

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 documentation 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 driver's license or I.D. card 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 Contestant 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 still exists, the involved contestants will be asked a second on stage question (judged the same as "personal presentation") the contestant with the highest score wins.

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 CDs 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 out of seven questions to move on.

B. Entertainment. Talent competition will be a presentation of a "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 or portion of a minute per judge. Head judge will record times on his/her score sheet.
2. Music selection (if any) must be a CD, and the only number on the CD. CDs must be clearly marked with the name and track number.
3. Entertainment shall be done solo.
4. Audience will be asked not to tip during presentation.
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 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.

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 wear catalogues or in quality western store.
2. Miss may not wear stage costumes for the western wear competition.
3. Presentation/modeling is 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.

D. Public Presentation. Contestant 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.

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, & 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
- B. Entertainment 25 points
- C. Western Wear 25 points
- D. Public Presentation 25 points