

SAN ANGELO STOCK SHOW AND RODEO
AMBASSADOR GUIDELINES
DRILL TEAM

All ambassador candidates will be contacted by telephone or letter 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. If you are not accepted on the Ambassador drill team, we will be having another try out for non-drill Ambassadors. Please consider this aspect of our program.

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 possible use for performance (**must select best choice to use during tryouts**).

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 14 years of age by their first 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).

AMBASSADOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

Each member will have some monetary expense for:

Hats (black and white)

Boots (black and white)

Pants (blue jeans without holes), (black jeans 2 pair) (white jeans)

Winter jacket (approximately \$150)

Horse black bell, black skid and black splint boots, black reins and black blanket or pad.

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 Coach. While at events and not in uniform, the Directors and Coach 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.

Members 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 ground 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.

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

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 performing in the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo's and no more than 12 riding Ambassadors on the team.

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 has constructive criticism or suggestions, they must present it to the captain of the team before stating it to other team members.

Captains and co-captains positions are a one year term. Elections are held in the early months following the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo. The co-captain will automatically assume the position of captain once the one year captain term expires. A new co-captain will be elected by a percentage vote from the Members, Parents, Coach and Directors. To be eligible for the co-captain position, the candidate is required to have one year of experience; meaning one year of performing in the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo. If the captain cannot uphold her responsibilities during her one term, the co-captain will move to the captain position and the young lady receiving the second most votes at the last election will assume the position of co-captain.

Voting will be as follows: By secret ballot, each ambassador has one vote and each ambassador's family has one vote. Once the votes are tallied, the names of the two young ladies receiving the most votes will be given to the coach and directors for them to cast their votes. The coach will announce the new co-captain.

All ballots will be kept in a sealed envelope during the co-captains' one year term. Once she has moved up to captain and a new election is held for the co-captains' position, those votes will be destroyed.

Duties include:

- 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.

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.

Ambassador Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Page must be signed by Ambassador (Ambassador Candidate) and parent or guardian (unless 18 years of age). This signed page is to remain with the Ambassador Coach.