



California Gymkhana Association

On the following pages, you will find the Royal Court application, rules, qualifications and quiz to become our Queen or one of the Royal Court Princesses for the 2026-2027 CGA season.

Please complete all items and return to the State Office as soon as possible, but no later than May 01, 2026. **Please include a clear, sharp photo, 3"x5" or smaller with your entry.** Your entry must be postmarked no later than May 01, 2026. Scanned and emailed packets will be accepted. Send email to CGAState@gmail.com

New this year, applicants will also be asked to supply a brief essay detailing their CGA experience and why they believe they would be a positive ambassador for CGA and a letter of recommendation from a member of their local CGA district's board

All contestants will be notified if they are selected. Please make sure you will be able to attend both the State Championship Finals in Hollister, July 18 through July 25, 2026 and the Convention and Awards Banquet in Visalia on November 14, 2026.

Additionally, If you live in the North half of the state, plan to attend the Northern Classic Memorial Day Weekend 2027 and if you live in the Southern half of the state, plan to attend the Southern Classic Memorial Day weekend 2027. You should also plan to attend Jamboree in October 2026, assuming it is geographically close to you. Your reign will be from the beginning of State Show in July 2026 to the Saturday before State Show in July 2027.

If selected, CGA feels you will be an asset to the State Championship Show and will be an excellent representative of our organization.

We wish you the best of luck

Sincerely,

Marnie Nessen
CGA, General Manager

CGA STATE CHAMPION QUEEN AND COURT 2026-2027 SEASON

All members selected will be notified and will
LEAD THE GRAND ENTRY AT THE STATE SHOW.

The Queen and her Court are representatives at all CGA State sponsored functions and will receive a sash and a buckle. The Queen will receive a buckle, and a cowboy hat tiara at the State Championship Finals 2026 and a rhinestone tiara at Convention 2026.

Check with your family and make sure you are going to attend the State show, The Classics, Jamboree and Convention.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR QUEEN AND COURT

Must be between 14 - 19 years old as of May 1, 2026

Must supply all of the following:

- Completed Queen/Court Contest Form with applicant and parent signature
- Completed open book quiz of CGA information
- Brief essay detailing your CGA experience and why you believe you would be a positive ambassador for CGA
- a letter of recommendation from a member of your local CGA district's board

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE QUEEN AND COURT

- Present awards at the CGA State Championship Show, Northern or Spring Classic, Jamboree and Convention
- Ride in the Grand Entry at the State Show on a well-groomed horse/pony.
- Display good Sportsmanship and Horsemanship at all times.
- To be a role model during any CGA functions.
- Wear Appropriate Attire: CGA Dress code including shirt, pants and belt, as well as a cowboy hat/Helmet.
- Always be Respectful to Others.
- To assist all members of CGA in achieving their goals.
- Applicants must not use drugs, alcohol, or foul language at any time.

The CGA Queen Contest form and open book quiz for the 2026 - 2027 CGA Royalty can be printed online. If you need a hard copy mailed, please email cgastate@gmail.com for your request. Please fill out all the information, complete the quiz, write your essay and obtain the letter of recommendation and send it back to the CGA office. All answers are either common sense or found in the CGA Rule Book or CGA Information and Regulations book. To review the full selection process and criteria, you can access the information manual on the CGA website here: <https://calgymkhana.com/downloads/> Section 17 pertains to the Royal Court Guidelines.

Please send your form to: **CGA, P.O. Box 410, Wilton, CA 95693**

2026 - 2027 CGA QUEEN AND COURT CONTEST FORM

Name _____ Birthday _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ How long have you been in CGA? _____

If selected as a member of the Royal Court, both the royal court member and her parent(s) agree to the following:

- Adhere to the calendar of events/timeline set forth by the Royal Court Liaison at State Show and other CGA State Sponsored events;
- Present High Point awards to all CGA recipients at the CGA State Championship Show, Northern or Spring Classic, Jamboree and Convention;
- Ride in the Grand Entry at the State Show on a well-groomed horse/pony;
- Display good Sportsmanship and Horsemanship at all times;
- Act as a role model during any CGA functions;
- Wear Appropriate Attire: CGA Dress code including shirt, pants and belt, as well as a cowboy hat or helmet;
- Always be Respectful to Others;
- Assist all members of CGA in achieving their goals;
- Applicants must not use drugs, alcohol, or foul language at any time;
- Attend CGA Convention, welcome the guests and present awards to all CGA recipients as directed by the Royal Court Liaison;

X: _____

(Signature of Applicant)

X: _____

(Signature of parent/legal guardian)

2026 - 2027 CGA QUEEN AND COURT CONTEST OPEN BOOK QUIZ

Answer the following questions. If you need to, use another sheet of paper. All answers can be found in the CGA Information & Regulations Manual, the CGA website and the CGA Rule Book.

1. Who is:

The Current President of CGA ? _____

Who are:

The Current Board of Governors of CGA ?

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____

2. How old does a CGA member have to be to ride at a CGA show? _____

3. Does a rider acquire a penalty for loss of forward motion? If so, what is the penalty?

4. Can a rider ride more than one horse/pony at show? _____

5. What is the exact measurement for an animal to qualify as a pony under CGA rules ? _____

6. Is a rider allowed to touch the obstacles while on course? _____

7. A rider knocks down an obstacle and it hits the ground but bounces back to an upright position. Is there still a penalty imposed on the ride? _____ Explain your answer: _____

8. What is the dress code to participate in CGA shows?

9. Does the rider entering the arena have the option to ask for a raking of the course before they begin? _____

10. In what year was CGA founded? _____

11. How many **Active** Districts are currently in CGA? _____

12. If a rider's equipment or tack breaks while on course and they cannot complete the course, is the rider given a re-ride or a disqualification? _____

13. What is the difference between a State Show Record Holder and an ROC Record Holder?

14. How old does a rider have to be to ride a stallion at a CGA show? _____

15. What is the exception for more than one rider to be able to ride the same horse in the same event at a show? _____

16. What is the minimum age for an apprentice CGA Judge? _____

For an Official Carded CGA Judge? _____

18. If a rider gets bucked off during an event but gets back on and finishes the course, is that a good ride?

19. Is there an age limit for lead line riders? If so, what is that age limit? _____

20. What event are Lead Line riders not allowed to participate in? _____

Draw diagrams and dimensions of any 3 CGA events, NOT INCLUDING Single Stake or Speedball. Use additional paper as necessary. Don't forget the dimensions.