo (other than North Star Regional Rodeo).
- 11. Make EVERY effort to attend the General Membership meetings.
- 12. Serve as co-chairs of the Fundraising/Entertainment and Public Relations Committee.
- 13. Have a minimum of two (2) fundraisers per person for NSGRA
- 14. Volunteer for a minimum of four (4) hours per person at NSRR
- 15. Work with charity partners and other organizations (i.e. The Imperial Court, The Storm Patrol, etc.) to further the goals of the Fundraising/Entertainment and Public Relations Committee.
- 16. Ensure Fundraising information is included on the NSGRA Website.
- 17. Represent NSGRA in the Pride Parade and in the park (i.e. stage performances, working the booth, etc.)
- 18. Be responsible for the collection and dissemination of information, whether oral, written, or visual, as directed by the NSGRA Board of Directors.

If for any reason, a current NSGRA 1st Runner-up does not complete the minimum rodeo attendance requirement, the said royalty member will forfeit their step down privileges, except for extenuating circumstances, left to the discretion of the NSGRA Vice President and the current Royalty Team.

If, for any reason, a current NSGRA 1st Runner-up does not demonstrate a good faith effort by the end of the third (3rd) month toward the accomplishment of their duties according to the bylaws, the NSGRA Vice President shall mail a certified letter of reprimand, postmarked within ten (10) days after the first day of the fourth month of the royalty year, to said royalty member.

The royalty member will have thirty (30) days to appeal the charges before the NSGRA Board of Directors. The NSGRA Board of Directors will make the final decision about removal from the Royalty Team.

In the event of a royalty member removal, the next highest-scored contestant will be contacted and offered the vacant position and will be recognized at the next NSGRA function. This process will continue until the position is filled or no eligible contestant remains.

Signed _____ **Date** _____ **Title** _____

Witnessed by (print Name) _____

Witnessed by (sign) _____

NSGRA ROYALTY TEAM 2nd RUNNER-UP SASH CONTRACT

I, _____, acknowledge receipt of the duties of NSGRA Royalty Team.

By my signature below, I agree to complete the terms of this contract.

Duties for Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer NSGRA 2nd Runner-up include but are not limited to:

- 19. Attend at least one (1) rodeo (other than North Star Regional Rodeo).
- 20. Make EVERY effort to attend the General Membership meetings.
- 21. Serve as co-chairs of the Fundraising/Entertainment and Public Relations Committee.
- 22. Have a minimum of one (1) fundraisers per person for NSGRA
- 23. Volunteer for a minimum of four (4) hours per person at NSRR
- 24. Work with charity partners and other organizations (i.e. The Imperial Court, The Storm Patrol, etc.) to further the goals of the Fundraising/Entertainment and Public Relations Committee.
- 25. Ensure Fundraising information is included on the NSGRA Website.
- 26. Represent NSGRA in the Pride Parade and in the park (i.e. stage performances, working the booth, etc.)
- 27. Be responsible for the collection and dissemination of information, whether oral, written, or visual, as directed by the NSGRA Board of Directors.

If for any reason, a current NSGRA 2nd Runner-up does not complete the minimum rodeo attendance requirement, the said royalty member will forfeit their step down privileges, except for extenuating circumstances, left to the discretion of the NSGRA Vice President and the current Royalty Team.

If, for any reason, a current NSGRA 2nd Runner-up does not demonstrate a good faith effort by the end of the third (3rd) month toward the accomplishment of their duties according to the bylaws, the NSGRA Vice President shall mail a certified letter of reprimand, postmarked within ten (10) days after the first day of the fourth month of the royalty year, to said royalty member.

The royalty member will have thirty (30) days to appeal the charges before the NSGRA Board of Directors. The NSGRA Board of Directors will make the final decision about removal from the Royalty Team.

In the event of a royalty member removal, the next highest-scored contestant will be contacted and offered the vacant position and will be recognized at the next NSGRA function. This process will continue until the position is filled or no eligible contestant remains.

Signed _____ **Date** _____ **Title** _____

Witnessed by (print Name) _____

Witnessed by (sign) _____

NSGRA ROYALTY COMPETITION

PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Contestant _____

Title Category _____ Contestant Number _____

Categories Point Values (circle one for each category)

APPEARANCE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
KNOWLEDGE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CONTENT OF ANSWER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CONFIDENCE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
PERSONAL DISPOSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Judges Total _____

Judges Comments:

JUDGE: _____

NSGRA ROYALTY COMPETITION

ENTERTAINMENT

Contestant _____

Title Category _____ Contestant Number _____

Categories Point Values (circle one for each category)

ENTERTAINMENT VALUE	1	2	3	4	5
STAGE PRESENCE	1	2	3	4	5
ORIGINALITY	1	2	3	4	5
APPAREL SELECTION	1	2	3	4	5
ARTISTIC INTERPRETATION	1	2	3	4	5

Judges Total _____

HEAD JUDGE

Did the contestant comply with time limit?

YES NO (5 point deduction per min.)

Did the contestant comply with area restrictions?

YES NO (2 point per judge deduction)

Judges Comments:

JUDGE: _____

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NSGRA ROYALTY COMPETITION

PERSONAL PRESENTATION

Contestant _____

Title Category _____ Contestant Number _____

Categories Point Values (circle one for each category)

APPEARANCE	1	2	3	4	5
KNOWLEDGE	1	2	3	4	5
CONTENT OF ANSWER	1	2	3	4	5
CONFIDENCE	1	2	3	4	5
PUBLIC DISPOSITION	1	2	3	4	5

Judges Total _____

Judges Comments:

JUDGE: _____

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NSGRA ROYALTY COMPETITION

WESTERN WEAR

Contestant _____

Title Category _____ Contestant Number _____

Categories Point Values (circle one for each category)

GENERAL APPEARANCE	1	2	3	4	5
STYLE	1	2	3	4	5
FIT	1	2	3	4	5
POISE	1	2	3	4	5
PRESENTATION	1	2	3	4	5

Judges Total _____

Judges Comments:

JUDGE: _____

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NSGRA ROYALTY COMPETITION

FINAL TALLY SHEET

MR. NSGRA

Contestant	Interview	Entertainment	Western Wear	Public Presentation	(625 possible) TOTALS

Mr. NSGRA _____

Mr. NSGRA 1st Runner-up _____

Mr. NSGRA 2nd Runner-up _____

Head Judge _____ Auditor _____

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NSGRA ROYALTY COMPETITION

FINAL TALLY SHEET

MS. NSGRA

Contestant	Interview	Entertainment	Western Wear	Public Presentation	(625 possible) TOTALS

Ms. NSGRA _____

Ms. NSGRA 1st Runner-up _____

Ms. NSGRA 2nd Runner-up _____

Head Judge _____ Auditor _____

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NSGRA ROYALTY COMPETITION

FINAL TALLY SHEET

MISS NSGRA

Contestant	Interview	Entertainment	Western Wear	Public Presentation	(625 possible) TOTALS

Miss NSGRA _____

Miss NSGRA 1st Runner-up _____

Miss NSGRA 2nd Runner-up _____

Head Judge _____ Auditor _____

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NSGRA ROYALTY COMPETITION

FINAL TALLY SHEET

Contestant	Interview	Entertainment	Western Wear	Public Presentation	(625 possible) TOTALS

MsTER NSGRA

MsTer NSGRA _____

MsTer NSGRA 1st Runner-up _____

MsTer NSGRA 2nd Runner-up _____

Head Judge _____ Auditor _____