

SECTION 12: COMPETITION QUALIFICATIONS

A. In order to qualify, all contestants must appear in person. Should a contestant fail to compete in one or more of the contestant categories, that contestant will be disqualified from the entire competition.

B. All contestants competing for the title of Mr., Miss, Ms., or MsTer NGRA will be required to singly or jointly host a minimum of one (1) fund raising event for that year's 501(c)(3) charity prior to the competition. In addition, all contestants must attend a minimum of three general membership meetings and one board of directors meeting within the six months prior to the competition. It will be the competition director's responsibility to verify attendance with the official records of the association.

C. Minimums of two (2) contestants per title category are required in order for that title to be contested. To receive the title of Mr., Miss, Ms., or MsTer NGRA the contestant must obtain a minimum of seventy five percent of the total points possible. (See Section 10: Point Values.)

D. In the event of a tie between Mr./Ms./Miss/MsTer Contestants, the Public Presentation scores will determine the winner. In the event of a further tie, the personal interview scores will determine the winner.

E. Must provide a written, detailed personal Plan of Action for the reigning year to be opened by the Vice President at the completion of the Competition and entered into the records of the association.

SECTION 13: The Royalty Competition will be held by the last weekend of February and the winners of Mr./Ms./Miss/MsTer will reign until the date of the competition of the following year. The date of the competition will be selected by the Board of Directors. The Competition Director will provide a budget at least thirty (30) days prior to the Royalty Competition. Upon Board approval of the budget, NGRA will provide all funding for its Royalty Competition. The competition director will oversee the competition committee, which will consist of current title holder(s) and other volunteers to aid in organizing the competition.

SECTION 14: Following each segment of the competition, a tally committee consisting of two (2) individuals shall be responsible for tallying the judges' scores. These individuals shall have no actual or perceived conflict of interest with contestants or competition officials. Final tallies shall be verified for accuracy by two (2) Board appointed auditors who also shall have no actual or perceived conflict of interest with any contestant or competition official.

SECTION 15: Sashes will be awarded to the winners of Mr./Ms./Miss/MsTer NGRA and each first and second runner-up. Sashes are to be constructed with at least two (2) of the three (3) NGRA colors (blue, silver and yellow). The Miss will receive a crown, while the Mr., Ms., and MsTer will receive a crown pin. Titleholders may receive an NGRA buckle upon completion of their term, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The Competition Director shall be responsible for procuring the abovementioned items. After completion of the competition, the director shall provide each contestant his/her original score sheets. Final tallies will be posted immediately after the completion of the competition and entered into the records of the association.

SECTION 16: Original competition winners of the Mr./Ms./Miss/MsTer NGRA Royalty titles will not be eligible in the same category for the following year's competition (i.e. no consecutive title holders). Former Mr./Ms./Miss/MsTer NGRA's will be allowed to enter future competitions after not reigning for a minimum of one (1) year or term.

SECTION 17: In a case where there may be no Royalty Competition, the current royalty' title will end after their one year term as Mr./Ms./Miss/MsTer NGRA.

SECTION 18: Upon assuming their respective title, Mr./Ms./Miss/MsTer NGRA and all runners up are expected to:

A. Serve as active members for Fund Raising Committee.

- B. Communicate with each other and with the Public Relations and Fund Raising Directors throughout the year.
- C. Work with the Public Relations and Fundraising Directors in planning, preparing for, and participating in NGRA public relations events and fundraisers throughout the year.
- D. Report monthly to the Board of Directors, either verbally or in writing. The report should include all individual and joint public relations and fund raising activities engaged in during the previous month and plans for activities for the coming month. This information will be presented at the monthly General Membership meeting as part of the Public Relations and Fund Raising committee reports.
- E. Represent the NGRA in a positive manner by attending as many rodeos as physically and financially able and being a visible member of the Nevada gay community by attending fundraisers, NGRA convention and fundraisers for reciprocal organizations as possible while wearing a sash.
- F. Abide by the Conduct Rules governing Mr./Ms./Miss/MsTer NGRA.
- G. Remain a resident of the State of Nevada for the entire term of their reign.

SECTION 19: Any Royalty titleholder who fails to meet the minimum requirements of the previous section is subject to have his/her title removed. Any titleholder whose title is removed may never run for an NGRA Royalty position. Notification is to be sent to IGRA regarding NGRA actions in this matter. Removal of a title must be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors. Upon removal of a title the runners-up for that title will advance. In the event there are no runners-up, the title will remain vacant. Titleholders are also subject to the provisions of Article VIII, Sections I and II.

SECTION 20: In the event a Royalty Title becomes vacant, the Board of Directors may select a past Royalty member to fill that vacancy.

SECTION 21: Royalty Travel Fund

Serving Royalty title holders are permitted to conduct sponsorship and fundraising activities for the purpose of reimbursing their expenses for travel relating to their duties as NGRA Royalty. Funds collected through sponsorship or fundraising activities for this purpose will be surrendered to the treasurer for deposit into a special Royalty Travel Fund. All such sponsorship and fundraising activities require prior board approval.

- A. Royalty title holders may draw up to the amount they have deposited in the fund
- B. Any unused funds will be donated to the 501(c)3 charity of the individual's choice and in their name upon their stepping down as title holder
- C. If a title holder runs for and wins another NGRA Royalty title in the following year, any unused funds will roll-over into the following year.
- D. Should a title holder be removed for any reason, the unused funds will be donated to the 501c-3 charity of the individual's choice or if that choice is not communicated to the Board of Directors, the Board will determine the recipient.

Eligible travel expenses are limited to airfare, fuel, car rental, lodging, meals, and event entry fees. Reasonable efforts must be taken to control expenses.

- A. The Treasurer will maintain detailed records of deposits and withdrawals, listed by individual
- B. Prior approval is required from the Board of Directors for all withdrawals
- C. Approved reimbursements will occur upon the presentation of receipts to the Treasurer

SECTION 22: Personal Financial Responsibility Agreement

All Royalty titleholders will sign a personal financial responsibility agreement (Exhibit 11) immediately upon assuming their titles. This agreement details personal accountabilities and sets out the terms of the Royalty Travel Fund.

SECTION 23: Winners of the Mr./Ms./Miss/MsTer NGRA competition are encouraged to represent NGRA at the Mr./Ms./Miss/MsTer IGRA competition in that year. In the case of a royalty produced fundraiser that is required to compete at IGRA, funds will be funneled through NGRA, provided that the event is revenue neutral to NGRA.

SECTION 24:

All rules and regulations contained herein shall not be waived for any reason